



MAPLE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

25.9.26

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

Today, the whole school took part in our **School Council and House Captain elections**. It was wonderful to see pupils across the school get involved, listen to their peers, and cast their votes for the children they felt would best represent them.



The elections gave pupils a fantastic opportunity to experience democracy in action, understand the importance of making informed choices, and see how their individual voices can make a difference. We are incredibly proud of how thoughtfully and enthusiastically everyone took part and look forward to announcing our new representatives!

Our new house captains



Silas and Tudor



Rupert and Roshel



Johnny and Harvey



Taysun and Sara

**NATIONAL
FITNESS
DAY**

Well done, Reception and Year 4, who totted up the most fitness points

School Council – Pupil Voice

Our **School Council** gives pupils a voice in shaping school life. Elected representatives share ideas from their classes, discuss what matters to pupils and work with staff to make positive changes across our school. We look forward to seeing their ideas come to life this year!



Yr1-Sofia and Ozan

Yr2-Roshen and Lillie-Sophia

Yr3-Sonny and Soraya

Yr4-Elijah and Jasmine

Yr5-Leo and Ella

Yr6-Amber and Ziyad

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

Applications for Reception, Junior and Middle School places open on 2 November 2026.

Key dates:

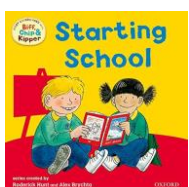
- Applications open: 2 November 2026

- Application deadline: 15 January 2027

Apply online through the [Hertfordshire County Council School Admissions Portal](#).

Come and visit us! We have several open days planned and would love to welcome prospective families to our school. Please sign up for an open day [here](#).

We look forward to meeting you!



CELEBRATE

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

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



Reception: Vivian and Oisin

Year 1 : Hayfa and Kacper

Year 2 : Harry and Lillie - Sophia

Year 3 : Natalia and Jack

Year 4 : Ramela and Riley

Year 5 : Rajana and Harrison

Year 6 : Natanas, Devon and Dale



Attendance Matters!



ATTENDANCE

Whole-school target— 95%

Whole-school attendance this week — 91%

Nursery - 86%

Reception - 90%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 91%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 88%

Year 5 - 96%

Year 6 - 91%

Well done, Year 5, for a great start to the academic year!

Thank you also for ensuring your child is in school on time!

If your child will be absent from school, please let us know by [emailing](#) or calling 01442 214966, where you can also leave a message.

Please note that absences can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.



EYFS and KS1 Don't Miss Out on Free School Lunches!

Did you know that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a FREE school lunch every day? Make the most of this fantastic opportunity and save money on packed lunches! Simply order your child's meal through Arbour. View our delicious lunch menu [here](#)

Celebrating an Outstanding 98%!

We are delighted to share that following our recent County Health & Safety Inspection, our school achieved an excellent score of 98%. This fantastic result reflects our continued commitment to providing a **safe, well-managed and positive environment** for our pupils, staff and visitors.

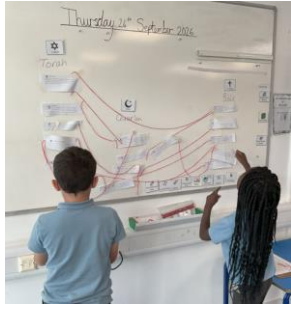
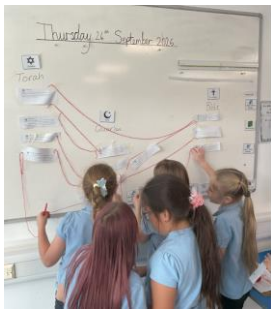
A huge thank you to all our staff for their hard work, attention to detail and ongoing commitment to maintaining such high standards across the school.



LEARNING

Year 4

This week in RE, Year 4 have enjoyed discovering links between different religious texts. They compared stories from different faiths and discussed the important messages they share.

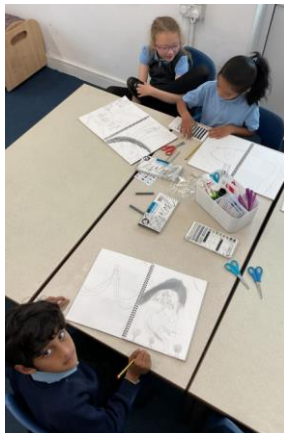


Reception

 In our Art lessons, the children were introduced to a variety of mark-making tools and explored the different lines, shapes and textures. They then used the tools to create their own self-portraits.



