

# MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the second newsletter of the Autumn term. I do hope you are well.

### Assembly

Thank you to Mr Paul Roebuck for delivering a drumming assembly on Monday. It was wonderful to have a live drumming performance and to see so many of our children perform as part of the assembly. There was great audience participation too!

### Spelling Bee

It has been fantastic to start awarding spelling bees to pupils across the school. Well done to all of those who have already completed the first stage of their new year group's spelling bee.

### OPAL Play

Our recent pupil questionnaire showed how much the children enjoy their playtimes at Mill Rythe Junior School since the introduction of OPAL Play. Last week, myself and Mrs Farrelly visited a Platinum OPAL Play school and the ideas were then share with the OPAL Play Team yesterday. We have lots of exciting plans as we move in to the next stage. Date for your diary: open play event for parents on the afternoon of Monday 13th October. More details to follow.

### OPAL Donation requests

We are looking to increase our dressing up collection. The children have loved this part of OPAL play! We are looking for donations of wigs, hats, bags, fun adult sized clothes (think wacky shirts, sparkly jackets etc..). If you have anything, we would be most grateful to receive your donations. Thank you!

### Clubs

Thank you for signing your child up for an afterschool club. We know how much children enjoy these. Over the next coming months, we will be looking to increase our offer. If you have yet to pay for your child's club, this can be done via the Arbor app.

### Coming up next week...

Meet the teacher Tuesday 23rd at 3:30pm. Please do pop in and meet your

child's class teacher. This is an informal opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and to see where your child is learning. Please come through your child's classroom door or in Year 3, their exit door.

### Talk to us

Just a reminder, if there is an issue you would like to talk to us about regarding your child and another child, please do book an appointment with your child's class teacher. I encourage you to do this rather than approach the parents of the child either in person or online as this can cause unnecessary worry and conflict. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### Y3 Harbour School

Today saw the first of our three Harbour School sessions, and what perfect weather it was. We went for a walk down to the shore line and collected flowers, plants and seeds that we saw along the way. We then used these to create a representation of our journey. We are very much looking forward to next weeks session. The children loved the chance to take part in some outdoor learning.

### Smart phone free childhood

A letter will be sent on Monday with details of an exciting event taking place. Please do look out for it in your inbox.

### School Councillors

I was delighted to share the names of our democratically elected school councillors in assembly this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who applied and well done to our elected councillors for this academic year.

### Attendance by class for this week

3C: 94.8%	3S: 91.4%	
4B: 99.2%	4H: 89.3%	4W: 96.4%
5B: 93%	5F: 98.6%	5M: 97.7%
6C: 98.1%	6G: 92.6%	

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Donna Maxwell

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term

19.09.2025 Y3 Harbour School starts  
23.09.2025 Y4 Maya Day  
23.09.2025 Meet the Teacher  
24.09.2025 Phonics Workshop for parents  
01.10.2025 Maths Workshop for parents  
07.10.2025 Parents Evening  
13.10.2025 Open play event for parents  
14.10.2025 Y4 MTC Information Meeting  
20.10.2025 School Photo Day  
21.10.2025 Parents Evening  
04.11.2025 Y2 Parents Meetings  
06.11.2025 Reading at MRJS and supporting your child at home  
24.11.2025 Y6 Height & Weight Checks  
26.11.2025 Y3 Stone Age Day  
27.11.2025 Flu Vaccinations  
02.12.2025 Y5 Space Wonderdome  
03.12.2025 Y4 Polar Express Day  
04.12.2025 PTA Christmas shop – TBC  
10.12.2025 Love of Kindness at Christmas - TBC  
11.12.2025 Christmas Lunch  
12.12.2025 Christmas Carols  
12.12.2025 All clubs and Morning Mastery sessions end  
15.12.2025 Y6 Calshot Residential  
19.12.2025 Last day of term

AWESOME ATTENDANCE  
Class: 4B

### INSET DAYS

24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

### House Points For the week

Hardy: 1197  
Nelson: 970  
Trafalgar: 1095  
Victory: 1233