



# Maylandsea Primary School



## Newsletter

Week ending 5th December 2025

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### SCHOOL VALUE - Friendship

#### **DEAR FAMILIES,**

On Monday 8th December 2025 the whole school will be attending the Towngate theatre annual pantomime of Sleeping Beauty. Children must arrive at school for 8:30am so that they can be registered and toileted before heading onto the coaches for 8:45am. We are really looking forward to the trip which has become a favourite in our calendar of trips and experiences.

Children are able to bring a small snack with them to the theatre – please remember, no nuts and water only in drinks bottles.

#### **SPORTING NEWS**

On Wednesday Mrs Foster supervised the Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 tag rugby teams. As they headed off to St Mary's Primary School in Burnham for a Friendly rugby match. Both teams played really well and enjoyed the experience.

#### **HEDGEHOG CLASS STONE AGE ENRICHMENT DAY**

Yesterday was Hedgehog classes Stone Age enrichment day, and it was amazing! The children started by gathering around a big campfire, the flames danced and crackled, and the smell of the smoky wood filled the air. It felt warm and cosy as we sat together, eating the s'mores (a staple ingredient in the Stone Age diet).

The children tried cave painting, drawing animals, symbols and successful hunts, using charcoal. They even used tools to carve soap. Later they got their hands messy creating clay animals.

One of the biggest tests of the day was actually making fire using flint and steel, not an easy challenge but it was great watching the children persevere.

#### **VISIT FROM MR PAUL FARMER (CEO OF QUANTUM MULTI ACADEMY TRUST)**

Mr Farmer our CEO visited today, having a tour of the school, and chatting to staff and pupils about Maylandsea Primary School. It was a very positive visit with lots of areas of success. We discussed the school development plan and the actions that we are working on to improve the school for your children. These include: Adaptive teaching and learning to support the needs of all our learners, the use of AI and how we can continue to keep our children safe online.

#### **BUMBLEBEE AND LADYBIRD LOCAL WALK**

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers join Bumblebee and Ladybird class on their very special walk today. The children have been busy writing letters to Father Christmas that they will be posting today. We hope that he is able to write back soon.



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#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE**

The older members of the school council helped put up the Christmas tree in the hall with Mrs James last week. They also took delivery of many David Walliam's books and put the school stamp on them to make them ready for the school library. Finally, the school council have been busy decorating collection baskets for our Christmas Carol concert on the final week of term

#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

A reminder that Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 17th December. Please ensure that your orders are in today (Friday 5th December) so that Mrs Taylor can order the correct amount of food.

All the children will receive crackers. On this day, children can also wear Christmas jumpers.

#### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025**

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 11th December. This will be a uniform day but instead of school jumper they may wear a Christmas Jumper. Please, if you can make a £1 donation to Save the Children UK.

#### **FRIENDS OF MAYLANDSEA PTA**

##### **ELFRIDGES CHRISTMAS SHOP!**

On Thursday 11th December, Friends of Maylandsea PTA will be opening the Elfridge's Christmas Shop for children to come along and buy gifts for their friends and family.

Classes will have a time slot throughout the day. Gift prices will range from £1 to £3.

#### **CHRISTMAS DISCO**

We are very much looking forward to the Christmas disco on Friday 12th December.

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

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

Sweets and treats will be available at the disco prices ranging from 20p to £1.50

Pre-ticket sales have now closed but tickets may be purchased on the door.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

A polite reminder that children should not be playing on the equipment before and after school.

Children must be with an adult and supervised away from the equipment at all times. Areas include: the pirate ship, gym trail equipment and stage area. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

*Enjoying and Achieving Together*  
*Mrs James*



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## PUPIL AWARDS



### Star of the Week

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Enola	Morgan	Lennon	Amelia	Olivia	Kady	Hallie	Erin

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Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
June	Ivy-Rae	Matilda		Ruby Grace	Paiden	Hazel	Ava

### Class Reading Scores

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
88%	76%	93%		88%	90%	82%	93%

### Star Reader

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Oakley	Eddie	Isabella	Jimmy	Stanley	Rafe	Alice	Tiger-Lily

### Star Writer

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Rosie	Alfie	Lottie	Molly		Remi-Rae	Thomas	Harvey

### KS1 Number Bond and Multiplication Awards

Ladybird	Butterfly
	Harper, Addy, Matilda, Jack, Ernie, Dolcie, George

### KS2 Multiplication Awards

Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Seb, Sebastian, Ronnie-Lee, Stanley, Oliver, Amelia, Harrison	Maia, Ramsey, Robyn, Max, Oakley, Lily, Kady, Olivia, Jacob, Maxwell, Simeon, Ruben & Jack	Sophie & Billy	

### KS2 Ink Licences

Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
		Kelsey	Bradley

### Hot Chocolate Friday

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
Leo	Keegan	Addy		Nissie	Jacob	Thomas	

### Attendance

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Butterfly	Woodlands	Hedgehog	Deer	Kingfisher	Fox
93.8%	94.5%	97.8%	54.3%	93.8%	97.7%	93.1%	88.4%



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## **DIARY DATES**

### **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 9:30am

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

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

Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - School Carol Concert 2:00pm

Friday 19th – Last day of term

### **Christmas Holidays**

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Spring Term starts - Monday 5th January 2026