



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 26th June 2026

Welcome Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a warm and busy week here at Mapplewells, with children showing great maturity in adapting to the recent hot weather. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children come to school prepared with water, hats and sun protection—we are hopeful the warm spell continues in a comfortable way as summer progresses.

We are also delighted to celebrate some fantastic achievements this week. Our Year 1 pupils have achieved **wonderful phonics results**, reflecting the strong foundations they have built in reading, whilst our Year 4 children have delivered **amazing outcomes in the Multiplication Tables Check**, demonstrating their hard work, resilience and commitment to learning.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

Our current school attendance after 35 weeks is 97.13%. 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 97.13%.



Year 4 Times Tables Success

A huge well done to our Year 4 children who have recently completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) – we are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.

This year's results are truly exceptional, with an impressive **93% of pupils achieving full marks**, and an outstanding **average score of 24.9 out of 25** across the year group. These are the **best MTC results the school has ever achieved**, which is a fantastic accomplishment for both the children and staff.

These results reflect the consistent effort, determination and resilience shown by our pupils, alongside the high-quality teaching and support they receive.

We are delighted to see children leaving Year 4 with such strong foundations in their mathematical fluency.

Well done, Year 4—you should all be extremely proud of yourselves!

Year 1 Phonics Success

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our Year 1 pupils in this year's Phonics Screening Check. Their commitment to practising phonics and their growing confidence as readers have been fantastic to see across the year.

An impressive **96% of children achieved the expected standard**, reflecting the strong foundations they have developed in early reading. This achievement highlights not only the children's hard work, but also the consistent, high-quality teaching and support they have experienced both in school and at home.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently our children are beginning their reading journeys, equipped with the skills they need to succeed as they move forward through school.

Well done, Year 1!

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 week's recipients of a Headteacher's Award are:

- **George** - for producing fantastic writing, taking great care with his presentation and consistently remembering to use finger spaces and full stops to make his work clear and easy to read.

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

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 Emojis

Emojis aren't just digital decoration — they're often used as a coded language that young people use to express identity, humour and emotion. Without context, they can easily be misunderstood by adults, leading to confusion or missed signals. Some emojis may even mask risky behaviours or emotional struggles.

This guide helps decode this ever-evolving language, empowering parents and educators to have more open, informed conversations with the children in their care. It also highlights the meaning of some common emojis and offers practical tips for staying clued-in without snooping or suspicion.

The New Bin Lorries Have Arrived!

We are delighted to share that the new bin lorries have now arrived! Keep an eye out around Sutton-in-Ashfield, as the lorries featuring Arthur's and Stanley's winning designs can now be seen collecting waste across the town.

Once again, huge congratulations to Arthur and Stanley. We are incredibly proud of them for making such an important and inspiring contribution to our local community





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	
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

Mr Whittle

Head Teacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher