



Maylandsea Primary School Newsletter

Week ending 12th September 2025

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DEAR FAMILIES,

Meet the Teacher Sessions

It was lovely to see so many of you at the meet the teacher sessions this week. I hope you found them useful and informative. The sessions are an opportunity for you to find out about the class routines, expectations and learning topics for your child's new class. If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact your class teacher via dojo.

HOMEWORK

As we come to the end of our first full week of the academic year 2025-2026, homework will be set for many of the children. As a school we set minimal homework but the homework we do set is vital for supporting the children in practising key skills.

Across the school, reading at home, **three** times a week, is set as the minimum expectation. Please ensure that an adult is acknowledging this activity by signing the reading diary.

Year group Homework expectations:

- Bumblebee – Phonics and reading 3 x weekly
- Ladybird – Phonics and reading 3 x weekly
- Butterfly - Spelling, Number bonds and reading 3 x weekly
- Hedgehog – Spelling, 1 page of times table books and 3 x reading
- Deer - Spelling, 1 page of times table books and 3 x reading
- Kingfisher - Spelling, 1 page of times table books and 3 x reading
- Fox – Spelling, Maths and English (CGP books) and 3 x reading

READING AT MAYLANDSEA

At Maylandsea Primary School reading is one of our key priorities. Research shows that reading in primary school significantly boosts vocabulary, comprehension, and academic performance by enhancing language skills and building background knowledge. It also fosters critical cognitive skills such as problem-solving, logical thinking, and imagination, while also developing empathy, confidence, and social-emotional intelligence.

Our reading books follow the Pearson book colour levels from Year 2 onwards. For children in Reception and Year 1 we use the Essential Letters and Sounds Phonics scheme to ensure that the books children read are decodable to the stage of phonics the children are individually working at.

Reading book band colours:

Turquoise Purple Gold, White,
Lime, Grey, Brown, Pale Blue
(*Within each book band there is a range of levels)

*In EYFS and Year 1 the children are assessed on their phonics each term

*From year 2, the children are assessed on their reading each term.

We are constantly updating and improving our library and have recently increased the number of books in each book band. If you would like to volunteer to support this project, please get in touch with Mrs Crowhurst.



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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Today Mr Kirsh led our first Celebration assembly of the academic year. Celebration assembly happens every Friday morning (when possible!) and is to celebrate the children's achievements in many different categories throughout the week. We always share our pupil awards on the newsletter and today's winners can be found on Page 3 of today's newsletter. Congratulations to all our winners this week.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM COFFEE MORNING

Friday 19th September 2025 9:00am
School Hall

Invitation to meet your NHS Mental Health Support Team

Our team of Educational Mental Health Practitioners are working together with Maylandsea Primary School.

We work across education and healthcare to provide early intervention mental health support to whole school communities.

We provide tailored workshops, individual interventions and group support for challenges related to anxiety, emotional regulation, behaviour and much more.

To find out more about us and how we can help, we would like to invite you to attend our coffee and questions event.

**Date: Friday 19th
September**

Time: 09:00am

**Location: Maylandsea
Primary School**

There will be a short presentation providing information on our support offered to schools and their communities, followed by opportunity to ask questions about our service and the support available to you.



FRIENDS OF MAYLANDSEA PTA MEETING

I met with the Friends of Maylandsea PTA this morning, planning dates for fundraising events throughout the year. Many thanks to those who attended the meeting and for your on-going support in fundraising for our school. A list of events for this term are on the diary dates page of this newsletter.

This year, the Friends of Maylandsea are raising money for a new stage for the school and updating the outdoor stage area into an outdoor classroom space that can be used throughout the year.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



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PUPIL AWARDS

Star of the Week

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Bumblebee	Hunter	Aurora	Jimmy	Macey	Noah	Kingfisher	Rosie

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Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Ava	Sophie	Lottie		Surayah	Olivia	Annabelle	Jessica

Class Reading Scores

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
58%	72%	88%		88%	92%	90%	

Star Reader

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Alfie	Primrose	Ernie		Florence	Paiden	Tommy	Sebastian

Star Writer

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Isabella	Teddy	Saskia			Jacob	Thomas	Ava

KS1 Number Bond and Multiplication Awards

Ladybird	Butterfly
	Harper, Marnie, Vinnie, Saskia, Lottie, Aurora, Isabella F, Oliver, Rosie, Isla, Ernie, Robyn,

KS2 Multiplication Awards

Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Owl	Fox
Archie, Harrison, Oliver, Peter, Riley, Seb, Sebastian, Stanley & William				Ava, Harvey, Bradley, Georgie, Arthur, Huxley, Louis & Rosie,

KS2 Ink Licences

Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
		Bella, Ella-Rae, Freddie, Hazel, Hallie, Odin, Ronnie, Sam, Sienna & Thomas	Harry

Merit Awards

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox

Attendance

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
97.5%	97.1%	90.1%	68.8%	98.2%	92.7%	95.6%	93.8%



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DIARY DATES

September:

Friday 19th – MHST Coffee morning – 9:00am School Hall

Tuesday 23rd – Phonics workshop Bumblebee and Ladybird Class

October

Thursday 2nd – School Photographer – Individual and Sibling Photographs

Friday 17th - Harvest Festival EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 9:15am, Year 3 and 4 9:45am Year 5 and Year 6 10:15am

Monday 20th – Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 21st – Kingfisher Anglo Saxon Day

Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd – Parent / Teacher Consultation

Friday 25th – PTA Pumpkin Competition

HALF TERM

Monday 27th October – Friday 2nd November

November

Wednesday 5th – Deer Class trip to Colchester Castle

Wednesday 12th – Phonics Workshop Bumblebee and Ladybird

Friday 14th – Non-Uniform day – raffle prize donation

Friday 14th – PTA Music Bingo – (Adults Only)

Friday 29th – Decoration afternoon

December

Monday 8th - Whole School Panto Trip

Wednesday 10th – Rock Steady Concert

Thursday 11th – PTA 'Elfridges' stall

Friday 12th – PTA Disco

Monday 15th - EYFS Nativity to parents 9:15am

Monday 15th - KS1 Nativity to parents – 2:00pm

Tuesday 16th – KS1 Nativity to Parents – 9:30am

Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 18th - School Carol Concert 2:00pm