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MORNINGTON News

AUTUMN 1 - 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS JOYCE

Dear Families,
As we reach the end of our first half term, it is hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by. There is much to celebrate as we reflect on the children's hard work, growing confidence and enthusiasm for learning.
The children have settled well into their new classes, getting to know their teachers, strengthening friendships and making new ones. It has been lovely to see them embrace new routines and opportunities, support one another and take pride in their achievements. Throughout the half term, they have continued to demonstrate our school values of being ready, respectful and responsible. They have certainly earned a well-deserved break!
I would like to thank all our staff for their care and dedication. They put so much thought and effort into supporting our children each day, helping them grow in confidence and encouraging them to succeed.
Thank you, too, for your continued support. Whether you are sharing a book at home, encouraging your child with their learning or offering a kind word at the school gate, your contribution makes a real difference. Our school community is strongest when we work together, with the children at the heart of everything we do.
I hope the half-term holiday offers everyone the chance to relax and enjoy time together. We look forward to hearing the children's news when they return, refreshed and ready for the next half term.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

WELL DONE RECEPTION

A special well done to our Reception children on such a wonderful start to school! They have settled into their new classes so well, made new friends and embraced the exciting experiences that school brings. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow as they explore, learn and play together. We are very proud of them all and look forward to seeing them continue to grow and flourish.



STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff this term. Mrs Sadler has joined our Year 5/6 team and is teaching for two days in Class Raleigh, while Mrs Coleman has joined our Year 1/2 team as a Teaching Assistant. We wish them both a very warm welcome to MPS.

YEAR 7 IN 2027

Applying for a school place for September 2027:

- If you live in Nottinghamshire: Apply through Nottinghamshire County Council, even if you're applying for schools located outside the county.
- If you live in Nottingham City: Apply through Nottingham City Council's School Admissions Service, even if your preferred school is outside the city.

The deadline for applying is 31st October 2026.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to you all for your generous Harvest Festival donations. The impressive collection of items will help our local food bank support people in need across our community. They were very grateful for your kindness. A big well done to our School Council, who worked together to collect, sort and organise the donations ready for delivery.



BIKEABILITY FOR YEAR 6

Some of our Year 6 pupils took part in the government's national cycle training programme, developing their cycling skills and learning how to stay safe on the roads. Through practical activities, they built confidence and learned to cycle with greater awareness of other road users and the importance of making safe decisions.

Well done to everyone who took part for their enthusiasm and effort throughout the training.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

To ensure the safety of our children and staff with severe nut allergies, we do not allow **nuts or any products containing nuts** on school premises. This includes chocolates typically brought in to celebrate birthdays, such as Celebrations or Heroes, which may contain nuts.

WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIP



Thank you to everyone who has paid their deposit for the upcoming trip to the Pantomine. This event is always a highlight for the children, and it's truly magical when they all join in singing along to the songs. We're excited to once again fill the theatre in Mornington Green!

Please note that the full payment is due by Monday 16th November.

If your child is not attending the panto, they should come to school as usual.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported Mrs Dolman-Milner's fundraising for Macmillan earlier this term. From wearing bright clothes and buying cakes at playtime to joining our coffee and cake event, your generosity helped raise an incredible £969.50!



Mrs Dolman-Milner has led this event since 2006, raising a fantastic **£11,427.37** in total for Macmillan.

Your support makes a real difference. Thank you!

AUTUMN STAR AWARDS

FS2	Y1/2	Y3/4	Y5/6
Lavell Christian	Theo Taylor	Nusaybah Ahmed	Genesis Opara
Kruz McLarty	Rio Campbell	Dayton Dunbar	Harleen Sandhu
		Elizabeth McDonald	Sophie Cameron

Spanish	Music	Sport
Jacob Hill	Sophie Passmore	Sebastian Cross
		Harry Wain

Dojo Points Winners

Mackenzie Creasey	Ivy McEvoy	Isabella Bridger	Muiz Hasnain
Inayah Ahmed	Sophie Passmore	Adaeze Ezeali	Joseph Walker
Peighton Holland	Chelsea Thompson-Kirby	Serayah Stewart	Avyaan Kaushal
Genesis Opara	Harry Spencer	Sophie Cameron	Kruz McLarty
Alisa Naz	Ramirez Weir	Paria Esmaili	Evie Hextall
Rebel James		Ted Kiddie	

DIARY DATES

These are always given in good faith, but may sometimes change to circumstances beyond our control.

NOVEMBER

2nd - Back to school
5th - Bonfire lunch
13th - Children in Need - wear spotty
25th - FS2 autumn walk
TBC- FS2 phonics workshop
26th & 27th - Christmas jumper sale

DECEMBER

2nd - Book Fair
8th - KS1 Nativity 9:30am/2:00pm
9th - Whole school Panto trip
11th - FS2 Nativity 2.30pm
15th – Christmas jumper and dinner
17th - Christmas party
18th- Last day of term

JANUARY

4th - First day of spring term



SAFEGUARDING

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child during school holidays, please email: **safeguarding@morningtonprimary.org**. This account is monitored regularly during school holidays.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, please contact the police by calling 999 in an emergency or 101 for non-emergency concerns.

You can also report safeguarding concerns anonymously to the NSPCC by calling 0800 028 0285.

