



Maylandsea Primary School Newsletter



Week ending 20th December 2024

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DEAR FAMILIES,

As we reach the end of a very busy autumn term, it is always good to look back and reflect on all the wonderful learning experiences your children have had to enjoy throughout the term; enrichment days, trips to London, visitors to school, whole school trip to the panto, nativity plays, rock steady concert and many, many sporting events. We are looking forward to more exciting learning opportunities in the spring term and thank you for your continued support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brilliant staff at Maylandsea for all they do for your children. We are extremely fortunate to have an exceptional team.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Huge thanks to Mrs Taylor and her team for putting on a fabulous Christmas dinner, the children thoroughly enjoyed their meals with lots of lovely comments including... 'this is the best dinner ever!' Thanks to all the staff for helping to serve, tidy up and be on playground duty so all the children could enjoy their meal. It was lovely to see Mrs Walden who popped in to see the children and stayed to serve their desserts. We also had a surprise visit from the Elf who with their PTA friends handed out the children's Christmas crackers!

SPORTING NEWS

Despite it being the last week of term, Mrs Foster arranged for no less than three sporting events this week including a football match against Christchurch Latchingdon, Tag Rugby tournament at Burnham Rugby Club and the Dodgeball partnership finals at Bromford's. Well done to everyone who took part.

Results

Football – won 10+0

Tag Rugby – 2nd

Dodgeball – won 1 lost 3

CAROL CONCERT

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Carol Concert on Thursday afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. I hope you enjoyed the songs telling the story of the first Christmas. The whole school were brilliant at performing the songs and thanks to Year 6 for the narration. Many thanks to Mrs MacNeil for leading the singing and teaching the children all the songs during singing assemblies.



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Healthy 2025.
See you all on Monday 6th January!*

*Enjoying and Achieving Together
Mrs James*





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Governors at Maylandsea

On Monday evening the Local Governing Body met for their autumn meeting. At the meeting, we welcomed a new Trust governor, Lauren Spinner. Lauren is local to the Dengie area and works as a researcher for the Education Endowment Foundation. We are very pleased that Lauren is joining the board in helping to make strategic decisions about how we can continue to improve the school for the children.

The Governing Body:

Lisa Austin – Chair (Trust Governor)
Neil Coalbran – Vice Chair (Parent Governor)
James Cliff (Parent governor)
Michelle Farrant (Trust Governor)
Kerry Groves (Staff Governor)
Lauren Spinner (Trust Governor)

At the end of each meeting, key points that have been discussed or actioned are highlighted as to having an impact on the school and/or the children's learning.

- ❖ The Governor skills audit – and the positive outcome. The Governors had to complete a skills audit, deciding how effective they were based on a number of statements. It was positive to see that we have a strong, confident governing body who challenges the decisions of the school team
- ❖ All the events and activities that are going on at the school for the children to enrich their learning
- ❖ The continuous PTA events
- ❖ Finance update and improvement in school meals finances



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PUPIL AWARDS

Star of the Week							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
Teddy	Sophie	Harrison	Matthew	Reeyah	Kingfisher	Keira	Joseph
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Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
Arlo	Dolcie	Fox	Caspar	Zara	Darcie	Victoria	Erin
Class Reading Scores							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
75%	78%	85%	97%	86%	96%	74%	95%
Star Reader							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
Sophie	Molly	Florence	Matthew	Maisie, Mollie & Ella-Rae	Sebastian	Evie	Amelia
Star Writer							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
Rupert	Adelyn	Ruby-Grace			Jessica	Sophia & Harrison	JC
KS1 Number Bond and Multiplication Awards							
Ladybird				Butterfly			
				Harrison, Seb and William			
KS2 Multiplication Awards							
Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox			
Ramsey, Caspar, Olivia & Dilyn	Hazel, Thomas, Sonny, Esmay, May, Ollie, Zara, Sienna & Kelsey		Jessica & Evie	Ruby & Lenny			
KS2 Pen Licences							
Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox			
				Amelia			
Merit Awards							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
			Blake & Harry			Jimmy, Kayden, Harrison & Elisa	Ruby, Brody, Ryan, Nicholas, Joseph & JC
Class Attendance							



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Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
85.7%	90%	92.3%	86%	92.8%	74.4%	94.8%	88.7%



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Diary Dates

January

Tuesday 7th – Last Swimming Session Year 6 (Owl Class)

Tuesday 14th – First Swimming Session Year 6 (Fox Class)

Wednesday 22nd – Bumblebee and Year 6 – Heights and Weights

Wednesday 22nd – Archery @ Maylandsea (TELAT)

February

Monday 10th – Friday 14th - Art week

Tuesday 11th – Parent / Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 12th – Kurling Final – Basildon Sporting Village

Thursday 13th – Parent / Teacher consultations

Half Term

Monday 17th – Friday 21st

March

Thursday 6th - World Book Day

Tuesday 11th March – Deer Class trip to Harry Potter Studios

Wednesday 12th – Life Support Roadshow – Year 5

Friday 14th – Life Support Roadshow – Year 5

Wednesday 19th – Life Support Roadshow – Year 6

Friday 21st – Life Support Roadshow – Year 6

April

Tuesday 1st – Hedgehog Class trip to Colchester Zoo

Wednesday 2nd – Rock Steady Concert 2:15pm (TBC)