



MAPLE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

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Reading books and P.E kits need to be in school every day.



It has been a busy and brilliant first full week back at school! I have had the absolute joy of handing out lots of Headteacher Stickers for exemplary work, as well as welcoming our reception children to assembly. It is always wonderful to see how proud the children are of their learning and to celebrate their achievements together. Next week, our staff training focused on spelling and handwriting, with support from a Local Authority adviser. This is an important priority for us this year as we continue to help all children develop accurate letter formation and progress towards fluent, joined handwriting and accurate spelling.

It was fantastic to see so many parents attending our **Meet the Teacher meetings** this week. Thank you for taking the time to come along, meet your child's teacher and find out more about the year ahead. Your support and partnership with the school make such a positive difference to your child's learning and school experience.

COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF

We value working closely with parents and carers.

For quick messages, teachers are available at the door or after school once children have been safely dismissed.

For longer conversations or to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office or email admin@maplegrove.herts.sch.uk, using **FAO and the staff member's name** in the subject line. Please allow up to **three school days** for a response.

Your child's **class teacher** should always be your **first point of contact**, followed by the relevant **Phase Leader** if further support is needed.



Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Please ensure all belongings are named, including water bottles.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need a book bag only. Please speak to the office if you need one.

In Key stage 1 for break time, please send fruit or a nut-free cereal snack – no chocolate or cakes, please.

CELEBRATE

These children have demonstrated our 3 R's and have had an A.C.E week. We are very proud of them.



Reception : Reception celebrated the completion of their first full week with a new book, *Gruffalo Granny*.

Year 1 : Chriszelda and Cassidy

Year 2 : Roshen and Robert

Year 3 : Johnny and Ella

Year 4 : Ava and Joseph

Year 5 : Jacob and Aaqil



Year 6 : Well, done to all of Year 6! Those who visited Woodrow showed a fantastic attitude, excellent behaviour and a real sense of achievement throughout the trip. We are equally proud of those who did not attend, who demonstrated maturity and worked brilliantly together at school.

BEHAVIOUR



We are delighted to see such a positive improvement in behaviour across the school, with pupils showing respect, responsibility and kindness.

A special well done to our Year 6 children who visited Woodrow. They received high praise from the minibus drivers and Woodrow leaders for their excellent manners, behaviour and respectful attitudes.

Well done to all our pupils for helping to make our school such a positive and supportive place!

ATTENDANCE

Whole-school target— 95%
Whole-school attendance this week — 96.8% !

Nursery - 78%

Year 1 - 88%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 5 - 94%

Reception - 95%

Year 2 - 93%

Year 4 - 84%

Year 6 - 96%

Well done for a great start to the academic year!

Please be reminded that children are considered late if they arrive after 8:50 am. If a student arrives after 9:10 am, this will be recorded as an unauthorized absence.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that all students arrive on time to avoid any disruption to their learning.

LEARNING

The HIVE

The children have enjoyed exploring colours this week, sorting and naming colours and experimenting with mixing paint and shaving foam. They were excited to see the different colours and textures they could create, while also developing their sharing and teamwork skills.



Year 6

Year 6 loved making delicious cornflake crispy cakes!



Nursey

Nursey have enjoyed exploring their environment and making friends.



Year 4

In Art, Year 4 have been exploring shades and tints, learning how adding black or white paint can alter a colour and create a range of tones. Through experimenting with colour mixing, they have developed their understanding of how artists use tone to create depth, contrast and dimension in their artwork.



Year 2



The children had a fantastic time taking part in cross-country on the school field. They showed great energy, determination and resilience, encouraging each other and giving their very best. Well done to all our brilliant runners!

Year 3

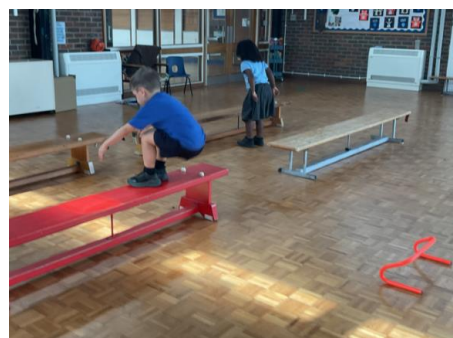
Year 3 have been working incredibly hard this week, especially in Maths, where they have been learning all about place value.



Don't forget to visit our school [website](#) for information on what your child will learn this year, including details for each subject.

Year 1

Year 1 loved their first PE lesson with Mr Timi! 🐸 They had lots of fun developing their jumping skills, jumping like frogs onto and over different obstacles.



Please read with your child at least three times a week and remember to sign their reading record. Home learning will be sent home every Thursday and should be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday.

INFORMATION

WHEN DOES MY CHILD GO TO THE LIBRARY?



Please make sure that library books are returned to school once a week.

Reception and Nursery - Friday

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Friday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday

Year 6 - Tuesday

WHEN IS MY CHILD'S PE LESSON?



Please keep P.E. kits at school every day. However, your child's main P.E. lessons, led by Mr Timi, take place on:

Reception and Nursery - Thursday
Year 1 - Monday and Wednesday
Year 2 - Monday and Friday
Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4 - Tuesday and Swimming on Wednesday
Year 5 - Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6 - Friday and Wednesday

SEPTEMBER

14th - 16th : National fitness days.

17th : 9am Yr6 Sharing Assembly

21st - 25th : House Captains/School Council voting

23rd : Health and safety audit

OCTOBER

1st : 9am Yr5 Sharing Assembly

5th - 9th : Space week

6th : 8:40-9am Nursery Monthly Stay and Play

13th : 3:30 pm - 6pm Parents Evening

14th : 3:30 pm - 5:30pm Parents Evening

15th : 9am Yr4 Sharing Assembly

16th : Individual photos

19th : Flu vaccinations

22nd : 9:30am EYFS Prospective Families

Tour

23rd : Inset day

26th-30th—Half Term

NOVEMBER

3rd : 8:40-9am Nursery Monthly Stay and Play

4th : 9:30am EYFS Prospective Families

Tour

5th : 9am Yr3 Sharing Assembly

11th : Year 6 school nurse

12th : 2.30pm EYFS Prospective Families

Tour

16th : Odd sock day

16th- 20th : Anti Bullying Week

18th : 2.30pm EYFS Prospective Families

Tour

19th : Yr2 Sharing Assembly

24th : Yr 6 health questionnaires

25th : Wonderful work Wednesday



DECEMBER

3rd : Yr1 Sharing Assembly

3rd : Flu vaccination

8th : 8:40-9am Nursery Monthly Stay and Play

8th : 9:30am Carols at Church—TBC

9th : 9am KS1 Performance

14th : 2:30pm Reception Mingle and Jingle

15th : Christmas lunch

15th : Christmas Jumper day

15th : 11:15am Nursery Mingle and Jingle

17th : End of term assembly - invite only

18th : Class Parties

18th : 3:15pm End of Term

JANUARY

4th : Inset day

5th : First day of the spring term

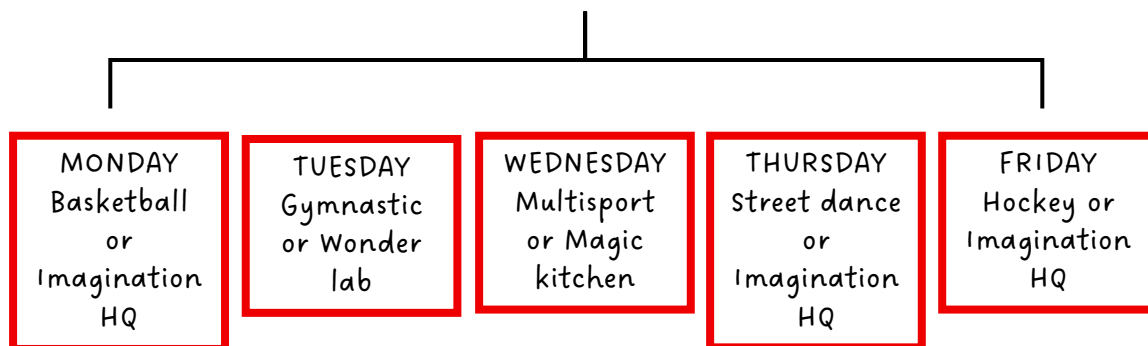
Please also check the [website](#) for further dates that may be added

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

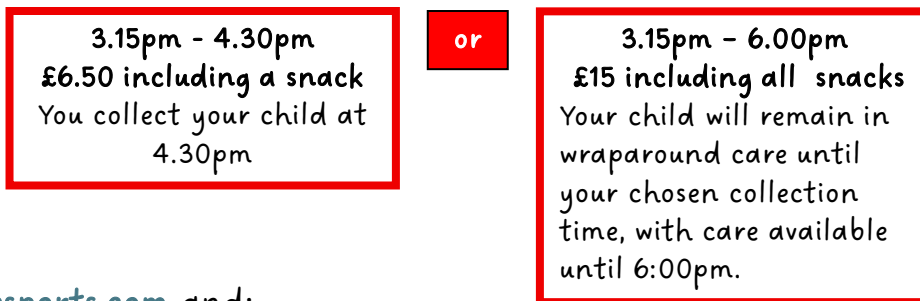
Thank you for your patience with our after-school provision. Registration is now complete, and from next week our full range of clubs and provision will be available. The diagram below shows the options available to families. **Sunrise Club continues to be run and organised by the school and can be accessed and booked through Arbor.**

WRAPAROUND CARE AT MAPLE GROVE PROVIDED BY GET ACTIVE

3.15pm - 4.30pm



4.30pm - 6.00pm



How to Book

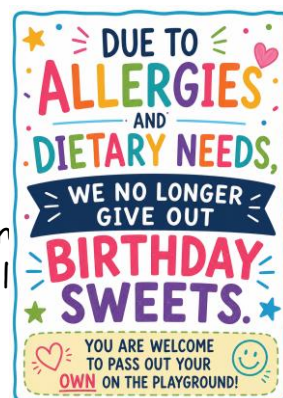
Visit getactivesports.com and:

1. Select **Wraparound**
 2. Choose **Maple Grove Primary School**
 3. View live availability and book
- Prefer to speak to Get Active? Call 01344 860 868**

Allergy Awareness & Birthday Treats

As an allergy-aware school, the safety of all our children remains our priority. In preparation for **Benedict's Law**, we have reviewed our allergy procedures and updated our policy. To help keep all children safe, staff will no longer hand out food provided by parents for birthday sweets or treats. We will still celebrate birthdays in school. Children can wear a birthday badge and enjoy a birthday song if they wish!

Thank you for your understanding and support.



PAGE ONE SESSIONS



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Calling all 7-12-year-olds: earn your dragon training licence at this year's Page One sessions, inspired by the novels of Cressida Cowell.

WEEK ONE: DESIGN A DRAGON

Wed 4 Nov. 4:30pm-5:30pm



WEEK TWO: BECOME A VIKING

Wed 11 Nov. 4:30pm-5:30pm

WEEK THREE: FOLLOW A MAP

Wed 18 Nov. 4:30pm-5:30pm



WEEK FOUR: SPEAK DRAGONESE

Wed 25 Nov. 4:30pm-5:30pm

Tickets are £4.40 per session, or £11 for all four. Discount can only be given when bought in the library.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries