

# MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

October has arrived swiftly, and we find ourselves well into the autumn term already.

### Thank you

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all those who have contributed to our OPAL play donations. The additional resources have made a real difference to our pupils' playtime experiences, and we are pleased to see them engaging enthusiastically with the expanded provision.

### Year 3 Harbour School

This term has brought with it several notable developments across the school. Year 3 pupils have recently undertaken their second visit to Harbour School in partnership with Chichester Harbour Conservancy. These visits form an important part of our commitment to environmental education and provide our pupils with valuable opportunities to engage directly with the world around them.

### Year 4 Maya Day

On Monday, Year 4 welcomed the Maya high priest Itza to the school. He led us on a journey of exploration through the Maya civilisation. We found out about the importance of sacrifice, of the 200 Gods they worshipped as well as exploring their Maths and writing systems. We became archaeologists and explored a range of artefacts to find out what they could be used for and also had an opportunity to make our very own Maya style zoomorphic pot! We had a fantastic, fun day finding out about this amazing culture and are really excited to discover more through the rest of our unit.

### Apple Tree Planting in our garden and links to our curriculum

Looking ahead, we are embarking on an exciting addition to our school grounds. Next week, we will be planting four apple trees in our garden. This initiative aligns closely with our focus on Design Technology, particularly our emphasis on food technology. In time, the trees will serve as a living resource for our pupils, enabling them to develop practical understanding of food production and cultivation over the coming years.

### Harvest Festival – Tuesday 13th October

I am writing to inform you of an important event taking place on Tuesday 13th October: our Harvest Assembly for pupils. This is a lovely occasion in our school calendar to think of others. I would like to welcome pupils to bring in tinned produce to contribute to our harvest collection. I would ask that all items are in date and contain no nuts, to ensure the safety and suitability of all donations. In keeping with our commitment to supporting our local community, we will also be harvesting vegetables from our school garden to include in our collection. All items gathered will be donated to The Hayling Food Pantry. This represents an excellent opportunity for our pupils to develop an understanding of community, responsibility and the importance of supporting those around us. Please send donations in on the day.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term

07.10.2026 Parents Evening  
12.10.2026 SATs information evening  
13.10.2026 Harvest Festival Assembly  
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 Non uniform day  
22.10.2026 Parents Evening  
03.11.2026 Y2 Parents Meetings  
05.11.2026 Reading at MRJS and supporting your child at home  
06.11.2026 Non uniform day  
09.11.2026 Hot chocolate sales start  
10.11.2026 Year 2 Pupil Tours  
13.11.2026 Non uniform day  
17.11.2026 Year 2 Pupil Tours  
27.11.2026 Y5 Space Explorer Dome  
01.12.2026 Y3 Stone Age Day  
04.12.2026 PTA Christmas shop  
TBC Y4 Polar Express Day  
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: 3H & 4W

### INSET DAYS

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> January 2027**  
**12<sup>th</sup> February 2027**  
**7<sup>th</sup> June 2027**

### House Points For the week

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| Nelson:    | 760 |
| Trafalgar: | 755 |
| Victory:   | 839 |

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We are looking forward to meeting with you on parents evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. If you have yet to book an appointment, please use the link within your Arbor Parent Consultations section. Parents evenings are always very well attended so thank you for your support.

### Admissions for Year 3 2026 2027

Please find attached a flyer regarding our open days for parents and carers and our pupil tours. If you know a family with a child in Year 2, please do let them know we would love to show them around our school.

### Toys and other items from home

Gentle reminder. Please remind children that they must not bring in toys, including fidget toys or any other items from home. Please can you ensure that you check your child's bags and pockets before entering the school site. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Attendance by class for this week

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| <b>3C:</b> 95%   | <b>3H:</b> 99.3% |
| <b>4B:</b> 93.3% | <b>4W:</b> 99.3% |
| <b>5B:</b> 93.3% | <b>5F:</b> 97.9% |
| <b>6C:</b> 97.2% | <b>6G:</b> 99%   |

Well done 3H & 4W!

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Donna Maxwell  
Headteacher

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