

# MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the last newsletter of the Autumn term and of 2025. The last term seems to have flown by and it's almost unbelievable that we will be returning to school in 2026!

### Year 6 Calshot

It was wonderful to see the children on Wednesday afternoon. I was so impressed with the way in which they have approached all of the activities on offer. They have displayed real resilience and bravery. In assemblies I talk to the children about pushing themselves out of their comfort zones because this is where the magic happened. The children have done exactly that and hopefully, many magical moments and memories have been created.

Year 6 pupils who stayed at school for this week have had a fun and engaging activity week as well. As you can imagine, there is a lot of planning, organisation and time involved when children go on residential or remain at school. Thank you to all the staff that have enabled this to happen once again this year – without you, this would not have been possible.

### Polar Express Day

On Monday, Year 4 brought our English unit to an end with a trip aboard the Polar Express in our pyjamas! To prepare for the cold journey north, we spent the morning sewing our own mittens, before settling down for the journey after lunch with hot chocolate and biscuits, while watching the film. We even had to have our tickets stamped by our very own conductor!

The children had an amazing day, and this prompted some fantastic writing for our final piece.

### Thank you! Christmas Carol Concert Donations

Thank you for your generation donations for the organisation that the School Council have selected to support this year. I am delighted to share that £59.97

will be making its way to the Hayling Island Fire Station.

### Christmas Film Afternoon

Yesterday afternoon, the children were treated to an afternoon of film and popcorn. We do hope the children enjoyed this special treat and I would like to thank the PTA for their very generous donation of popcorn and juice cartons to make this even more special.

### Computer Suite Upgrade

Today and over the holiday, we will be updating the equipment in our Computing Suite. This means that children will have updated computers to work on. This much needed project has been part funded by the PTA. We do hope that the children will enjoy using the new equipment when they return in the new year.

### Smartphone Free

Just a reminder, we will be smartphone free starting on our return to school in January. Please refer to the letter that has already been sent regarding this.

### Goodbye and Good Luck

Miss Meek is leaving us today. I would like to thank her for her commitment to the children in her class and wish her every success for the future.

### Attendance by class for this week

<b>3C:</b> 95.2%	<b>3S:</b> 96.3%	
<b>4B:</b> 97.2%	<b>4H:</b> 100%	<b>4W:</b> 95.2%
<b>5B:</b> 97.8%	<b>5F:</b> 98.6%	<b>5M:</b> 93.6%
<b>6C:</b> 98.8%	<b>6G:</b> 100%	

Well Done 4H and 6G!

### Merry Christmas

On behalf of the staff and governors of Mill Rythe Junior School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Just a reminder

The first day back after the Christmas break is Monday 5th January 2026. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Mrs D Maxwell

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AWESOME ATTENDANCE  
Class: 4H and 6G

### INSET DAYS

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

### House Points For the week

Hardy: 1272  
Nelson: 1071  
Trafalgar: 986  
Victory: 1066