

MORNINGTON

News



SUMMER 1 - 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MRS JOYCE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now halfway through the summer term and what a fantastic time we've had so far! School has been a hive of activity, and as always, our children and staff have given their all to make our school the very best it can be. We're hoping the lovely weather is here to stay so we can make the most of our outdoor spaces in the final weeks of term.

Last week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs and worked exceptionally hard throughout the four-day period. They arrived each morning with enthusiasm and didn't let the tests defeat them. I was so proud to see them persevere, even when the challenges felt tough. While it's natural to feel nervous or worried, what matters most is learning how to manage those feelings and push forward - and our children did just that.

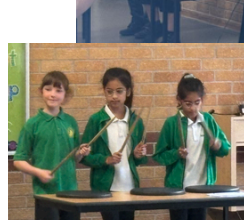
A huge thank you goes to our Year 6 team, the children, and their families for all the hard work and support in preparing for these assessments. The commitment from everyone definitely made a difference.

Looking ahead, June brings more milestones: our Year 1 children will complete their Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 children will take the Multiplication Tables Check. We're confident they'll rise to the occasion with the same positive attitude we've seen all year.

As always, thank you for your continued support of both your child and our school. I hope you have a restful break and enjoy some special time with your family and friends.

DRUMMING SHOWCASE

This week, we were treated to a fantastic drumming showcase! Our talented children performed brilliantly, impressing us all with their skills. It takes real courage to perform in front of a large audience, and every single performer rose to the occasion. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and confidence - well done to all the children.



FS2 MUSIC

I had the pleasure of visiting a music lesson with Mrs. Boneham and some of the Robin Hood children. What a treat!



SUN SAFETY

As we enjoy the sunnier weather, please help us keep the children safe and comfortable by:

- Providing your child with a sun hat
- Applying sun cream before school
- Ensuring they bring a water bottle each day
- Sending labelled sunscreen to school so your child can reapply it themselves.
- Making sure that hats and all school uniform are labelled with your child's name.

CONGRATULATIONS!

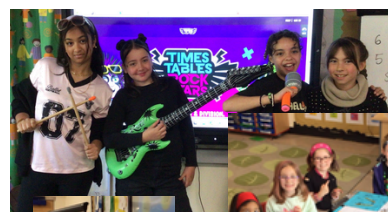
We're absolutely thrilled to share the wonderful news of the arrival of Mr and Mrs Webb's beautiful baby girl, Eloise! She made her entrance into the world recently, and both mum and baby are doing wonderfully.

It's such a special time, and we couldn't be more excited for Mr and Mrs Webb as they begin this amazing new chapter with their precious daughter.



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS DAY

This week, all the primary schools across our Trust celebrated Times Tables Rock Stars Day with great enthusiasm! Children from Years 2 to 6 took part in an exciting 'Battle of the Bands' competition within their classes and even had the chance to challenge their teachers in a 'Rock Slam' showdown. Throughout the day, children across the school enjoyed a variety of fun maths activities, proudly showcasing their times tables skills. Everyone got into the spirit of the day by dressing up as rockstars - and they all looked amazing! Congratulations to our 'Battle of the Band' winners: Kiyaan Prasad, Aary Patel, Cato Tsang, Jesse Reynolds, Jacob Hill, Arden Tsang, Vivaan Chakrabati, Samrah Imtiaz and Hailey Siu.



SUMMER STAR AWARDS

FS2

 Chelsea
Thompson
-Kirby

 Lacey
Brown

Y1/2

 Nusaybah
Ahmed

 Jessica
Bridger

 Kiyaan
Prased

Y3/4

 Harleen
Sandhu

 Samrah
Imtiaz

 Ezmae
Warner-
Simpson

Y5/6

 Aaron
Puthenpurackal

 Alyssa
Ciambrone

 Tamara
Ayoub

Spanish

 Aiden
Anishkumar

Music

 Ozzie
Yates

 Florence
Bales

Sport

 Finley
Cooper

 Yaa
Oppong

DOJO WINNERS

 Esme Walters
Tia Zidan
Ramirez Weir
Jiyapal Kaur

 Zahnaya Davis
Isabella Bridger
Alyssa Ciambrone

 Joseph Evans
Ted Kiddie
Excel Ilora

DIARY DATES

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

JUNE

 2nd - Back to school

 3rd - Class photos

 17th - District sports

 18th - 20th - Y4 residential

 24th - Sports day

 27th - Y2 Stay late

JULY

 2nd - Summer fair

 10th - New class day

 22nd - Y5/6 production

 23rd - Y1/2 presentation

 24th - FS2 and Y3/4 presentation

 25th - Break up for Summer

2025-2026 INSET DAYS

- Monday 1st September
- Tuesday 2nd September
- Friday 10th October
- Friday 21st November
- Monday 23rd February
- Monday 27th July

I HAVE ENJOYED...

