



Parent Newsletter

Summer Term 4 – Wednesday 14th May 2025

The sun is shining, and it has been a busy week for the Y6s completing their SATs assessments. They have enjoyed having breakfast together each morning organised by the kitchen staff - thank you to them, and there has been a range of activities for them to do in the afternoons once the assessments are done. They are off to the park on Friday morning as a treat following all their efforts.

A couple of reminders:

Please ask your children not to cycle/scooter on the school grounds to avoid any collisions. They do know to dismount when they arrive in the morning so they should know not to be on bikes/scooters at the end of the day - thank you.

The gates open in the morning at 8:45 and the children line up and go directly to their classes. Whilst the register is not taken until 8:55 it is a good start to the day for children to come in together and have the time to settle in the classroom and prepare for the day. If you can arrive for 8:45 that would be great!

Enjoy the rest of the week and the sunny weekend that the forecast is promising us.

Sarah Stepney

Lost Property

Each week we have a wonderful parent Amy come and sort through our lost property cupboard and return any named items to the rightful owner. We are extremely grateful for her time to doing this; however, the cupboard is full of unnamed items.

On **Thursday and Friday this week** we shall put the lost property out in the KSI playground at the end of the day for families to claim any property they believe is theirs. There are many coats that have lost their owner, and someone must be missing them.

Any items unclaimed on Friday, will be discarded or donated to charity.

Are You Moving Away?

It is at this time of year that many families move away from Cambridge due to study timetables, university terms and such like. Cambridgeshire Admissions are considering applications for a September start, and it would be especially useful to know if your family will NOT be here in September 2025.

If you are planning on your family leaving Mayfield, please do make sure that you contact the office and let us know. There is a very simple form which must be filled in so that the school records can be kept up to date. If you prefer you can email office@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk for more details.

Jewellery and PE (including swimming)

Swimming lessons should be starting in the next couple of weeks, and we want to remind parents of the school policy of wearing earrings in school. Due to the health and safety risk, it is county policy that all earrings, jewellery and watches

must be removed before PE lessons and before entering the swimming pool. It is also county policy that on PE days children should be coming into school PE ready in their PE kits and their earrings should be removed at home. **If they cannot be removed, they cannot participate in PE or swimming unfortunately.** Your child's class teacher should be sending weekly emails with the PE days on them.

Please note that any earrings worn to school need to be studs. Full details of the uniform policy can be found at https://mayfieldcambridge.org/?page_id=1056

Please see below the up-to-date guidance on the wearing of jewellery for PE from Cambridgeshire County Council. Please do read it carefully. All staff are aware of this guidance and will act on it.

Can pupils participate in PE if they wear Jewellery?

The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the very slim chance that the post of the earring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There are anecdotal cases of children wearing earrings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries consequently.


Where an item of jewellery cannot be removed then it is the adult teaching the group's responsibility to try to establish a safe situation to enable participation by considering how, or if, the context can be made safe by amending the task, conditioning the activity or creating some other management strategy to make participation safe. Where safe participation cannot be assured then the pupil cannot take part in that element of the lesson.

Low risk is where children can work and be secure in their own personal space This could be warming up, skills practices, observing and analysing, officiating, coaching.

Higher risk is where that personal space could be compromised - this could be by other participants or by equipment

This could be games activities where there are elements of 'scrimmage', gymnastics where children are close to each other or where the floor / equipment could come close to the ears, swimming, dodgeball, etc.

Parents should be reminded that the school has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care. It is dictated by national guidance, and they need to comply. There have been awful cases involving jewellery in PE and physical activity and we are protecting against that happening. It is not just making the wearer of the earring safe, so a parental disclaimer is rather inconsequential (it would not stand up in law either). We have anecdotal cases of earrings falling out and children needing tetanus injections because they then get a puncture wound having trodden on them in Gym. Similarly, we have had damaged swimming pool filters and children swallowing plasters when gasping for breath in the pool!


Personal Property	<p>Please do not leave personal property unattended, and unsecured at the front of the school, this includes inside and outside the building. This is a busy area used by patrons of the school, and the community, 7 days a week. The school will not accept responsibility for property that goes missing.</p>
Warm Weather Safety	<p>As the warm weather has arrived please apply sun protection to your children before they come to school - they can apply their own sun cream if they have their own with their name on it in school. We cannot apply it for them. Everyone should now have a named hat in school and named water bottles which can be refilled in the classrooms.</p>
Update from the PTA 	<p>Fun Run <i>Sunday 18 May, from 10.15am. Castle School grounds (off Courtney Way)</i> Join us for a morning of fun, fitness and community at our annual Fun Run! With a toddler dash, 1km and 3km runs, plus the silly parent's race, there's something for everyone. Parents can watch and cheer or run with their kids! We'll be serving hot dogs and refreshments, and there'll be a great atmosphere too.</p> <p>Sign up now on ParentPay, find out more at fundmayfield.com/events and (if you can help on the day) please sign up at volunteersignup.org/K3FXH</p> <p>Mayfield Ceilidh <i>Friday 6 June, 5pm - 7.30pm, Mayfield Large Hall</i> Everyone is welcome to join us at our Mayfield Ceilidh! Bring friends, neighbours, grandparents and join us for a fun evening of dancing! We'll be joined by live Ceilidh band 'Fluidic' who will show us how to do the dances and keep us moving!</p> <p>Remember EARLY BIRD tickets are on sale until this Sunday - use code CEILIDH20 to get 20% off all ticket prices! Find out more and buy your ticket at fundmayfield.com/events</p> <p>Reception bakes ale and Y6 plant sale - Thank you! A huge thank you to everyone who supported last Friday's KS1 playground extravaganza! From the Reception families who baked a stunning array of treats, to the Y6 classrooms who grew fantastic plants for the sale; from everyone who donated second-hand uniform, to all of you who came along and snapped up the goodies - thank you.</p> <p>Events like this make a real difference - not just to the community spirit of our amazing school, but also to the funds we raise for our All Aboard campaign. Find out how much we raised on the day and check our progress here: fundmayfield.com/news</p> <p>THE PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!</p> <p>Summer Fair promo boards <i>Save the date!</i> The Mayfield Summer Fair is on Friday 27 June - more details after half term, but right now we need your help!</p> <p>Local estate agents Martin & Co (proud Mayfield alumni!) are sponsoring the fair and will donate £20 per promotional board displayed in the area. It's a great way to raise funds and spread the word! All you need to do is be the property owner and give us permission to put the board up - Martin & Co will do the rest!</p>


Find out more and sign up here: fundmayfield.com/summerfair/boards


Frozen Fridays are at risk - we need your help!

Our much-loved Frozen Friday lolly sales can't happen this summer unless someone new steps in to run them – our usual superstar can't do it this year. It's a simple, fun role that raises around £100 a time for the school and is always a hit with kids and parents alike!

Here's what's involved:

 Buy and freeze lollies

 Coordinate Y6 helpers (they run the stall!)

 Set up the stall before pick-up on sunny Fridays

You don't need to be in the PTA, and you won't be doing it alone - full training will be given, and PTA members will be around to help out.

It's a small job that makes a big impact. Can you help keep Frozen Fridays going? [Get in touch](#) – we're counting on you!

Dates for the Diary	
PTA Fun Run	Sunday 18 th May
Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May
INSET Day – No school	Monday 2 nd June
Mayfield Ceilidh - PTA	Friday 6 th June
Class Photos	Wednesday 11 th June