



Newsletter

Week ending 26th September 2025

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SCHOOL VALUE - RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Families,

Today our children took part in their Play-Pod training and had a wonderful time exploring new ways to play together. From Monday, the Play-Pod will officially be open every lunchtime, giving pupils the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of play experiences.

The Play-Pod is filled with recycled and repurposed everyday objects, which the children can use in imaginative and creative ways. This approach encourages open-ended play, where children decide how to use the resources and work together to create their own games, activities, and adventures.

The benefits of the Play-Pod go far beyond playtime fun. Research has shown that it helps to:

- Create an inclusive play environment where every child can join in.
- Lead to improvements in learning, as children return to class more focused and readier to learn.
- Encourage children to take appropriate risks, problem-solve, and think creatively.
- Build important skills such as teamwork, negotiation, and resilience.

We believe the Play-Pod will have a really positive impact on both the enjoyment and development of our children.

To help parents understand more about this exciting project, we warmly invite you to a presentation on Monday afternoon at 2:45pm in the school hall. You will have the chance to hear about the benefits of the Play-Pod, how it supports children's learning and wellbeing, and to ask any questions.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are proud to have a School Council made up of children elected by their classmates. The council meets regularly to share ideas and discuss ways to make our school even better.

Being part of the School Council helps children develop confidence, responsibility, and teamwork skills. It also gives pupils a real voice in decisions about school life, from fundraising and events to improving playtimes and resources.

The council also supports the teaching of British Values by giving children the chance to learn about democracy, respect for others, and the importance of working together to make fair decisions.

This week the children have been standing for election and voting for their class representatives. Once all the classes have voted, we will share the results

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Well done to all who took part in the Friends of Maylandsea Primary school PTA sunflower competition. On Monday's school value assembly, we celebrated all who took part and talked about the responsibility of looking after plants and helping them grow and thrive. Congratulations to our winners

- Lyla – Hedgehog class – 1st
- Ronnie-Lee – Hedgehog class – 2nd
- Freddie – Kingfisher class – 3rd

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday 2nd October – Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 3rd October – INSET day

FROM MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER – Steeple Road will be closed – Please see communication sent last week for diversion information.

Enjoying and Achieving Together
Mrs James



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PUPIL AWARDS

Star of the Week							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Harry	Sophie	Jack	Maria	Gracie	Caspar V	Annabelle	Harvey
School Value - Responsibility							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Lacey	Frank	Harper, Ellie & Sienna		Alba-Raine	Remi-Rae	Finley	Louis
Class Reading Scores							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
85%	85%	96%		94%		87%	93%
Star Reader							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Florence	Chester	Ryan & Matilda	Jimmy	Louis	Rosie	Sophie	Ava
Star Writer							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Logan	Taron	Ernie & Isabella	Molly		Jamie	Odin	Rosie
KS1 Number Bond and Multiplication Awards							
Ladybird				Butterfly			
				Robyn, Lennon, Bella, Ernie, Ellie, Adelyn, Isla, Layla, Rosie, Oliver, Isabella, Lottie, Dolcie, Liliana, Saskia, Vinnie, Sienna, Hudson, Tianna, Sophie, George, Ryan, Marnie, Harper			
KS2 Multiplication Awards							
Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher		Fox			
Archie, Harrison, Oliver, Peter, Seb, Sebastian, William, Amelia, Annie, Bobby, Eabha, Louis, Stanley	Jacob, Maxwell, Dilyn, Harry, Lily-Rose & Rafe	Odin, Esmay & Ronnie		Georgie, Erin, Sophia, Jack, Lexie, Ava, Harvey, Jessica, Sebastian, Elayna, Harry, Tiger-Lily, Darcie, Emma, Carter & Rosie			
KS2 Ink Licences							
Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher		Fox			
	Maxwell, Bow, Olivia, Jacob, Remi-Rae, Simeon & Ramsey	Bethany		Chloe			



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Merit Awards							
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Attendance							
Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
98.1%	97.2%	96.7%	64.3%	99.4%	97.1%	94.1%	93.8%



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DIARY DATES

September:

Monday 29th – Play-pod workshop 2:45pm = School Hall

October

Thursday 2nd – School Photographer – Individual and Sibling Photographs

NON PUPIL DAY – Friday 3rd October

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