



Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 – Thursday 10th September 2026

Welcome to the new academic year, and a special welcome to the families joining our school community for the first time. We are excited about the opportunities, learning experiences, and activities that the year ahead will bring. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new routines, creating a calm, positive, and purposeful atmosphere throughout the school.

Baseline assessments are being completed by the teachers alongside regular learning in the wider curriculum.

In our assembly on the first day back we reminded ourselves of the Mayfield Core Values – empathy and kindness, resilience, independence, aspiration, respect, creativity – and following on from that the children created colourful butterflies to add to the Core Values display in the school entrance. Do have a look when you come in.

Sarah Stepney

Mayfield Music News

KS2 Choir

Everyone is very excited about the return of KS2 Choir on Tuesday 15 September! It will be directed by Alison Daniels, who has run Mayfield Choir in the past, to cover for Anne Taylor.

Cost: £12 for the whole term

When: Tuesday mornings at 8.10am

Where: Large Hall. Enter via the blue gates in the staff car park

Do we just turn up? No, please register using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf-mtsWGCOD2KDq9mXhPyz5RhjBdlK8lHBrVcLY9m4jUZOVw/viewform?usp=dialog>

Orchestra

Meanwhile Orchestra starts this Thursday morning!

If your child would like to learn to play a musical instrument, did you know that Mayfield offers lessons on wind instruments, piano and upper strings?

Get in touch: MusicTeam@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk with any questions.

Here's to another marvellous year of music-making at Mayfield!

Piano Lessons

There are some spaces available for piano lessons. If your child is interested in starting please get in touch with Anne Taylor at annetaylor@music@gmail.com

Free School Meals	As you are aware the eligibility for Free School Meals changed at the beginning of August. To see if you are eligible go to https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals With this change comes a backlog! It is taking time for the decisions to be passed on to the school, and then for us to log it on the system, therefore families who have been told they are eligible, may receive a payment reminder from us. Please bear with us while we get everyone on the system.
Lost Property	Lost property is kept in a cupboard by the front office. It will be sorted through once a week and named items returned to classes. All lost property will be kept for 4 weeks before being disposed of. Please ensure your child's items are named.
Under 5s Roundabout	Under 5s Roundabout will be holding an Autumn Fair on Wednesday 30th September from 3.30pm. Please pop along and support them! They are in the green building at the end of Warwick Road.
After school library sessions	The library will be open again after school on Tuesdays starting from Tuesday 15th September. Everyone is welcome, but children must be accompanied by a grown-up. Where: school library (entrance through the library door in between the Y2 and Y3 classrooms) When: Tuesdays from 3.20pm until 4pm Reminder: children must be accompanied Take out books (up to 4 per Mayfield child), bring in your returns, play our board games or jigsaws, or just come along and enjoy the library! We look forward to seeing you there!
Meet the Teacher Thursday 24th September	All parents are invited to a Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday 24th September. Timings for this event are: • 5:00pm - 5:30pm Rec • 5:30pm – 6:00pm Yrs 1, 4 and 5 • 6:00pm - 6:30pm Large Hall • 6:30pm – 7:00pm Yrs 2, 3 and 6 • Mrs Stepney will be in the Large Hall to give a short talk at 6:00pm, allowing parents time to go to their child's class at the allocated time. Due to dance club taking place in the Small Hall access will only be available through the KSI gates and then the Y1 cloakroom door. You will not be able to walk through the Small Hall or come in/ leave through the front entrance.
Update from the PTA	Welcome back! We're really excited for the start of the school year, and this first term is extra special for the PTA. October will see the end of our All Aboard Campaign, meaning lots of fun to be had in the run up to half term to boost the coffers. PLUS we're currently planning a big finale event where we'll invite the whole school, alumni families and the local community to come together. At this we will celebrate the campaign, what it stands for, and the mark it will make not just on the pupils at the school right now, but on future pupils too. Watch this space for save the date info and more details coming soon.

Need a reminder on what the All Aboard campaign is all about? Visit www.fundmayfield.com/Home

Welcome back bake sale

Friday 11th September, from 3.15pm in the KS1 playground

At the end of last year, our current Year 1 (last year's Reception) families' bake sale had to be postponed because of the heat. So here we are - the lovely Y1 crew are baking for us and we're extending it into a big 'WELCOME BACK' event with drinks served too.

Everyone welcome! Bring your small change, a picnic blanket, and get ready to and catch up with families across the school!

Huge thanks to the Y1 families for their patience and for being ready to bake so early on in the term 😊

Find out more about our events at fundmayfield.com/events

Summer fundraising challenge - what did you get up to?

Deadline for fundraising: Friday 31st October

At the end of last term, we sent children home with information about our summer fundraising challenge. We'd love to hear about what you got up to!

Maybe your child pledged to read every day, or held a toy sale, or was sponsored to learn a new skill? Or maybe you didn't get round to doing anything... YET! Don't worry, there's still time to get involved!

Please get in touch to let us know if you've already completed your challenge and bring in any money you've raised. We'll keep the challenge open for the rest of this half term.

Remember, all fundraisers will receive an exclusive badge to celebrate their efforts!

More info at: <https://www.fundmayfield.com/Home/summer-fundraising-challenge>

Diary dates

Friday 3rd October - Second hand uniform sale and Y6 Bake Sale

Tuesday 22nd October - PTA meeting

Dates for the Diary

Friday 11 th September	PTA Welcome back bake sale
Thursday 24 th September	Meet The Teacher Evening
Monday 28 th September	Flu Immunisations
Friday 3 rd October	PTA Second hand uniform sale and Y6 Bake Sale
Tuesday 22 nd October	PTA Meeting