Here is what some of our children in KS1 have been enjoying most about school:

"I liked learning about sharing in maths because we did it with sweets." - Harrison C

"I love writing because I'm really good at it." - Tia

"I like PE because I want to be a footballer." - Rebel

"I like phonics because I love spelling out words." - Ian

"I like to chat with my friends." - Naomi

"I love PE because we learn new things." - Miya

"I like dancing because I like to twirl around." - Dayton

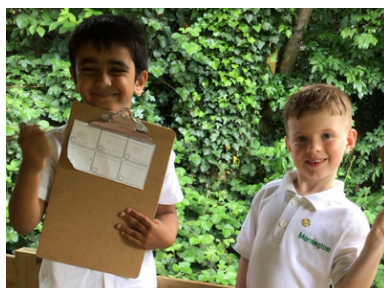
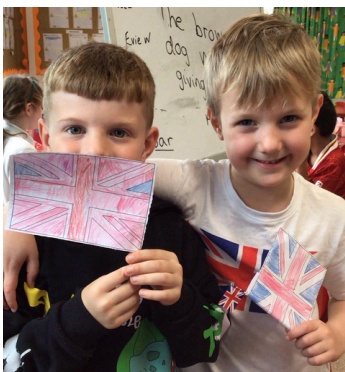
"I liked when we played a board game on time in maths." - Jesse

"I enjoyed the trip to Nottingham Castle." - Elsie

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

FS2

The children have really enjoyed our 'Dig it, Plant it, Grow it' topic this half term! We have planted sunflowers and the children have looked after them in school. We will have a tallest sunflower competition before the end of the school year and a child from red and yellow carpets will win a prize! Please support your child to look after their plant at home. We have also planted some peas in a plastic wallet and the children have loved watching them grow roots and shoots! We have tasted different vegetables from our literacy story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and the children generated fantastic adjectives to use in their descriptive writing. The trip to St Anne's Community Orchard was an amazing way to bring our learning to life! The children helped the Little Red Hen to make bread, we baked the bread and then ate it around the camp fire! The ranger then cooked popcorn on the fire which the children loved and of course we ate that as well! Back in school we sampled several types of bread and decided which we liked best. Next half term our topic will be 'Commotion in the Ocean' and we have lots of fun learning activities planned. We will also be going on our Summer walk on Tuesday 10th June and all adults are welcome to come along and join us!



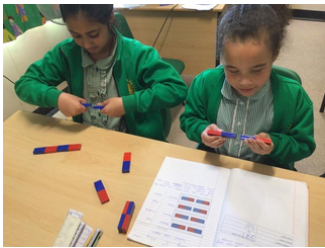
YEAR 1/2

This half term has flown by! The children all had a great day when we visited Nottingham Castle. We explored the galleries, took part in a workshop where we found out more about Robin Hood, dressed up as some of the characters and made animal masks of the creatures in Sherwood Forest. We had lots of fun on the playground too! We then worked very hard in our English groups writing a detailed recount of our day. It was lovely to see so many parents in school when we showcased our Robin Hood 'Wanted' posters, instructions on 'How to steal from the King,' and our moving pictures from our work in DT. We have done more great writing linked to the seasons and have been weather forecasters in geography. Let's hope we have lots of good weather for the half term break!



SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

YEAR 3/4



This half term we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our topic 'Our Wondrous World'. We've been learning all about the physical geography of the UK, focusing particularly on rivers and mountains. The children loved discovering how rivers are formed, where some of the UK's most famous mountains are located, and the impact these natural features have on the environment around us. In Science, we explored how magnets work. The children took part in fun, hands-on experiments to investigate magnetic forces, learning which materials are magnetic and how magnets attract or repel each other - even at a distance. In Art, we developed our drawing skills by working on tone, texture, and dimension. The children have practised using different techniques to bring depth and detail into their artwork. It's been a busy and exciting half term, and we're excited for the final weeks ahead!

YEAR 5/6

This half term has been a busy and exciting one! Our year 6s approached their SATs tests with great effort and determination, and we are very proud of their resilience. In geography, we started our Rainforest topic with exploring the rainforests of the world, focusing especially on the Amazon. We learned about the unique plants and animals that live there. In art, the children were inspired by Joseph Cornell and created fantastic 3D rainforest collages. In science, we investigated how plants reproduce, deepening our understanding of nature. We will continue this topic after half term and explore more of what the rainforest has to offer!



THE CAVE



This half term in the Cave, we have been reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' as our chapter book. This has helped the children recall previous events and build on the story each session. In cooking we tasted different chocolates and chose our favourites, then baked a Victoria sponge and VE Day biscuits. In DT, we created fantastic turtles for Endangered Species Day. In music, we listened to our favourite songs and played along with great enthusiasm. During PE, we've been preparing for Sports Day, with javelin and hurdles being the most exciting events. In gardening, we planted beans and pressed flowers to create beautiful pictures. We also introduced board games—Snakes and Ladders was a big hit, with just a little bit of cheating! It's been a great half term with the children really engaging and staying at an activity for longer periods of time.