

MAULDEN LOWER NEWSLETTER- MAY



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the half way point of the summer term. Such a busy time of year with so many enriched activities planned. Our Y4 children have just returned from their Grafham Water residential trip. They all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied them.

During this half term, staff are planning and liaising with your child's new class teacher to aid for a smooth transition.

The children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher on the morning of Friday 4th July.

There will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet new teachers on Monday 14th July at 3.30.

A digital social story will also be sent out to all children to share information about their new class..

Mrs Dwyer

VALUE OF THE TERM

Co-Operation – to work in a helpful and friendly way together

Co-Operation:

- working together towards a common goal
- teamwork and sharing
- sometimes contributing ideas and sometimes letting go of our ideas

At home you can help your child with this value by:

- praising your children when they help each other
- encouraging them to listen to each others' ideas and opinions
- encouraging good sportsmanship
- encouraging them to value others' contributions.





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NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS

Help us win £1,000 for our library. To nominate our school please visit nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize or scan the QR code below.



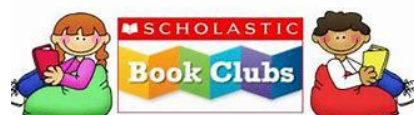
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Visit <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/maulden/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by June 30th, 2025



BAGS 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

We will be having a Bags2School collection on Friday 4th July.

Please bag up and bring in to school all your pre-loved clothes and shoes and leave them on the front playground on the morning of the 4th. The school will receive money for every kg of donations received.

You do not need to use any special bags any bin bag or carrier will do.

Every kilogram helps. For more information please see the poster on the noticeboard outside or speak to a member of the office staff.

TEACHERS FOR 25/26

Please see below for class teachers for the new academic year. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher on Monday 14th July.

Class	Teacher
Pre-School	Mrs Waite
Reception	Mrs Butterworth
Year 1	Mr Morton
Year 2	Miss Dyke
Year 3	Mrs Cohen
Year 4	Mrs Hillson



BAG 2 SCHOOL



SAFETY ON THE ROAD

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviour and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others: remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for trouble and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



The
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College



The Hive

MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

THE HIVE



TIMES & CHARGES

BREAKFAST CLUB
07.30 - 08.45

£5.00 includes a healthy breakfast

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15.20 - 16.20 - £ 5.50

15.20 - 17.20 - £11.00

15.20 - 18.00 - £15.00

Mobile Number: 07902 238761 (This number is for changes in collection or to contact The Hive if they are outside and can not hear the buzzer. Please do not use this number to book sessions)

The sessions running from 15.20 until 17.20 **include a healthy snack**. Those attending from 17.20 until 18.00 will be provided with tea. If you are late collecting your child/children you will be charged for the next time slot as the staff are paid until all children are collected. If you arrive after 18.00 you will be charged £5 for every 5 minutes late collection.

Special Rates:

Whole week of
Breakfast Sessions
£25.00

Whole Week After
School Sessions £70.00

THE HIVE

Throughout the month of June before and after school club will be taking part in a number of activities including:

- Ocean Day paper crafts
- St Georges Day flag making
- Healthy Eating Week
- Sunflower painting
- Hand print bumble bees
- Environmental activities
- Outside play
- World Music Day crafts



The MSA

EVENTS

The MSA Father's Day gifts will be coming home at the end of the week.

Obstacle races will be taking place during sports week. If you are able to volunteer to help with this event please speak to your class rep.

Thank you to all our MSA reps and volunteers. We would not be able to run these events without your support.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

We are hoping to brighten up some areas of the school grounds during the summer break, and during the rest of the term with the aid of our Eco Council. If you have any of the following they would be really appreciated:

- Compost (full or part used bags)
- Bulbs and bedding plants
- Exterior wood paint (bright colours)





Awards

MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

Star of the Week

Wrens	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Grayson Bust Selena Dhillon George Guiney Sullivan Harris Billy Izzard Freya Jordan-Root Arthur Lightfoot Rogan Murphy Renzo Norrington Jacob Simms Connie Star	Katie Gibbins Lewis Campbell Neyo Okoh Amiah Amosu	Aisla Violet Fox Freddie Aitkenhead-Morris Georgie Keane Poppy Starr Rory Neale Saffron Watson	Arthur Lovelock Harper Mills Raeyah Murphy Oliver Pinfold Dylan Neale Alice Talbot Olivia Ebson-Scozzari Reggie Spong Arthur Lovelock Dylan Neale Mason Ward	Louie Boshier Remi Dawodu Danielle Giles Mollie Holt Alfie Payne-Lumley Sean Terry Scarlett Styles Sadie Bond

Values Award

Wrens	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Tommy Bowes Olivia Ashby Darcy Cunningham Selena Dhillon Kian Fox Sienna Glenster-Holgate Harry Hartley Reign Ingles Billy Izzard Agnes Macpherson Kellin Rayner	Thomas Minards Albus Petrusic-Houghton Annie Pestell Harry Shellum	Milly Pascan Charley Ward Frankie Horn Max Chimes Freddie Aitkenhead-Morris Whole Class	Benji Armstrong Cullen Macpherson Arthur Lovelock Daisy Mosley Luna Osman Miley McDonagh Oliver Pinfold Teresa McDonagh	Esmee Bryant James Felton Zachery Lawson Leo Yates Kestrel Class



VACANCIES

We have a number of new opportunities to join our school team from September.

- Cleaner (Monday to Friday 15:30 - 17:30)
- MDSA (Monday to Friday 12:10 - 13:25)
- 1:1 Teaching Assistant (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 08:30 - 15:30)
- Before School Club (Monday to Friday 07:30 - 09:00)

All posts are term time only plus training days. For more information please visit our website

<https://www.mauldenlower.com/about-us/recruitment/> or MyNewTerm

<https://mynewterm.com/school/Maulden-Lower-School/109472> or speak to Sarah Butcher in the office.



Dates for your Diary

MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

June – *pls check Weduc calendar for times*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
Year 4 - Grafham Visit				
9	10	11	12	13
Healthy Eating Week				
		Y4 - Transition afternoon at Alameda		Y2 & Y4 Friendship Workshops
16	17	18	19	20
National Sports Week				
Whole School Drumba Sessions			MSA - Obstacle Races	
23	24 Reception Sports Day	25 KS1 - Sports Day	26 KS2 Sports Day	27
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LOCAL SUPPORT

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Less Stress Mortgages** who have donated £500 towards books for our library. They are also supporting an Enterprise Day for our KS2 children which will take place in the new academic year. If you are looking for a mortgage, insurance or will writing service please consider visiting them as they will increase the donation to our school for any new customers received, just mention our name.

We would also like to thank **The George** for choosing us as the charity supported in their Quiz Night held this week. They raised £240 which will also go towards buying books for our library and reading scheme.

At Maulden Lower we are passionate about reading and want to nurture a love of reading in all our pupils. If you would like to make a contribution towards the library please click on any of the links below to select a book from our wish list. We are also happy to accept donations of any used, good condition books that appear on the wish lists or continuations of a book series.

Fiction Wish List - <http://tiny.cc/700m001>

Picture Book Wish List - <http://tiny.cc/x00m001>

Non Fiction Wish List - <http://tiny.cc/b10m001>



Mortgages

