

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE

Edition 2: 11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

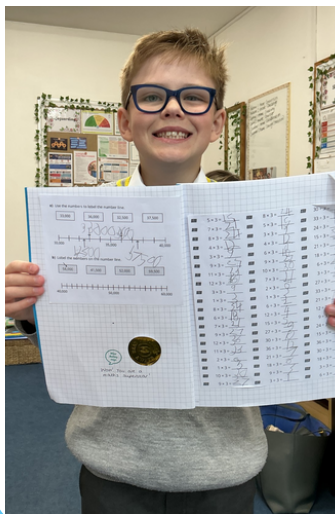
It has been wonderful seeing our new EYFS in school this week - they have all settled in so beautifully! I would like to share some wonderful news. Mrs Campling is expecting a baby in January! We send her our warmest congratulations and best wishes for her pregnancy.

Following the Christmas break, Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Applewhite on Mondays and Tuesdays—we are very grateful to her for agreeing to return to teach her former Ducklings. Mrs Walsh will continue teaching the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Please join me in wishing Mrs Campling all the best as she prepares for her maternity leave, and in welcoming Mrs Applewhite back to the team! Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)

HEADTEACHER'S CUP



This week the Headteacher's Cup goes to Ethan, for being a maths superstar! He worked so hard on his times tables this week. Well done, Ethan!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Blake and his mum for buying some new table tennis balls for the playground! We are very grateful!



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Year 1 - 100%
Year 2 - 95.7%
Year 3 - 95.8%
Year 4 - 100%
Year 5 - 96.2%
Year 6 - 96.7%
Total - 97.4%



WELL DONE YEARS 1 & 4!

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

Year 1 - Bella for Courage
Year 2 - Nathan L for Challenge
Year 3 - Savannah for Courage
Year 4 - Arthur for Critical Thinking
Year 5 - William for Collaboration
Year 6 - Oliver and Lukas for Courage and Collaboration





After-School Clubs – Snack and Food Safety

As some of our after-school clubs mean that children are on site for a longer day, we appreciate that they may sometimes feel hungry before they go home. In line with new allergy-safety requirements coming into effect this September, we are asking that children do not share, swap or “trade” snacks or any other food items with other children during after-school clubs.

Children are welcome to bring their own sensible, healthy snack to eat during their club. Please ensure that snacks are appropriate for your child and that they understand that they must not offer their food to other children or accept food from others.

This is an important safety measure, particularly for children living with food allergies. The strengthened requirements around allergy awareness and safety are being introduced under Benedict’s Law, following the tragic death of five-year-old Benedict Blythe from anaphylaxis in 2021. We appreciate your support in helping us to keep all of our children safe while ensuring they can enjoy their after-school activities. Thank you for your continued support. ❤️

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

- 23rd September - Individual and sibling photographs
- 24th September - Year 6 boys football event at Mayflower School (letter to follow)
- 28th September - NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe assemblies
- 1st October - Year 5 and 6 girls football event at Mayflower School (letter to follow)
- 5th October - Year 6 ECFRS Cyber Bullying and Online Safety workshops
- 9th October - Year 4 trip to British Museum
- 12th October - Year 6 ECFRS Online Exploitation and Knife Crime workshops
- 15th/16th October - Bikeability for Group A
- 15th October - Cross Country Race 1
- 16th October - PTA Make The Rules Day
- 20th & 21st October - Parents Evening
- 21st October - ECFRS Firework and Bonfire Safety assemblies
- 22nd October - Year 6 parent/grandparent invited for lunch
- 22nd October - PTA Discos after school
- 23rd October - INSET Day
- 23rd October - Start of PTA Scarecrow Trail
- 2nd November - INSET Day
- 3rd November - First day of Autumn 2
- 4th November - PTA Laser Show after school
- 10th November - Flu immunisations
- 12th November - Cross county race 2
- 13th November - Non-uniform day for hamper donations
- 18th - 24th November - Scholastic Book Fair
- 20th November - Year 5 parent/grandparent invited for lunch
- 23rd & 24th November - Bikeability for Group B
- 28th November - PTA Christmas Bazaar
- 2nd December - Panto trip
- 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th December - Class Parties (with a very special visitor! 🎅)
- 18th December - Last day of Autumn 2