



Parent Newsletter

Spring Term 7 – Wednesday 26th February 2025

Welcome back - I hope you all had a restful break. It has been lovely to see the sun shine recently and bulbs are beginning to show their heads around the grounds. Spring is on its way.

Year Four treated us all to a dress rehearsal of their play 'Scheherazade' this afternoon. They are looking forward to sharing all their hard work with parents and carers tomorrow morning.

You may have noticed that the bus has made an exit from the school grounds. After many years it was finally time for it to go having provided a space for many children to read over the years.

We are looking forward to the PTA fundraising launch on Friday after school of 'All Aboard'. Please do join us all on the KS1 playground at the end of the school day.

Sarah Stepney

**7th March 3.20-4.30pm
Teatime
Fundraising
Concert in the
Large Hall for
Instrumentalists
in Years 3-6**

This is a friendly opportunity for pupils in Years 3-6 who wish to share an instrumental piece with other students and their parents in the large hall after school on Friday 7th March.
If your child would like to play a piece, please contact Anne Taylor to go on the performers' list with email subject heading Teatime Concert.
annetaylor@music@gmail.com
There is a suggested contribution to our Mayfield Music Fund of £5 per item in the concert via ParentPay to be made before the concert date. Free to those on the Mayfield Offer.

**Royal Academy of
Arts last chance
to apply for the
Young Artists'
Summer Show**

If anyone has any entries for The Royal Academy Summer Show 2025, please send a photograph (or the original artwork) to Ms Campbell and she will add them to our school's registration. She will need their name, age, a title, medium and a short description! Please send artwork to rcampbell@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk
This needs to be done by Wednesday 5th March.

**Parent Teacher
Consultation
Meetings week
commencing 24th
March**

Parent teacher consultation meetings are taking place for all classes during the week commencing 24th March.
Consultations will again take place via video using our normal online booking system – please find the instructions attached to the covering email. There are also details of consultation times on our website: https://mayfieldcambridge.org/?tribe_events=parent-teacher-meetings-4 If you have any questions please contact the office.
Please ensure the class name is put in as below:

Rec Port	Rec Starboard
Y1 Port	Y1 Starboard
Y2 Port	Y2 Starboard
Y3 Port	Y3 Starboard
Y4 Port	Y4 Starboard
Y5 Port	Y5 Starboard
Y6 Port	Y6 Starboard

**World Book Day
6th March**

On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day!

- Your child is welcome to dress as a favourite book character on the day.
- Please bring in unwanted books to school from **Monday 3rd March** for our book swap.
- Please sent Extreme Reading photos to hosborne@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk by **Wednesday 2nd March**.
- Please send in book themed cakes and bakes to school on **Thursday 6th March** for our book themed bake sale after school in the KS1 playground.

We can't wait to see your costumes, bakes, photos and books!

**Book Launch
Saturday 15th
March –
Illustrated By A
Yr 4 Parent**

Pre-order here:



Table Manners
Elizabeth A. Peck
Illustrated by Alfonso Montellano López

What starts out as a rather serious narration of a regrettable dining scenario soon pulls the reader into an unexpected and ridiculous whirlwind of silliness! Children will be asking you to read it again and again.

This delightful and playful illustrated poem for children aged 3-7 follows the journey of an otherwise lovely little girl who is a terror at the table. Will the perseverance of her long-suffering parents ever pay off?

Table Manners Book Launch
Stir Café on Chesterton Road
Saturday 15th March, 8am – 4pm

- Meet the author and illustrator
- Hear the book read aloud
- Buy signed copies of *Table Manners* and Elizabeth's other books
- Enjoy activities and games for young children

Pre-order now from caritatebooks.com to collect your book at the launch, or for delivery after the release date of 6th March 2025

Elizabeth loves to think about philosophical and theological issues, which combined with a desire to teach her daughter important truths, has resulted in most of her published writing, including *God is Not a Man In The Sky*, and *You Can Tell Me Anything*. Her newest book, *Table Manners*, backs this trend. It does not teach a profoundly important message but rather, aims to achieve a profoundly important result: that of making children laugh.

Alfonso Montellano López's appetite for drawing was re-whetted shortly after his daughter was born and quickly developed into a taste for illustrating stories. Alfonso baked the illustrations for *Table Manners* with lashings of playful irreverence, using only naturally-occurring sweetness. His assorted artwork can be found at: linktr.ee/alfonso.montellano.lopez

'Table Manners is a wonderful blend of charm, humour and education. A must-have for any young child's bookshelf. It is an enchanting, fun-filled poem aimed at young children, offering a delightful way to teach important lessons in good manners while entertaining them with fun rhymes and beautiful illustrations. It is sure to have both adults and children giggling away!'
Daniel Clifford, Midsummer House Restaurant

'That's so good it should go all over the universe!'
Florence, 7 years old

*'Jimmy's Cambridge are thrilled to be supported by Caritate and Lizzy's wonderful book, inspired by her daughter. We hope *Table Manners* will be enjoyed by countless children, while it at the same time supports those experiencing homelessness in Cambridge!'*
Cat Strawbridge, Jimmy's Cambridge

'This was a great conversation starter with our little eaters. Playful and fun, with a rhythm that appealed to the whole family, this book gave us food for thought with lots of giggles along the way.'
Hannah, Mum of two

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PRE-ORDER HERE:

Profits from *Table Manners* are being donated to Jimmy's, which provides support and housing to people who are sleeping rough in Cambridge.

**News from the
PTA**

Friday Fun Day

This Friday (28 Feb) from 3.15pm on the Infant Playground

Join us on Friday for some fun and games including:

- pancakes and refreshments
- pancake races and games
- a treasure hunt
- fun crafts
- An exciting announcement from the PTA - we can't wait to show you our plans!

See you there!

We hope to have card readers available, but it might be best to bring some change in case they play up again.

World Book Day

Thursday 6 March, during and after school

The PTA are supporting the school's WBD activities, by helping out with:

- **Book Swap** - bring donations of books into school from Monday. Every child will get the chance to choose a book to take home and remaining books will be sold at our...
- **Book Sale** - after school on the KS2 playground, alongside our...
- **Book-themed Bake Sale** - donate a bookish bake for others to enjoy and raise money for the school at the same time. Please bring donated bakes to the school office on the morning of WBD

Can you help out at the Book and Bake Sale? Please sign up here volunteersignup.org/KMBWF

More information can be found at fundmayfield.com/events

Y2 Bake Sale thank you

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who came along and baked, bought and volunteered at our Year 2 Bake Sale just before half term. There was a great atmosphere and the goodies were beautiful! Thank you so much to everyone who supported the event.

Find out how much we raised at fundmayfield.com/news

Donations welcome - bakes, books and bikes!

In addition to the **bakes** and **books** for World Book Day, we'd still love to receive your donations of **bikes and scooters** that are in good working order.

We're planning a bike sale at the end of March, alongside a cycle surgery session.

Please bring any wheel-y great donations to the school office.

Save the date

Next PTA meeting - Tuesday 18 March, 7.30pm in the Community Room

Dates for the Diary	
PTA Friday Funday	Friday 28 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
Teatime Concert	Friday 7 th March
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 18 th March
Parent Teacher Consultations	Week commencing 24 th March