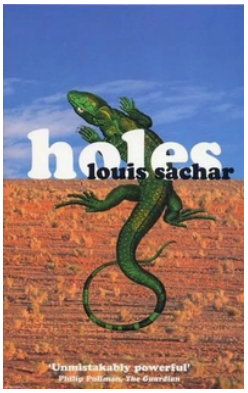
FSM ELIGIBILITY

Have your circumstances changed? Have you recently checked whether your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals? As well as providing a free daily meal, this brings additional funding into school, helping us provide valuable support and services for your child. Check your child's eligibility here: **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk**

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

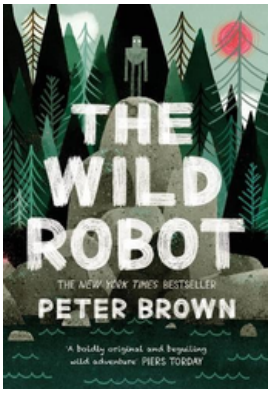
MRS WEBB

One of my favourite children's books is 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. It's a great book for UKS2 children full of intriguing characters and a hero you really cheer for. There are two storylines that are being told at the same time and the reveal at the end is one of my favourites to share with a class when we read it together!



MISS WALTERS

A chapter book I would recommend is The Wild Robot, written by Peter Brown. It follows Roz, a robot stranded on an island, who learns to survive, communicate with animals and build a new life. This heartwarming book explores kindness, friendship and courage, making it a wonderful read for children and grown ups!



GREENWOOD

This half term, we have enjoyed our new space and explored historical figures, from Robin Hood to Julius Caesar. In cooking, we have made sweet and savoury pineapple treats while practising our recipe-reading skills. Art has focused on feelings, using collage and other media to explore emotions, support our Zones of Regulation work and develop scissor control. In computing, we have created avatars and practised logging into Purple Mash independently to explore its activities. Every Friday, we enjoy question time about our story of the week, with children challenging themselves to ask thoughtful and interesting questions about the book.





SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

RECEPTION

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Reception! The children have settled brilliantly, made new friends and worked hard to understand our rules and routines. Our learning is now well underway. We have developed our fine motor skills through pattern making, cutting, Play-Doh and more. We have begun phonics, learning to read and write simple CVC words, alongside maths, where we have explored sorting, patterns and early number. Our topic, 'All About Me', has also been so much fun! The children have enjoyed talking about their families, friends and pets, creating pasta faces, self-portraits and sequencing activities. We are incredibly proud of their progress and enthusiasm and we are so pleased to have you all at our school!

















YEAR 1/2

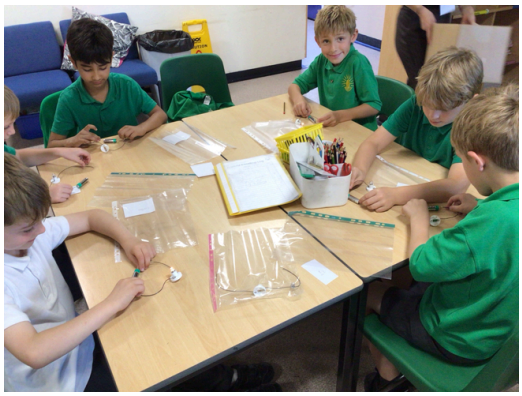
What a lovely, busy start to the year we've had! We're so proud of how well our Year 1 children have settled into KS1 and how confidently they're finding their feet. Our Year 2 children have been fantastic role models supporting them to learn routines and help them learn.

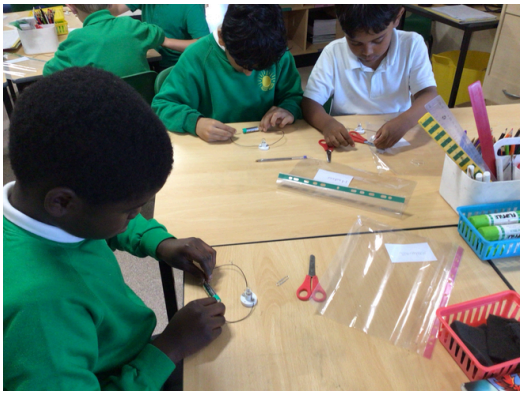
We've been busy learning lots of exciting things! In History, we travelled back in time to learn all about the Great Fire of London. We compared life in the past with life today, put the events in order and discovered why the fire spread so quickly. In Science, we explored how living things grow and change, learned about life cycles and what people and animals need to stay healthy. In Art, the children loved getting creative with colourful tissue paper to make their own Great Fire of London silhouettes, experimenting with bright colours and layering to bring their fiery scenes to life! In English, we have loved listening to and writing traditional tales.

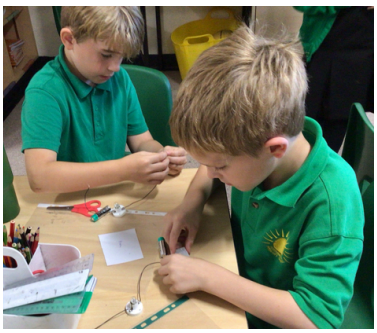
We hope you all enjoy a lovely, relaxing half-term break. You've certainly earned it!

YEAR 3/4

What a fantastic and busy half term we have had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Vikings, discovering where they came from, their invasions of Britain and important historical events, including the raid on Lindisfarne and the achievements of Alfred the Great. In Science, we have had great fun investigating sound, exploring vibrations, pitch and volume using musical instruments and carrying out exciting experiments on the playground. Our Design and Technology lessons have been particularly exciting as the children have explored electrical circuits and designed and made their own torches. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity shine throughout all their learning this half term! We are now looking forward to exploring our new topic, The Living World!





YEAR 5/6

What a fantastic half term we have had in Year 5/6! In English, we have enjoyed reading 'Kaspar – Prince of Cats', using this exciting story to inspire our reading and writing. This has linked with our History, where we have been learning all about the Titanic, exploring its history and discovering more about the tragic events of its maiden voyage. In Science, we have been investigating water resistance and density, exploring how the shape of a boat can affect how much weight it can hold. Our culinary skills have been put to the test in DT, where we have been designing and making our own delicious pizzas! We are looking forward to another fantastic half term!

