



Maulden Lower School

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



INFORMATION

HARVEST

Thank you to everyone who made a donation at the recent Harvest Service at St Mary's church.

A total of £124.02 was raised which will be donated to the Bishops Harvest appeal - Rewrite their Future. This is aimed at expanding access to education in some of the world's most under sourced communities.

INFORMATION

UNIFORM

The children all looked so very smart coming in to school in their uniforms this week. For a full list of the items of school uniform please visit our website
<https://www.mauldenlower.com/parents-carers/school-uniform/>

VALUE THIS HALF TERM

INDEPENDENCE

Self-reliant, thinking and acting for oneself.

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

- encouraging them to do things for themselves.
- talking to them about independence of thought and action.
- encouraging them to 'have a go' at things they find difficult before asking for help.



HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Celebration up at St Mary's Church. The children sang beautifully and read out loud with confidence.

The children were very excited to meet Reggie the T-Rex and take part in a fossil dig with Giant Journeys. There was laughter and excitement when he chased Mrs Dwyer and Trixie nibbled Mr Morton!

On Friday we held a DT morning. Mrs Butterworth led an assembly on how she would love the children's input with the design of an early years playground. All our children were excited and produced some great designs.

Enjoy your half term break and we will see you on Tuesday 4th November.

Black History Month

As part of our Black History Month we will be 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' emphasizing the strength, resilience and achievements of Black communities, encouraging individuals to embrace their identity and contribute to a future of empowerment and growth.

There will be themed activities during the month including in our breakfast and after school club.

Why not check out our Black History Month collection in the school library.

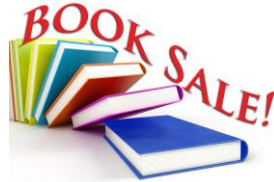


BOOK SALE

We will be holding a table top book sale on Friday 18th October from 15:15.

All books will be 5 for £1. Money raised will go towards buying more new books for our library.

We are also still accepting donations of 'used like new' books for our library or anything from our wish lists.



DINOSAUR DAY

GIANT JOURNEYS

On 29th September our students spent the day learning fascinating facts about dinosaurs and dug for fossils in hands-on science activities with Giant Journeys.

From creative crafts to Jurassic themed games, the day was packed with learning and fun. The children even got to meet Reggie and Trixie.

The day was a roaring success!



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations for Reception to Year 4 will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 20th October. There will be both face to face and telephone appointments available. Please book your slot via the Reach More Parents app.

Pre-school consultations will be taking place after the half term break



LIBRARY AMBASSADORS

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Our Library Ambassadors have been hard at work this month helping to keep the library neat and tidy. They have also been looking out for good reads for everyone in the school. Their recommendations for this month are:

Cullen - 13 Story Treehouse series

Demi - The Runaway Pea

Olivia - Nina Peanut is Amazing

Freddie - Horrid Henry

Happy reading everyone.



Motivating kids to read

SCHOOL LUNCHES

SCHOOL FOOD UNITED

School lunches can be ordered up to 07:00 on the morning of the day you require lunch. Please ensure that if you wish your child to have a school lunch that you have pre-ordered.

Throughout the year we will be offering a number of special themed lunches, our first one was on Thursday 2nd October to celebrate World Animal Day. Please check your Weduc for any changes to the regular menu.

Parents will also be invited to join their child for lunch. Parents/carers of children in Year 4 (Kestrel Class) will soon be receiving an invitation to join us on Tuesday 14th October. We look forward to seeing you then.

For a copy of the menu or for more information about school meals please visit our website or to order your child's lunch please visit School Foods United:

<https://www.mauldenlower.com/parents-carers/school-meals/>

<https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login>



Every student. Every day.

Our Attendance Target



Sept Attendance



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

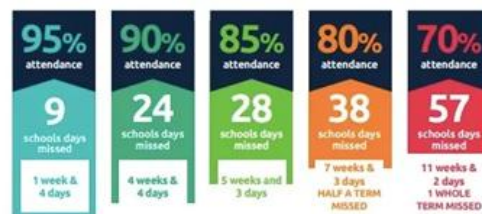
TIPS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

See below for some helpful tips that can support your child and improve their attendance:

- Talk to your child regularly about school and how they feel about it.
- Phone school as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return
- Only allow days at home for genuine illness
- Having a regular bedtime and morning routine can help you arrive at school on time.

For more information regarding Studybugs and how to download the app please visit <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



REDBORNE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Here are some of the events coming up with the Redborne Sports Partnership. Some will be small team events others will be for the whole class.

10/10/25 - Year 4 Basketball

Holywell Middle School

21/11/25 - KS1 Multiskills Festival

Alameda Middle School

05/12/25 - KS2 Inclusion Festival

Redborne Upper School

Please check the website and your Weduc app regularly for more updates and permission requests.



TINY FOREST DISCOVERY DAY

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

The Woodland Trust spent the day with our helping us to work with our Tiny Forest. We spent a fun day bug hunting, weeding and making clay bugs inspired by our bug hunts.



October is ideal for walking – the temperatures are cool and the colors are spectacular.

Walktober celebrates International Walk to School Month and we want to see as many of our children and families out walking, cycling or scooting during October.



ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE

MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face.

You can help support your child by teaching them how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information and report any concerns they may have.

Keep conversations open, let them know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

Use parental control settings on devices, games and apps. These can help manage screen time, filter inappropriate content and monitor activity.

<https://www.mauldenlower.com/parents-carers/online-safety-guidance/>





Healthy living and wellbeing





Central Bedfordshire Community Access Service

Upcoming Events

Online Workshops for Parents & Caregivers
Click on each to sign up or scan the QR code!

