



Maylandsea Primary School



Newsletter

Week ending 23rd January 2026

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SCHOOL VALUE - Determination

Dear Families,

READING AT MAYLANDSEA

Thank you to the parents/carers of Bumblebee Class and Ladybird Class who joined the reading / phonic workshop on Wednesday morning. Reading always has been and continues to be a key priority and focus here at Maylandsea Primary School. All the staff here are passionate about the importance of early reading and in particular the enjoyment for reading. The PowerPoint shared during the meeting can be found on our website – please follow the link below.

[Maylandsea Primary School - Letters Home](#)

Other resources you may be interested in through the Essex Library Service including how to join the library and the Winter reading Challenge can be found following the links below.

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/join-the-library>

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/winter-reading-challenge>

LUNCHTIMES

Our Scrap store play pod has been a huge success in improving our lunchtimes, with the children playing together really well, using their imaginations to create and build and have fun outdoors. However, over the last few weeks, lunchtime behaviour has declined slightly so I wanted to share our lunchtime expectations with you. These will also be shared with the children on Monday in our whole school assembly.

Our lunchtime expectations can be found here:

[Maylandsea Primary School - Behaviour and Exclusions Policies](#)

SPORTING NEWS

Year 3 / 4 TAG RUGBY EVENT

On Wednesday, the Tag rugby team went to William de Ferrers for the partnership finals coming fifth overall – the team did really well, showing great sporting behaviour. Well done!

Year 5/6 TAG RUGBY EVENT

The Year 5 and 6 team were in action on a wet Thursday afternoon at William De Ferrers and came away as winners of the partnership finals. Congratulations team – county finalists!

BUTTERFLY CRICKET EVENT

On Tuesday, Mrs Barker and Mrs Groves accompanied 10 children from Butterfly class to William de Ferrers for a cricket taster session. The children really enjoyed their session, learning new skills such as

Enjoying and Achieving Together
– Mrs James



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FRIENDS OF MAYLANDSEA PTA – AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM this morning and thank you to the PTA who go above and beyond to organise and run brilliant events for the children to fundraise crucial funds for our wonderful school.

At the meeting the committee was voted in and will be:

Chairperson: Donna Hull

Secretary: Leah Clements

Treasurer: Emma Bradley

The Friends of Maylandsea PTAs next event will be the Children's disco on Friday 6th February.

Bumblebee, Ladybird and Butterfly – 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Hedgehog, Deer, Kingfisher and Fox – 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Funds raised throughout this year will go towards improving our outdoor stage area, by adding a gazebo roof structure and seating to the space, meaning that the space can be utilised all year round.

MONDAY LUNCH MENU CHANGE

Please note that on Monday 26th January there will be a change to our lunch menu.

Cheese and tomato pizza (v) served with sweetcorn and salad bar

Jacket potato

Desert of the day



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DIARY DATES

January 2026

Wednesday 21st – Year 3/4 Tag Rugby

Thursday 22nd – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

Friday 23rd – Friends PTA AGM – School Hall 9:00am

Wednesday 28th – QMAT Archery Event

February 2026

Friday 6th – Friends PTA – DISCO

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th – Parent's Evening

Wednesday 11th – Swallows Gymnastics Taster session (invite only)

Monday 16th – Friday 20th HALF TERM

Friday 27th – Deer Class Trip to Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio

March 2026

Friday 20th March – Kingfisher Mayan Day – Change of Date

Tuesday 24th – Butterfly Class Trip to Barleylands