

MORNINGTON

News



AUTUMN 2 - 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MRS JOYCE

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding Autumn term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what a truly wonderful few months it has been at Mornington. The children have worked exceptionally hard and have shown great enthusiasm for their learning, and they remain fantastic ambassadors for our school values. Our recent festive events and Christmas performances were a real highlight, creating memorable moments for families and celebrating the confidence and talents of our pupils.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful staff for their dedication and care, and to our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the term. Together, you help make MPS such a special place. I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

GOOD LUCK MRS WOOD

Mrs. Wood is retiring at the end of this term after 15 wonderful years at Mornington Primary School. During her time with us, she has inspired and cared for children across many year groups, with a special dedication to our youngest learners as they began their school journey. Her warmth, patience, and commitment have made a lasting impact on pupils, families, and colleagues alike. While we will miss her greatly, we wish Mrs. Wood every happiness as she enjoys more time with her family and exciting new adventures ahead.

We welcome Miss Wright who will be teaching Class Sherwood from January.



WELL DONE CLASS ROBIN HOOD



The staff would like to congratulate our youngest children in school, Class Robin Hood, on successfully completing their first term of the year. It has been a joy to see how confidently they have settled into school life, flourishing in their learning, and becoming valued members of our MPS community.

CONGRATULATIONS LUCAS!

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news! After two highly competitive rounds, Lucas Jones has beaten all other percussionists and secured a place in the final of the Nottingham Young Musician of the Year competition.

Out of many talented performers, five judges had the unenviable task of selecting just five finalists, and Lucas has been selected as one of them.

Having been playing percussion for approximately four years, this achievement is a remarkable recognition of Lucas's dedication, talent, and the enormous amount of hard work required to perform at such a high level. He's feeling nervous but excited as the final approaches on 26th January.

We wish Lucas the very best of luck and congratulate him on this outstanding accomplishment.



BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION

We are excited to report the success of three of our pupils, Connie, Nairika and Brooke, who have progressed to the second round of the BBC 500 Words competition. This national competition receives thousands of entries each year, making their achievement particularly impressive. Reaching the second round is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work and imagination shown by all three writers. Congratulations to them on this wonderful accomplishment, and we wish them every success in the next stage.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you so much to everybody that donated to 'Save the Children' on our Christmas Jumper Day. 'Save the Children' help children in the UK and all around the world stay safe, healthy and learning - and change their future for good.

With your generous support, we raised over £169 for this worthy cause. Your contributions make a significant difference to families in need. Thank you!



RECEPTION & KS1 NATIVITIES

What a fantastic time we had with our two nativities! Our KS1 children absolutely wowed us with their brilliant performance of 'The Inn-spectors', while Class Robin Hood delivered an amazing performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'.

A huge well done to all the children for their enthusiasm, effort, and teamwork. Everyone in the audience was truly in awe and we are so proud of what they achieved.

A big thank you to all the staff and families who helped make this event so special.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are proud to announce that back in November, we raised an amazing £72.13 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A heartfelt thank you to the Year 6 students who helped to sell Poppies and to everyone who generously donated to this worthy cause.

PANTO VISIT

Around 270 pupils and adults made their way to the Nottingham Playhouse to watch this year's pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. We all had so much fun singing along, laughing at all the jokes, cheering and clapping - as well as the obligatory booing and hissing. The children's impeccable behaviour demonstrated once again that they all embrace the 'Mornington Way'.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Tuesday, pupils and staff enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner, expertly prepared by our hardworking kitchen team. The meal featured all the festive favourites, including stuffing, vegetables, roast potatoes, brussels sprouts and a delicious dessert.

The hall was buzzing with excitement as Christmas music played, crackers were pulled and party hats were worn. It was a lovely way to end the term, bringing children, teachers and TAs together to celebrate the festive season.



AUTUMN STAR AWARDS

FS2

Robin Groves

Y1/2

Naomi Wells

Santiago Pinto

Ella Hawksley

Y3/4

Jessica Bridger

Max Mayes

Keyaan Lal

Y5/6

Olivia Mallam

Mae Bancroft

Samah Nawaz

DIARY DATES

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

JANUARY

5th - First day of Spring term
12th - Class Boots begin swimming lessons

FEBRUARY

4th - Robin Hood trip to Wollaton Hall
10th - Parents' evening
11th - Parents' evening
13th - Break up for half term
23rd - Inset Day
24th - Children back in school
25th - Wheelchair basketball starts for all children

