

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been an absolutely fabulous start back to the Summer term. The children have settled back in to school life brilliantly and are certainly enjoying the brighter and drier weather.

Seasons of change

Assembly this week focused on the changes that occur in the season of spring and the opportunity to reflect and grow as we pass through the seasons. The link was made to this term being the last in their current year group and how the children can make the most of their time to grow and be ready for the next stage in their education.

In addition to this, I spoke to the children about keeping safe on the school site – particularly when moving around the school site before and after school. It was a great opportunity to remind children of the importance of using the allocated walk ways and crossings.

One of the many highlights of the week is enjoying a hot chocolate with our Star Values Award winners. It is always such a joy to catch up with them and this week was no different. What a wonderful way to spend a break time.

Year 3 Junior School Places

This week, children currently in Year 2 will have received notification of their junior school placement. This is an exciting time for all. Welcome to our new Year 3 parents who will be receiving their first edition of MRJS News. On behalf of our current school community; Welcome to the Mill Rythe Junior School family. If your child has been allocated a space at our school, on Monday you will receive a letter from myself and Lisa Charlton, Chair of Governors, via your child's infant school, welcoming you to our school. If you have yet to receive this, please do contact the school office.

History of Art Day Friday 15th May

On Friday 15th May, we will have our annual History of Art day where each class will focus on an artist, exploring their life and works. In addition to this, children will immerse themselves in creating pieces of art in the style of their chosen artist.

Love of Play Day Wednesday 10th June

I am excited to share with you a LOVE of Play Day on 10th June. During the day, we will be exploring playground games, creating some of our own and exploring the wide-reaching benefits of play. This builds on the development of OPAL Play lunchtimes at school. We are also hoping to invite parents and carers in for a picnic lunch during this week and the week after. Mrs Wintle is currently working on the plans so more details will follow.

INSET Days 2026 2027

I have had a few requests for the dates on INSET days for the next academic year. Once these have been approved by the Governing Body – I will share these with you.

Upcoming PTA Events

There are two events that I would like to draw your attention to – A non-uniform day on Friday 1st May in exchange for a donation towards the Rainbow Raffle Hampers which will be raffled at the Bingo Event being held at The Royal British Legion from 5pm on Friday 15th May. A huge thanks to the PTA for arranging these events and opportunities for children – we are so fortunate to have such an active PTA at Mill Rythe Junior School.

Clubs and Morning Mastery

After school clubs started this week and morning mastery starts next week. If your child has been invited you should have received a letter regarding this today. Apologies for the quick turnaround.

Attendance by class for this week

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| 3C: 95.2% | 3S: 95.5% | |
| 4B: 97.4% | 4H: 95.9% | 4W: 97.6% |
| 5B: 95.2% | 5F: 94.8% | 5MW: 95.9% |
| 6C: 94.1% | 6G: 97.2% | |

Well Done 4W!

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

Mrs D Maxwell

Friday 17th April

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term

21.04.26 Morning Mastery Begins
 01.05.26 Non-Uniform Day
 05.05.26 Y5 Chichester Harbour Trip
 11.05.26 SATs week
 15.05.26 History of Art Day
 20.05.26 Inter House Sports Morning
 25.05.26 Half Term Begins
 01.06.26 Inset Day
 08.06.26 PTA Ice Pole Sales Begin
 10.06.26 Love of Play Day
 17.06.26 Inter House Sports Morning
 19.06.26 PTA Father's Day Sale
 22.06.26 Y3 & Y4 Sports Day
 23.06.26 Y5 & Y6 Sports Day
 23.06.26 New Year 3 Parent Meeting
 25.06.26 Y5 Ancient Egypt Day
 02.07.26 Year 6 Enterprise Day
 06.07.26 Transition Afternoon
 07.07.26 Transition Day
 08.07.26 Y6 Paulton's Park Trip
 14.07.26 Y6 Bikeability
 21.07.26 Y6 Leavers Party
 22.07.26 Y6 Leavers Assembly

AWESOME ATTENDANCE
Class: 4W

INSET DAYS

1st June 2026

House Points For the week

Hardy: 662
 Nelson: 920
 Trafalgar: 851
 Victory: 753