DATE	TOPIC	AGE GROUP	TIME
OCTOBER 07	Understanding & supporting mental health in children & young people for parents & caregivers	4-5 PM	
NOVEMBER 11	Understanding the teenage brain & supporting sleep for parents & caregivers	4-5 PM	
NOVEMBER 19	Sleep Hygiene for parents & caregivers	12-1 PM	
DECEMBER 02	Supporting your child's low mood for parents & caregivers	12-1 PM	

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We respect
We are inclusive**

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The Hive

The Hive is our before and after school club run by our friendly and enthusiastic school staff.

Before school club includes breakfast and the children will be able to take part in games and craft activities.

After school club includes a healthy snack or tea if your child is staying after 17:20. Activities include outdoor play, story time, crafts, table tennis and board games.



BOOKING SESSIONS

PARENTPAY

If you would like your child to attend before or after school club please book your sessions via the Weduc app.

Sessions costs:

Breakfast club - £5.00 (07:30 - 08:45)

15:20 - 16:20 - £5.50

15:20 - 17:20 - £11.00

15:20 - 18:00 - £15.00

Late collection fees after 18:00 - £5.00 for every 5 minutes
late eg collection at 18:03 £5.00, collection at 18:07 £10.00
etc.

Free breakfast club provision available to children in Year 1 - Year 4 from 08:10-08:45.

Please contact the office for more information or to book a place.

MSA UPDATE - A HUGE THANK YOU & EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!

Thank you to everyone who joined up at the MSA AGM at The George last week - it was fantastic to see such great support.

A special thank you to **Katharine Minards**, who has stepped down as co-chair after doing an amazing job alongside **Kendra**. We're so grateful for their dedication, hard work, and the positivity they've brought to the MSA. We now warmly welcome our new co-chairs, **Louise Aisthorpe** and **Stephanie Billingham** – we're very excited for what's to come!

Your class representatives - Robins - Kathryn Chainey and Aislinn Taplin, Wrens - Louise Aisthorpe and Georgia McNamara. Rabbits - Stephanie Underwood and Eve Petrusic-Houghton, Hedgehogs - Sam McFeeley and Katharine Minards. Woodpeckers - Rebecca Steele and Aislinn Taplin. Kestrels YR4 - Aislinn Taplin.

There's so much to look forward to in the coming weeks before half term, including the return of our **much-loved movie nights** and some exciting **new events** on the horizon!

To make it even easier to stay connected, we'll be launching **Classlist** – a brand new app that will keep all MSA and school updates in one secure, easy-to-use place. It will include event calendars, announcements, and simple payment options, all while helping reduce WhatsApp overload! Keep an eye out for posters and leaflets coming home in book bags soon. Classlist will go live when we return after the October break!

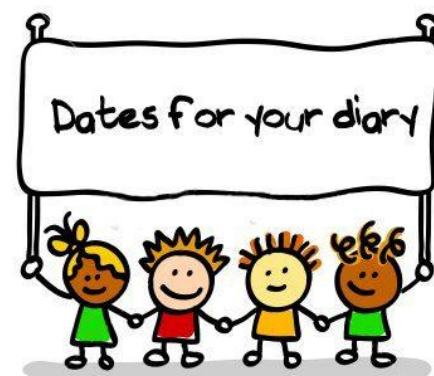
Here's to a fun-filled year ahead - together we're making a difference!

Star & Value Awards



	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Stars	Ava Clark Edward Rayment Lola Armitt Daisy Bedford Wade Barnard-Brown Phoenix Cooper Florence Quinn Paige Wood	Sullivan Harris Hattie Warren Arabella Yates Arthur Lightfoot Freya Jordan-Root Tommy Bowes Harry Hartley Rogan Murphy	Isobel Bashforth Lewis Campbell Sunny Collins Robin Revell Harry Shellum Isla Enyon Jahmiah Lawrence	Iylah Gravesande Oscar Holmes Aria Cissell Rory Neale Freya Eavis Elijah Fennell	Ellis Altendorf Arthur Lovelock Daisy Mosley Luna Osman Demi Keane
Values	Freddie Steele Amira Baddi Fiadh Brighton Samuel Guiney Daisy Bedford Olivia Shirley Reggie Davis George Pestell	Ada Mitchelmore Hattie Warren Reign Ingles Agnes Macpherson Renzo Norrington Olivia Ashby Frank Francis Arabella Yates	Nathan Lorenz Remy Pascan Archie Reeson Molly Spong Iris Janes Jahmiah Lawrence Rosie Bedford Katie Gibbins	Isabelle Barker-Street Elijah Fennell Rex Kerr Spencer Rogerson Dougie Bedford Poppy Starr Ezra Mitchelmore Olivia Potter	Ellis Altendorf Raeyah Murphy Demi Keane Scarlett Styles Cullen Macpherson Arthur Lovelock

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2 Harvest Festival World Animal Day Lunch	3 Hotshots
6	7 Y3 Swimming FGB Meeting	8	9 KS1 Film Night	10 Hotshots
13	14 Y3 Swimming Y4 Parent Lunch	15	16 KS2 Film Night	17 Open Morning Book Sale Hotshots
20 Parent Consultation Week Diwali Day	21 Y3 Swimming FPP Meeting	22 KS2 Singing Club	23	24 School Photos Hotshots
27	28	29	30	31
Half Term				



Only dates for the current month are included in our newsletter. Please refer to the website for dates in the future.