MARCH

2nd - Class Trent begin swimming lessons
17th - Year 3/4 production
22nd - Class Wollaton begin swimming lessons
23rd - Year 6 residential
27th - Last day of Spring term

APRIL

13th - Children back in school

EFFORT AND PROGRESS AWARDS

FS2

Unsa Qadri

Y1/2

Jacob Doyle

Arthur Kiddie

Harry Spencer

Y3/4

Amelia Reid-Pidduck

Sienna Pickering

Ayah-Jade James-Wray

Y5/6

Harvey Sandhu

Paria Esmaili

Samrah Imtiaz

Spanish

Beatrice Gill

Sport

Tia Zidan

Benjamin Anderson

DOJO WINNERS

Sahib Kaur
Ava Saini
Anna Marsovszky
Samah Nawaz
Zeal Obasse

Cato Tsang
Willow Avci
Aria Wason
Jack Doyle
Oscar Fisher

Cohen Waldram
Ted Kiddie
Lacey Brown
Annaelle Hautot
Karam Kaur

Tia Zidan
Aditi Abburu
Sebastian Cross
Unsa Qadri
Ella Hawksley
Penelope Seeley

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

FS2

This half term, our topic has been 'Winter Wonderland'. We have enjoyed learning about the different seasons, with a focus on Winter as the weather begins to get colder. We went on a local area walk and had a fantastic time observing what happens to the trees, looking for animals, and noticing the facilities we have in our community.

We then compared our local environment to the North Pole, learning how different it is from where we live. The children loved linking this to where Santa lives, and we have enjoyed many stories and activities about him and his reindeer!

The children have created wonderful drawings, paintings and crafts, and we are beginning to see some fantastic early writing skills emerging too.

We are very excited for next half term, when our new topic will be 'Stomping Through Time' - a brand-new unit for this cohort, all about dinosaurs!



YEAR 1/2

Christmas is upon us - what an end to our first term! This half term, we continued our topic of Abbee's Adventure, diving even deeper into the world of African animals. One of the biggest highlights was our amazing trip to Twycross Zoo. The children were thrilled to meet so many incredible animals up close. The children asked fantastic questions and showed brilliant behaviour throughout the day!

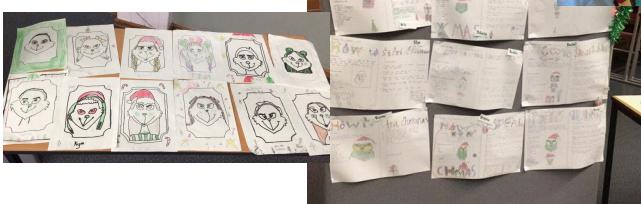
We finished the term off with our show-stopping Nativity, "The Inn-Spectors". The children worked so hard learning their lines and songs, and when the big day arrived, they did us all proud!

We are now looking forward to a well-deserved break and an exciting start to the new year.

Our next topic, "A Toy Story," will take the children back in time to explore toys from the past!

YEAR 3/4

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM



This half term has been very busy and exciting. In Geography, we learned all about our local area, Nottingham, and compared it to the warm and vibrant city of Málaga in Spain. In Science, we explored skeletons in humans and animals, discovering how they help us move and stay strong. In English, we studied How the Grinch Stole Christmas and wrote fantastic instructions and a creative narrative based on the story. We also visited the pantomime, which everyone really enjoyed, and finished the term with some wonderful Christmas crafts that helped us get into the festive spirit.

This half term, Year 5 and 6 have absolutely thrown themselves into our Crime and Punishment topic. Our trip to the National Justice Museum was a real highlight and gave the children an engaging insight into how justice has changed over time. In design technology, the children showed brilliant resilience and teamwork while sawing wood and constructing their model guillotines. In English, we have delved into Wild Boy and A Christmas Carol, exploring characters, motives and Victorian life. In science, we have investigated the properties of materials, conducting a range of practical enquiries and discussing how materials are chosen for specific purposes.



YEAR 5/6



THE CAVE

This half term in the Cave, we have been working on our History topic. We explored who we are and why being different is something to celebrate. We talked about our families and friends, who they are, and why they are important to us. We also learned about how we grow and what we can do at different ages. In our final lessons, we looked at toys from the past and compared them with our favourite toys today.

Alongside this, we have been developing our life skills through cooking lessons, which the children love. Each week they have learned new skills and tried new foods. Sweet potato and onions were not a favourite, but it has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence. Our craft activities focused on movement, making split-pin figures and cars, supporting fine motor skills and following instructions. Our favourite story was 'The Magic Porridge Pot' where all the children joined in with the actions.