

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to share with you some of the developments and activities that have taken place at Mill Rythe Junior School this week. The children continue to settle in brilliantly and I am so proud of them! Well done.

This week, our assembly focused on the International Day of Democracy, which provided an excellent opportunity to explore democratic principles and their relevance to our school community. We were delighted to connect this important theme to our school council elections, reinforcing the value of pupil voice and participation in decision-making processes. I would like to extend my thanks to all the children who took the time to write speeches for the school council elections. The quality and thoughtfulness demonstrated by our candidates were truly impressive. The results will be shared with pupils on Monday by Mrs Wintle.

The glorious weather we have experienced recently has provided an excellent backdrop for outdoor learning and play. The children have made the most of our field and playground facilities, where imaginative play and physical activity continue to flourish. I would also like to express my thanks to all those who have made donations to our OPAL play initiative. These contributions will enhance the resources available to our pupils. Thank you.

Our mastery sessions have now commenced, and I am pleased to see the positive engagement from pupils who have been invited to participate. These sessions are designed to provide support, and to challenge our pupils to deepen their understanding and consolidate their learning in key areas. If your child has been invited to attend, I would strongly encourage you to support them in making the most of this opportunity.

Our after school clubs started this week and it has been wonderful to see so many pupils taking advantage of the

diverse range of clubs on offer. These activities provide valuable opportunities for pupils to develop new interests, pursue their passions, and build friendships with peers who share similar interests. The breadth of enrichment opportunities available at Mill Rythe Junior School reflects our belief that education encompasses far more than the formal curriculum. A huge thanks to our staff who provide these wonderful opportunities.

I would like to draw your attention to several important notices for parents and carers. We will be holding meet the teacher sessions next week, which will provide an informal opportunity for you to meet your child's current class teacher. These sessions are valuable occasions to settle any concerns and establish a strong working relationship with school staff. We hope to see you there. These sessions will take place after school on Tuesday 22nd September for all classes except 5B, who will have theirs on Wednesday 23rd September afterschool. At the end of the session a bell will sound.

Finally, I would like to highlight the importance of swimming in our curriculum. As a school located on an island, swimming is an essential skill and forms an integral part of our curriculum provision. Swimming is not optional, and I would ask for your full support in ensuring that your child brings all necessary resources and equipment to participate in swimming sessions. This is a vital life skill that all our pupils should develop during their time at Mill Rythe Junior School.

Attendance by class for this week

3C: 94.6%	3H: 97.4%
4B: 95.6%	4W: 94.1%
5B: 96.7%	5F: 96.5%
6C: 98.8%	6G: 97.8%

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Donna Maxwell
Headteacher

Friday 18th September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

25.09.2026 Y3 Harbour School starts
TBC Y4 Maya Day
22.09.2026 Meet the Teacher
23.09.2026 Phonics Workshop for parents
30.09.2026 Maths Workshop for parents
07.10.2026 Parents Evening
12.10.2026 SATs information evening
13.10.2026 Y4 MTC Information Meeting
15.10.2026 Y6 Height & Weight Checks
16.10.2026 Flu Vaccinations
19.10.2026 School Photo Day
22.10.2026 Parents Evening
03.11.2026 Y2 Parents Meetings
05.11.2026 Reading at MRJS and supporting your child at home
01.12.2026 Y3 Stone Age Day
TBC Y5 Space Wonderdome
TBC Y4 Polar Express Day
TBC PTA Christmas shop
09.12.2026 Christmas Lunch
11.12.2026 All clubs and Morning Mastery sessions end
14.12.2026 Y6 Calshot Residential
18.12.2025 Last day of term

AWESOME ATTENDANCE
Class: 6C

INSET DAYS

23rd October 2026
4th January 2027
12th February 2027
7th June 2027

House Points For the week

Hardy: 313
Nelson: 365
Trafalgar: 418
Victory: 418