



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 25th September 2026

Welcome Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued support. It has been wonderful to see our children demonstrating our Mapplewellian values through their learning, friendships and wider achievements.

I hope you enjoy reading about just some of the many successes from across the school. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

Our current school attendance after 4 weeks is 98.4%. Our current attendance by class is:

Birch 100%

Elder 98%

Elm 99%

Hawthorn 100%

Hazel 99%

Juniper 98%

Maple 99%

Oak 99%

Pine 99%

Rowan 96%

Willow 97%

Well done to Birch & Hawthorn classes on their fantastic attendance this week!

Regular attendance plays a vital role in children's learning, progress and wellbeing. We can work together to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to achieve their full potential.



Stars of the week

SUCCESS Stars of the Week! Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their Class Teacher as 'SUCCESS star of the Week'. The children received their certificate in SUCCESS assembly today.

Birch - Willow

Elder - Rory S

Hawthorn - Isaac

Hazel - Clay

Juniper - Jasper

Maple - Thea

Oak - Gracie

Pine - Noah

Rowan - Jenson

Willow - Ted



Headteacher Awards

Each week, I present 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:

- **Lilly** – For showing fantastic listening skills and a positive attitude to learning all week. You have been a real superstar and should be very proud of yourself!
- **Ada, Emmeline, Eva, Jack and Isaac** – For creating outstanding stories inspired by *Julius and the Gladiators*. Your imagination, effort and creativity have been wonderful to see.
- **Isaac, Mabel, Hudson and Charlotte** – For producing amazing writing during your phonics sessions. You have all worked incredibly hard and shown great progress.

- **Lilly, George, Billy, Dylan and Levi** – For working so hard to develop a correct tripod pencil grip. Your determination and perseverance are helping you become confident and successful writers.
- Everleigh - drawing and naming shapes. Such wonderful skills and knowledge in someone so young. Well done!

After school clubs

Just a polite reminder that all school after school clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm.

The children from each club will be dismissed from the Main Reception doors at 4:15pm by a member of staff.

Please also note that we can only release children to people over the age of 16 (and this needs to be passed on to the adult involved in the club before the club begins.)

If you have given permission for your child to walk home on the club sign up forms (Year 6 only) then this will happen at 4:15pm.

Thank you for your support

Emergency contacts details

We kindly ask all parents and carers to log in to Arbor and ensure that all personal and contact details are accurate and up to date. This information will be used to contact you in the event of an emergency, so it is important that we hold the correct details for your child and family.

When logged in, you will also be able to view the emergency contacts we have on record and update them if necessary.

Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and up to date.

If you have any problems making changes or need some help with Arbor please do get in touch.



Online Safety

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Discord

Discord is a hugely popular communication platform where young people can chat, play games and join communities built around shared interests. This guide explores some of the risks that can come with using it, including contact with strangers, inappropriate content, harassment and the potential for gaming and socialising to become a distraction from everyday life.

The guide also offers practical advice for parents and educators, from using Discord's Family Centre and checking privacy settings to talking openly about suspicious behaviour and reviewing spending controls. It also encourages families to agree on clear expectations around screen time, helping young people enjoy the platform while making safer and more informed choices online.



Use of school equipment

We would like to remind all parents, carers and pupils that school equipment, including the trim trail and Forest School area, must not be used before or after the school day. These areas are only supervised and insured for use during timetabled school activities.

For the safety of all children, we kindly ask that pupils do not access or play on any school equipment outside of school hours. We appreciate your support.

Would you like to work with us?

Are you a friendly, hardworking, caring and positive individual who would like to work with children? We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to our friendly, welcoming school.

Please visit <https://www.flyinghighpartnership.co.uk/careers/> for more information



Harvest Assembly donations

It is nearly our Harvest Time at school and we have our Harvest Assembly with Rev. Wiseman from St John's Church on Monday 5th October.

It would be great if we could follow on from our previous year's amazing success and collect food donations for our local food bank. Please can we ask for donations of

- tinned or packaged dry goods such as soup, beans, pasta, rice
- longer life fresh items such as cereals, biscuits, crisps, flour, crackers
- bottles of squash, long life milk (not fresh milk) or other drinks that do not need refrigeration

All donations need to be in school by Friday 2nd October.

Many thanks as always for your continued support and generosity.



Flu vaccinations

The IntraHealth team will be in school on Wednesday 25th November.

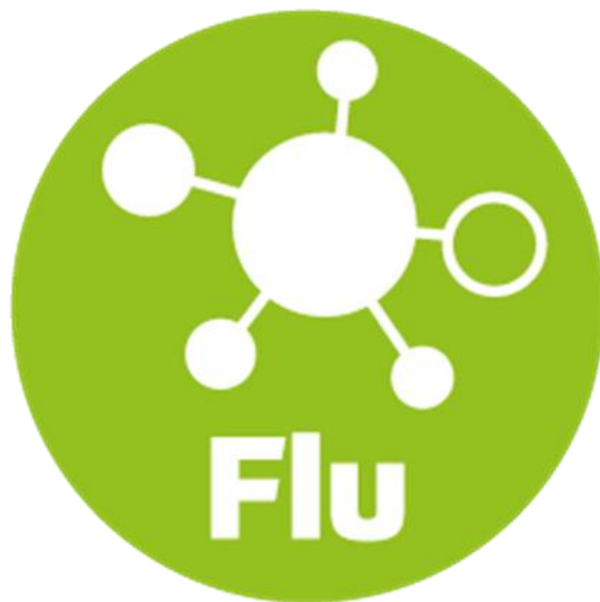
You'll receive an email or text message from the NHS with a link to an online consent form.

You can use the online form to:

- give consent for your child to be vaccinated
- say you do not want your child to be vaccinated
- update your contact details if needed

Filling in the form will be quick and easy. It's important to respond, even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. If you have questions about vaccinations or the consent form, please contact the immunisation team at: immunisations.Nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk¹

¹<mailto:immunisations.Nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk>



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	
October	
14 th October	Autumn disco – Foundation & KS1
15 th October	Autumn disco – KS2
16 th October	Last day of Autumn 1 term
November	
2 nd November	1 st day of Autumn 2 term
6 th November	Drawathon
10 th November	Autumn parents' evening
11 th November	Autumn parents' evening
12 th November	Foundation Diwali Dance Workshop
13 th November	Children in Need
16 th November	ETFS open evening
December	
1 st December	School trip to the Panto
3 rd December	Hazel Christmas Performance
4 th December	Christmas Fair
7 th December	Elm Christmas Performance
8 th December	F2 Christmas Performance
9 th December	Hawthorn Christmas Performance
10 th December	Christmas jumper day
10 th December	F1 Christmas Performance
18 th December	Christmas parties
18 th December	Last day of Autumn 2 term
2027	
January	
4 th January	1 st day of Spring 1 term
February	
9 th February	Valentine disco – Foundation & KS1
11 th February	Valentine disco – KS2
March	
23 rd March	Easter disco – Foundation & KS1
24 th March	Easter disco – KS2
April	
15 th April	Year 3 residential
26 th April	Year 4 residential
May	
27 th May	Year 5 residential
June	
30 th June	Year 6 residential
July	
9 th July	Summer Fair
14 th July	Summer disco – Foundation & KS1
15 th July	Summer disco – KS2
16 th July	Parent picnic
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