Year 2



Year 5

Year 5 Year 5 played glockenspiels in music this week. They created and performed short melodies that reflect the mood of different clouds.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been busy developing their descriptive writing skills by exploring expanded noun phrases and adverbials. Inspired by Shaun Tan's *The Arrival*, the children have designed their own weird and wonderful creatures. They have used imaginative vocabulary and detailed descriptions to bring their unusual creations to life. We have been so impressed by their creativity!



Year 3

In PE this week, the children had lots of fun playing lots of games around the idea of tag rugby. Year 3 had great fun in music class, focusing on melody and tone.



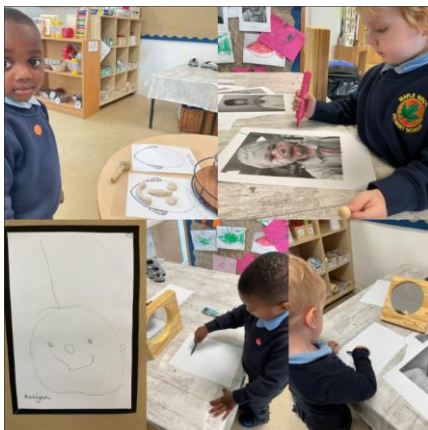
The HIVE

Hive children enjoyed Forest School this week, a truly child led sensory experience through touch, smell and movement



Nursery

This week nursery have been exploring their faces. We have been looking in mirrors and drawing our faces. We also learnt songs about body parts, like "Head, shoulders, knees and toes".



Year 1

In Science this week, Year 1 have been learning all about the seasons. The children created their own weather mobiles, featuring different types of weather. At the end of the week, they wrote their very own weather reports and had great fun pretending to be news presenters!



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

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

9th : 9am KS1 Performance

11th : 9:30am Carols at Church

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 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm

MONDAY: Basketball or Imagination HQ

TUESDAY: Gymnastics or Wonder Lab

WEDNESDAY: Multisport or Magic Kitchen

THURSDAY: Street dance or Imagination HQ

FRIDAY: Hockey or Imagination HQ

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



Please ensure you order your child's school lunch. If no order has been placed, we will contact you to provide a packed lunch.

Here is the [link](#) to the HCL website to make them aware of your child's allergies so that you can order a free school lunch that meets the dietary requirements.



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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

A reminder to our Year 6 parents and carers that applications for secondary school places are now open. Please apply through the [Hertfordshire County Council School Admissions Portal](#).

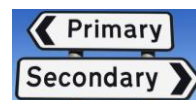
• Applications opened: 1 September 2026

• Application deadline: 31 October 2026

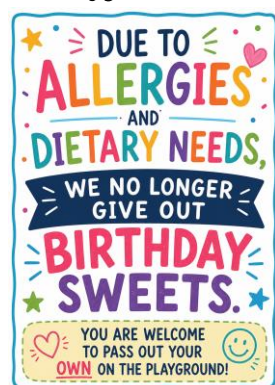
• National Offer Day: 1 March 2027

• Deadline to accept or decline offers: 8 March 2027

Please ensure you submit your application before the deadline.



Allergy Awareness



We will be contacting parents who have informed us that their child has a dietary requirement, asthma or an allergy. This is to ensure our records are up to date and that we have the correct medication in school if needed.





Ready to unlock the secrets of healthy eating on a budget?

Date:

Thursday 24 Sep '26

Time:

12:30 - 1:30pm

Join us for a **FREE** one-hour workshop to get practical tips from our nutritionists. During your time with us you can:

- Discover low-cost healthy swaps
- Understand the importance of meal planning
- Get tips to stick to your shopping list and budget
- Learn about different cooking methods
- Ask questions and get free resources!

Click me
to sign up



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Secure your

FREE spot today



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Sign up to our **FREE** masterclass

How to support children with a limited diet?

Date:

Monday 28 Sept '26

Time:

5:30 - 6:30pm

This one hour session will be led by our nutritionists who can help you understand more about limited diets and offer their expert support. By signing up, you can:

- Share challenges and tips with like-minded parents/carers
- Join an informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere
- Get lots of practical tips you can use for your family

This is available to all parents, whatever your child's age.

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