



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 19th June 2026

Welcome Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week here at Mapplewells. Our Year 5/6 pupils had a fantastic time representing the school at the recent tennis event, demonstrating great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout.

We are also proud to celebrate the annual Flying High Trust Awards, where a number of our pupils have been recognised for exemplifying the values of the Trust in their everyday learning

and behaviour. It is wonderful to see our children celebrated in this way and acknowledged for the positive difference they make within our school community.

In school, our Year 6 writing has recently been moderated, and we are delighted to share that the quality of work truly impressed the moderators. The standard of writing was exceptional and a real credit to both the pupils' hard work and the high-quality teaching they receive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

Our current school attendance after 34 weeks is 97.18%. Our current attendance by class is:

Birch 99%

Elder 98%

Elm 97%

Hawthorn 98%

Hazel 97%

Juniper 97%

Maple 97%

Oak 97%

Pine 97%

Rowan 95%

Willow 96%

Well done to Birch class on their fantastic attendance this week! Let's keep striving to improve our attendance, to exceed that figure of 97.18%.



Headteacher's Awards

Each week, I will be presenting Headteacher's Awards to children who have been nominated by staff for a variety of reasons — from producing amazing work, going above and beyond, to simply demonstrating what it means to be a wonderful Mapplewellian. These awards celebrate the values we hold dear and recognise the exceptional efforts of our pupils. We'll proudly share the names of our award winners in each edition of the newsletter, so keep an eye out for these special celebrations!

This weeks recipients of a Headteacher's Award are:

- **Ollie** - for demonstrating exceptional pride and care in his writing, consistently producing beautifully presented work with neat and well-formed handwriting in his literacy lessons.

Well done to all our winners - we are so proud of you! Keep up the fantastic work.

Flying High Partnership Awards

Earlier this week, a group of our pupils proudly represented the school at the Trust Awards event, and what a fantastic occasion it was! Children from Glee Club took to the stage to showcase their wonderful singing, impressing the audience with their confidence and talent, well done to Lana, Bella, Daisy, Norah, Thea, Ava, Lexi-May and Gracie! Two pupils also contributed a superb piece of artwork—a creatively designed cube representing Spain—which was admired by all, well done Teddy and Lexi! Other pupils attended as parliament members and award winners, representing the school with pride and maturity, well done Rowan, Athena, Emmie, Thea, Callum, Lana and Jasmine. Every child who took part was a true credit to our school, and it was clear that a great time was had by all.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to our parents and carers for their continued support, including helping with transport to and from the event and for joining us in the evening—it is greatly appreciated.



Sports day - Monday 6th July 2026

Date: Monday 6th July 2026

Time:- Foundation and KS1 will begin at 9:30am, while KS2 will start at 1:30pm

You are welcome to attend and bring chairs or picnic blankets to watch the events. We ask that you remain behind the barriers throughout the day to help us keep track of all students.

Please have your child wear their PE kit along with a t-shirt in their house colour. If you are unsure which house your child belongs to, their class teacher can provide this information.

The pupils have been practising their races and are looking forward to the day ahead.



Online Safety

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About You Tube

YouTube continues to be a go-to platform for entertainment, learning and creativity, but its vast and largely unregulated content library presents ongoing challenges. This guide outlines how features like recommendations, Shorts and social interaction can shape young people's viewing habits, sometimes exposing them to inappropriate or extreme material.

It also explores key safeguarding concerns, including stranger interaction, risky trends and the limits of automated moderation. With practical advice on tools such as YouTube Kids,

supervised accounts and parental controls, the guide supports parents and educators in encouraging safer, more balanced and informed use of the platform.

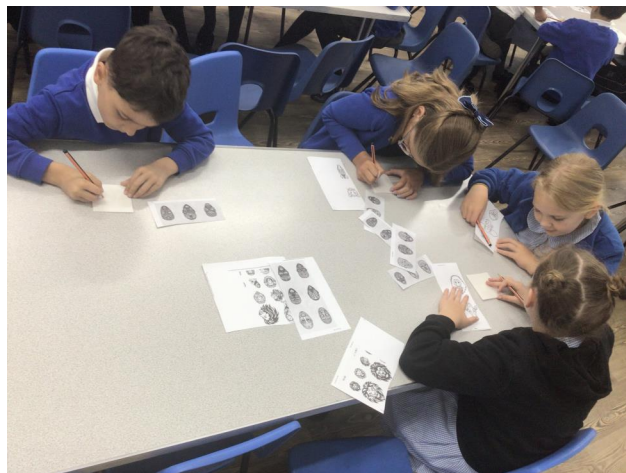
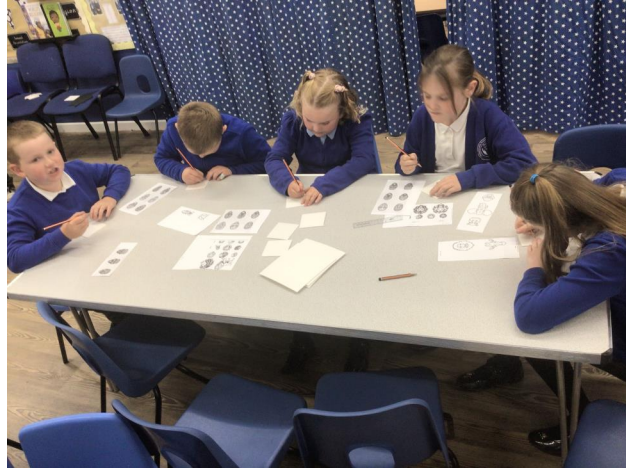
Class Photos

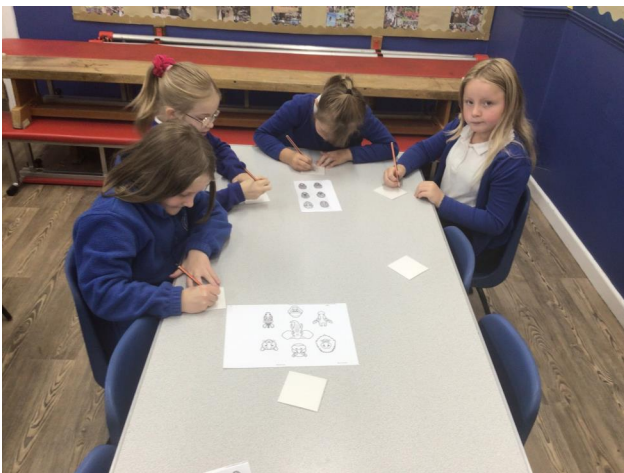
Class photos and leavers photos for our Year 6 children will be taken on Friday 26th June.

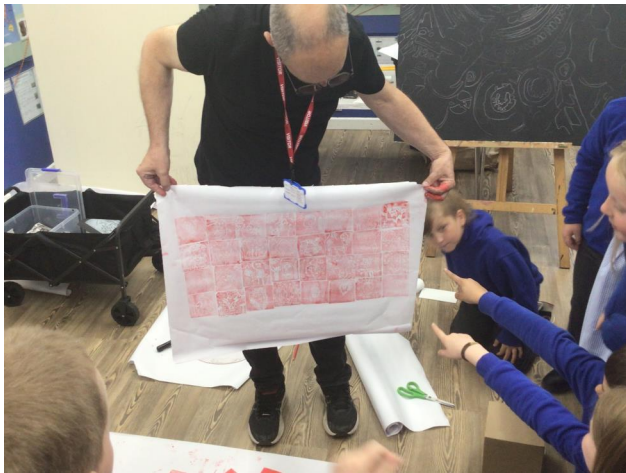


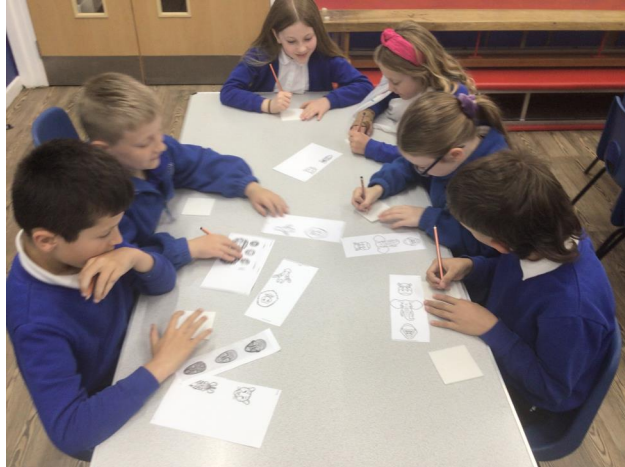
Visit from artist Paul Lillie

On Friday 12th June, we had an amazing visit from artist Paul Lillie! Throughout the day, he spent time with our children teaching them lots of exciting tips on how to paint and print make successfully. I have attached a link to his website for you to view all of his wonderful artworks! <https://www.paulillie.net/>









The Lime Trees Summer Holiday Academies

Bookings are now open for The Lime Trees Summer Holiday Academies. They are currently running a special launch offer of Book 4 holiday academy sessions, and only pay for 3 using code

SUMMER26. Every family that uses this code will also receive ONE free session to use during the October holidays as a thank you for using The Lime Trees this summer. This deal ends on the 23rd of June 2026.

The Lime Trees provide Ofsted-registered childcare for children aged 3–11 years, with experienced staff trained in Paediatric First Aid, ensuring children enjoy a fun, safe, and engaging environment throughout the holidays.

Their Summer Holiday Academies are open throughout the summer break, and children from any school are welcome to attend. Sessions are available from 7:30am to 6:00pm, offering flexible childcare to support working families during the school holidays.

Children can enjoy a wide range of exciting activities designed to suit different ages and interests, including:● No screen time – just active, hands-on fun● Arts and crafts● Sports activities● Outdoor and team games● Creative play and themed activities

The Holiday Academies provide high-quality childcare that is safe, reliable, and engaging, helping children stay active, make new friends, and enjoy their school holidays. Eligible families may also be able to save up to 20% through the Tax-Free Childcare scheme. For more information or to book a place, please visit: <https://thelimetrees.co.uk/holiday-academies/>

Emmeline's fundraiser for Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support

Mapplewellian Emmeline is taking part in the Peak District Ultra Challenge 2026 on 4 July 2026. Please visit https://www.justgiving.com/page/emmeline-brazil1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL to discover why she's taking on this challenge and to support the charity she's proudly raising funds for.

Tennis Event

This week, children from Year 5 and 6 attended a tennis event run by the Ashfield School Games. The children were given the opportunity to take part in different batting and throwing activities and developed their tennis skills.



Key dates

Please keep updated with our key dates as we add to this. Our term dates are published on the website - <https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Useful+Information&pid=86>

Diary Dates	
2026	
June	
26 th June	Year 6 Leavers Photos & Class Photographs
July	
3 rd July	F1 trip to Matlock Farm Park
3 rd July	Summer Fair
6 th July	Sports Day (EYFS & KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon)
8 th – 10 th July	Year 6 residential
14 th – 17 th July	Year 6 Bikeability
16 th July	Summer disco
17 th July	Parent picnic
23 rd July	F2 trip to Bluebell Dairy
24 th July	Last Day of Summer 2 – non – uniform day
27 th July	INSET day
September	
1 st September	INSET day
2 nd September	INSET day
3 rd September	1 st day of Autumn 1 term
14 th September	Year 5 and 6 trip to National Holocaust Museum
October	
16 th October	Last day of Autumn 1 term
November	
2 nd November	1 st day of Autumn 2 term
12 th November	Foundation Diwali Dance Workshop
December	
1 st December	School trip to the Panto
18 th December	Last day of Autumn 2 term
2027	
January	
4 th January	1 st day of Spring 1 term
April	
26 th April	Year 4 residential
July	
23 rd July	Last day of Summer 2 term
26 th July	INSET day
27 th July	INSET day
28 th July	INSET day

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