MAPLE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

2.10.26

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

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for the fantastic support following our new behaviour policy and conversation with class teachers.
Your conversations at home around **talking over others, respectful and kind language, and keeping hands and feet to ourselves** are already helping to reinforce our expectations. By working together and consistently reinforcing Our **3 Rs – Ready, Responsible, Respectful**– we can make sure our school remains a happy, safe, and positive place for everyone.





Thank you to all our families for helping us make such a positive start to the new school year. Your support makes a real difference.
We did notice that a number of pupils missed the first few days of term due to family holidays. These first days are particularly important as children settle into their new classes, establish routines, build relationships and begin their learning. When planning holidays for next year, particularly around **September**, please help us by ensuring children are in school from the very start of term wherever possible. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

A quick reminder: squishies, fidget toys, and similar items should not be brought into school unless agreed by the Headteacher, as they can be easily lost or broken and can distract from learning. We have a range of appropriate sensory and fidget resources available in every classroom for children who need them.



If you would like your child's lost items to be returned to them, please make sure they are clearly named. A name makes it much easier for us to reunite belongings with their owner!



Contributions towards enrichment activities are voluntary, and no child will be excluded if a contribution is not made. However, these contributions play an important part in helping us provide the wide range of experiences all our children enjoy. The school subsidises these opportunities, but your support makesour budget cannot meet the full cost.
Without sufficient support, some activities may not be able to go ahead. Thank you; all families' support makes these opportunities possible.



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: Aisha and Wesley

Year 1: Amaad and Martin

Year 2: Atlas and Maximus

Year 3: Erun and Soraya

Year 4: Ayasha and Angie

Year 5: Sarina and Zayn

Year 6: Henrik and Silas





ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters!
Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Whole-school target– 95%

Whole-school attendance this week – 90%

Nursery - 86%	Reception - 91%	Year 1 - 91%	Year 2 - 96%
Year 3 - 94%	Year 4 - 88%	Year 5 - 91%	Year 6 - 91%

Well done, Year 2, 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

Please remember that children should **read at home at least three times a week**. This allows Valuable school time to be used for other learning and interventions.

Could you spare an hour a week?

We would love more Parent volunteers to listen to children read. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.



LEARNING

Year 1





Year 1 have continued their science learning this week. The children have been learning about the four different seasons and exploring what happens to trees throughout the year. They created their own seasonal trees and are becoming more confident in naming all four seasons.

Year 4

In Art, Year 4 have been investigating shades and tints, using black and white paint to alter colours and create different tones. Through this work, they have developed their understanding of colour and how artists use tone to add depth to their creations.







Nursery

The nursery has been exploring all things natural this week. With autumn just around the corner, the children have been discovering what's hiding inside a conker shell and using their fingers to pull them apart. They've been painting with conkers, noticing the different marks and patterns they can make. Using pine cones, wood and conkers, the children have been constructing buildings and experimenting with how natural materials balance and stack. They also used these items to create faces, showing wonderful creativity in their own natural art.



Year 5





Year 5 children practiced ropes, building their balance, coordination, and jumping and skipping using French skipping ropes, developing their balance, coordination and teamwork skills. They worked together and took turns as they practised different jumping and skipping movements.

Year 3

The children this week have been practicing their times tables through songs. In PE, they were having great fun in athletics





The HIVE





We are reading Elmer in our Literacy session. Adult models the language through props, symbols and Makaton, and children explore multi-sensory activities. The children loved using the parachute to explore colour and play turn-taking games.

Year 2

This week in science, we explored different habitats. We identified the four different habitats, what each habitat is like, and what animals and plants are found in each habitat.







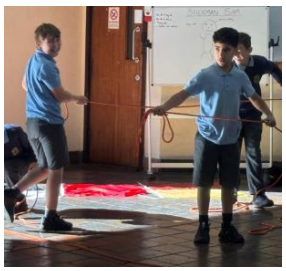


Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in Crucial Crew, learning essential skills to help keep themselves and others safe. Through fun, interactive scenarios, pupils explored real-life situations, practised making safe choices and learned what to do in an emergency.









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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 tern 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.

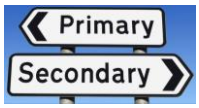
Please read with your child at least three times a week and remember to sign their reading record.
Home learning will be sent home every Thursday and should be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

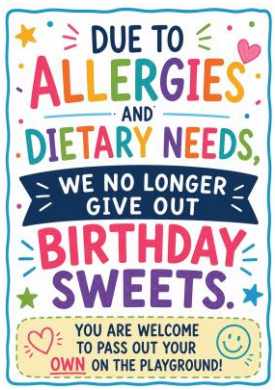
A reminder to our Year 6 parents and carers that applications for secondary school places are now open. Please apply through the Hertfordshire County Council School Admissions Portal .

- 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.



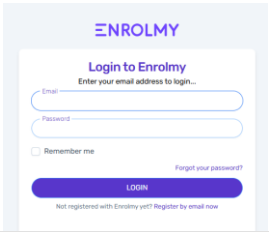
HOW TO BOOK ONTO GET ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

1. Visit https://getactivesports.com/

2. Click register or log in

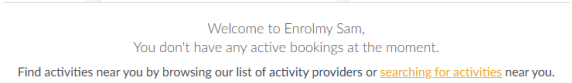


3. You will be directed to ENROLMY

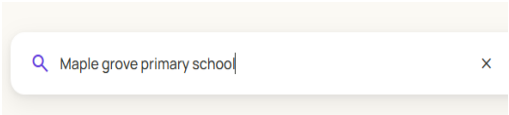




4. Click 'Search for Activities'



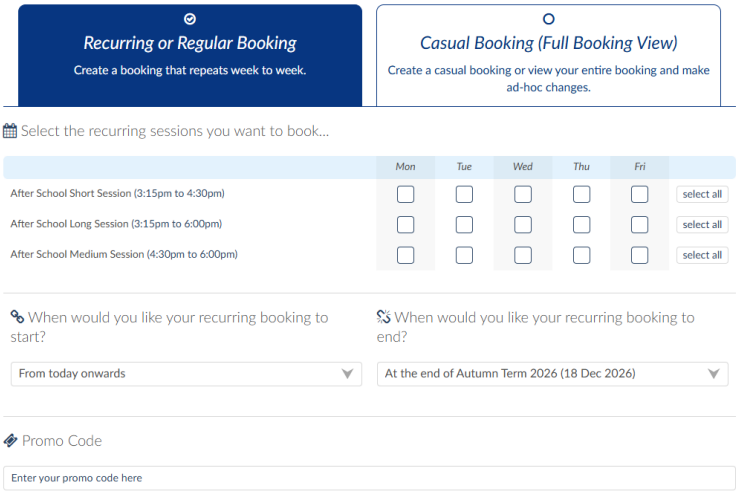
5. Type in Maple Grove Primary School



6. Click on Autumn term



7. Book the season you would like. From an after-school sports activity until 4:30 pm or a longer session until 6:00 pm.



Prefer to speak to Get Active? Call 01344 860 868

Please find the link to the latest School Nursing Newsletter below. The newsletter contains health and wellbeing information, practical advice, and details of local support services available to children, young people, and their families. By sharing this information, we can help ensure families have access to trusted resources and know where to seek support when needed.

NHS Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust School Nursing



Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Wednesday 21 October, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Sibling Rivalry Workshop - Monday 9 November, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Workshop - Wednesday 25 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

It's a Dad's Life Workshop - Thursday 26 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop empower fathers with the knowledge and skills to develop deep connections with their children, enhancing their parenting journey.

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Workshop - Wednesday 2 December, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop is designed to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers facing challenging behaviours. It aims to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to manage the complexities of raising adolescents, fostering a positive parent-teen relationship

The two-hour workshops will be online via MS TEAMS

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more info, please contact **Louise** on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email **services@coramfamilylives.org.uk** or scan the QR code for our online form.

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