

# MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What a cold one this week! It has certainly felt very Autumnal and, the little snowy shower on Wednesday was a welcomed great delight and excitement!

### Year 2 Tour for Children

On Tuesday prospective parents and their children were welcomed to our school for a tour as they prepare to move from their infant school to junior school. This was a very popular event so not only did the school councillors help with the tours but also our Year 6 pupils. A huge well done to all of the children involved for being such amazing ambassadors for our school - you were fab and definitely the highlight! The feedback from families who attended was outstanding.

If you know someone who is looking for a space for Year 3 in September, please let them know we have another parent and child open morning on Wednesday 26th November at 9am. We would love to see them!

### School Councillors

This week I met with school councillors alongside Mrs Brydon. It was fantastic to hear all about their amazing ideas and what they have been discussing in their meetings. They will be sharing more information on their plans very soon.

### Smart phone free childhood

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the smart phone free childhood talk for parents last night at HICCA. Dr Louise Milne from Papaya delivered a very informative presentation on the impact of screens on mental health and wellbeing on society, alongside some practical ways to begin to manage this in an ever-evolving technological age. The

feedback received from parents regarding this presentation was very positive, alongside wishing more parents had heard the messages shared. If you were unable to attend, please do try to reach out to someone who was there. Alternatively, please do have a look at this website: [Papaya Talks](#), or [Smartphone Free Childhood](#).

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

It is imperative to reiterate that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We remain committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all our pupils, and we appreciate your continued support in this vital area. If you are concerned about a child, REPORT IT. You can do this via the [Hampshire Children's Service](#), [Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) or the [NSPCC](#) websites.

### Own clothes day - PTA fundraiser

Thank you for sending your child in their own clothes in support of the PTA fundraiser today. Just a reminder we also have a non-school uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Children are asked to bring in a gift suitable for a man, or a £1 donation, for the PTA for the Christmas shopping event on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### Hot chocolate Mondays

This week was the first of our Hot Chocolate Mondays of the year and as ever, it was a huge success. It's so wonderful seeing the children enjoying a warm drink on a cold lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term

24.11.2025 Y6 Height & Weight Checks

26.11.2025 Y3 Stone Age Day

27.11.2025 Flu Vaccinations

28.11.2025 Non school uniform

02.12.2025 Y5 Wonderdome Planetarium

### N.B. CHANGE OF DATE

15.12.2025 Y4 Polar Express Day

04.12.2025 PTA Christmas shop

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: 6G

## 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:	1347
Nelson:	1506
Trafalgar:	1519
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This week marked the start of our Autumn term class assemblies. These are always such popular events and the children love sharing their learning with you, and we know you enjoy them too. Please find the list of upcoming class assemblies below.

Please note, there has been a change of date for the 3C class assembly. This will now be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

<b>3C</b>	<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>2:45pm</b>
3S	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:45pm
4B	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2:45pm
4H	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:45pm
4W	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:45pm
5B	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2:45pm
5F	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:45pm
5M	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:45pm
6C	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2:45pm

### Girls Football Tournament

Today, our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team took part in an exciting tournament at the John Jenkins Stadium, competing against nine other schools. They began the day in superb form, winning their first match 2–0 with excellent teamwork and confident play. They followed this strong start with a couple of well-fought draws, showing consistency and grit against some very competitive teams.

Throughout the entire event, the girls played with tremendous heart, determination and sportsmanship. Their positive attitude and commitment shone through in every match, and they truly did Mill Rythe Junior School proud.

A huge well done to all the girls – you were fantastic!

### Coats, hats and gloves

Please send your child in with a named, warm coat for play times, and hats and gloves when necessary, especially as we head in to winter.

### Parking in the junior school carpark

And finally, please, please park and move around the junior school carpark considerately and respectfully of pedestrians and other road users. This includes when queuing to collect your child. Please switch your engines off to reduce emissions around the school site and only park in designated bays in and around the surrounding area. Please make use of the Lidl carpark to reduce congestion. Your support and consideration with this matter is required and appreciated.

### Attendance by class for this week

<b>3C:</b> 97.9%	<b>3S:</b> 98%	
<b>4B:</b> 98.4%	<b>4H:</b> 96.8%	<b>4W:</b> 92.7%
<b>5B:</b> 98.3%	<b>5F:</b> 94.1%	<b>5M:</b> 97.7%
<b>6C:</b> 98.1%	<b>6G:</b> 99.3%	

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

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