

# MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this newsletter finds you well. Another great week at Mill Rythe Junior School. Again, it has been great to get in to classes and see how well the children have been learning. I have been so impressed with the children's learning about algebra in mathematics in Year 6 and very impressed with the speeches that have been written in Year 5 regarding plastic pollution. Again, one of the highlights of this week was enjoying a hot chocolate and biscuit with the Star Values winners. Well done!

### Year 5 Final Straw Foundation Visit

On Monday, Year 5 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Final Straw Foundation. We learnt so much more about plastic pollution, including the ongoing problem of Nurdles! Nurdles are tiny bits of plastic that are used to make lots of plastic products such as lego. When they fall off container ships, they end up on our beaches and are very difficult to remove. Next time you're at the beach, take a sieve with you and see how many Nurdles you can collect and throw away. We are looking forward to continuing to do our bit for the planet by recycling plastic and being more eco-friendly.

### Football Tournament at John Jenkins Stadium

The boys' football team proudly represented Mill Rythe Junior School at an exciting tournament held at the John Jenkins Stadium, competing against many strong teams from across the Portsmouth area. From the first whistle to the last, the boys played with fantastic intensity, commitment and quality, showing great teamwork and determination throughout. Although the results didn't quite fall in our favour on the day, their performances were outstanding and they should be incredibly proud of how they represented the school. Taking part in a tournament run by the EFL was a brilliant experience and a great achievement for all involved. Well done boys!

### Calpol

If your child requires Calpol, please may I request that you bring in a new sealed bottle and complete a medication administration form.

### Break time Snack reminder

Just a reminder, your child should only bring in fresh fruit and veg or dried fruit as their snack. Any other items sent in for morning break (e.g. crisps, chocolate, biscuits, snack bars or anything else that is not fresh or dried fruit or veg) will be politely requested to be put back in your child's locker/lunch bag. Please support your child and the school with this.

### Online Gaming Leaflet for Parents

Occasionally I become aware of issues related to online gaming that occur outside of school time. Attached to this newsletter, I have attached a poster related to Roblox that I hope you will find useful.

### Parents' Evening

I am really looking forward to seeing you for the first of our Parents' evenings on Tuesday. Please do take the opportunity to have a look through the lost property that will be displayed on arrival.

### Down Syndrome Awareness Week Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Down Syndrome Awareness Week is coming up in March, and World Down Syndrome Day is the 21st March. To support this week and 'Lots of Socks Day' for World Down Syndrome Day, I would like to invite children to come into school wearing your rightest, boldest, most mismatched socks on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### Attendance by class for this week

3C: 94.8%	3S: 97.5%	
4B: 97.6%	4H: 98.6%	4W: 95.2%
5B: 94.3%	5F: 99.1%	5MW: 90.5%
6C: 95.9%	6G: 89.7%	

Well Done 5F!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you Monday.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs D Maxwell

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Spring Term

27.01.26 Parents Evening  
04.02.26 Inter house sports morning  
05.02.26 Parents Evening  
12.02.26 Maths workshop for parents at 9am and 5pm  
12.02.26 Morning Mastery ends  
13.02.26 Inset day  
16.02.26 Half Term  
23.02.26 Morning Mastery begins  
26.02.26 Y6 Ancient Greek Day  
05.03.26 World Book Day  
12.03.26 Y3 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip  
19.03.26 Y4 Butser Ancient Farm  
20.03.26 Lots of Socks Day for World Down Syndrome Day  
25.03.26 Inter house sports morning  
27.03.26 Morning Mastery ends  
30.03.26 Easter Holidays

## AWESOME ATTENDANCE

Class: 5F

## INSET DAYS

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

## House Points For the week

Hardy: 3287  
Nelson: 2706  
Trafalgar: 3252  
Victory: 3611