



Mundford Mail

The newsletter from **Mundford C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/>



Saxons

Points 255



Vikings

Points 199

Romans

Points 225



Danes

Points 255



This week's winning house team is: Saxons non-uniform Monday 6th Feb

(😊 = previous winners, three in a row = non-uniform)

Star of the Week

Oak: Noelle

Hazel: Jack

Maple: Polly

Cedar: James

Rowan: Vinnie

Elm: Jack

Sycamore: Charlie G

Wow of the Week

Oak: Phoebe B G

Hazel: Lennie

Maple: Elise

Cedar: Thea

Rowan: Tilly

Elm: Nell & Charlotte

Sycamore: Kieron

Attendance

School's Attendance this week: 93%

(National Attendance = 94%)

Year R: 89% Year 1: 90% Year 2: 95% Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 95% Year 5: 94% Year 6: 93%

Attendance below 95% significantly impacts children's progress.

WANTED

Do you have any unwanted house plants or lamps (in working order)? Oak Class would love to give them a happy home if you do. We could also do with some spare socks and tights if you have any you have grown out of. Please see Mrs Keeler or Mrs Tinkley with any donations – thank you.

Numbers Day

Last week we shared the importance of talking positively with your child about Maths (even if you don't always feel it yourself!). For Numbers Day today, your child will bring home a Family Maths Activity that we hope you will find time to have a go at. The activities are focussed on developing a positive mindset so there are no right or wrong answers – just a fun task that will help your child to see the importance of numbers to everyday life.

The activities include a comment box and we welcome any feedback. In particular, Miss Brown (the subject lead) would love to know your views on Maths homework. Would you like more of these style-activities? How did it compare to the usual Maths homework your child has? If you have any comments regarding Maths homework, please email your child's class teacher, who will pass this on to her.

And don't forget: **The TT Rockstars NSPCC Rocks** competition is open until 7:30pm this evening if your child has some time to play and practice their times tables.

Exciting Writing!

So far this year, we have been focussing on improving writing in all classes across the federation. We have introduced a Big Write Book which will go up with the children each year to show their progress with their creative writing. We have also slowed down our teaching of sentence structure to ensure that the children have a solid foundation of sentence skills to build upon through their time at primary school. In addition to this, we have had a crackdown on presentation and correct punctuation use, specifically full stops and capital letters. End of year expectations for writing can be found on the school's website.

In order to measure the success of this focus, the staff have completed a sentence construction assessment where the children were given a percentage for how many of their sentences were correctly constructed. In most classes across the federation we have seen an improvement in their percentages with some children improving up to 80%! We will continue to assess the children's writing in this way to review the impact of our teaching.

How you can help at home

As always, it would be brilliant if we could have your support with improving the children's writing when they are completing work at home, including ensuring that the children use their neatest handwriting (joined from Year 2) and that sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary#>

<https://www.literacyshed.com/>

<https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMhWKrdwzFr994ZhwqG4nIA/videos> (Grammarsaurus YouTube channel with songs)

<https://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/category/writing/> (List of apps recommended by the Literacy Trust)

Parent-Teacher Consultations

We will be holding our parent-teacher consultations after half-term on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd February. Sign-up sheets for you to book appointments will be out on the playground all next week. If you are unable to make it and would like to arrange an alternative time, or if you would prefer a phone call or Zoom, please contact the teachers via the class emails.

School Dinners

The number of children not booked in for their school meals has continued to increase. Please can we remind you that meals should be booked before midnight on a Sunday for the following week. If a meal has not been booked it is very unlikely a meal will be available and we will call you to provide a packed lunch. It would also be helpful if your child is with you to make their choices so they are aware of what has been ordered.

Free Science Event for Families

SIR ISAAC NEWTON
SIXTH FORM
30 BETHEL STREET
NR21 NR

Sir Isaac
Newton
SIXTH FORM

INSPIRED

FREE family STEM event

More Info
Take part in a range of science and maths related activities, experiments and competitions. From bottle rockets to bath bombs, mini volcanoes to heart dissections - there is something for the entire family to enjoy! Join in with our science shows and take home your inventions.

Saturday 4th
February
10am - 3pm
FREE

Clubs

This term we are offering the following after-school clubs

Monday: Cookery for Y5 & Y6 with Miss Smith and Miss Brown

Monday: Choir with Mrs Saunders

Tuesday: KS2 Dance with Mrs Pooley & Miss Coates

Wednesday: Taekwondo with John

Wednesday: KS1 Lego Club with Mrs Jermy

Children in eligible year groups should have received information via Myed on how to sign up.

We are also running lunchtime homework (Mondays) and writing clubs (Tuesdays).

Diary Dates

Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for your understanding!

Monday 6th February: Cedar Showcase 9-10a.m.

Monday 6th February: Rowan Class Junction 2:00-3:00 pm

Monday 6th February: Maple Class Showcase 2:30pm

Tuesday 7th February: Sycamore Class Junction 9.15am

Wednesday 8th February: Elm Class Showcase 2:30pm

Week beginning 6th February: Sign-up sheets for Parent-Teacher Appointments will be put out

Half Term Holiday 13th – 19th February

Tuesday 21st February: Sycamore Class Showcase 2.45pm

22nd & 23rd February: Parent-Teacher Meetings

Friday 31st March: Last day of term

Easter Holidays 1st April – 17th April

Tuesday 18th April: Children return to school

We are Reading

As a school, we want to promote a love of reading in every child. As well as daily reading sessions, each class also listens to a class reader. These books are carefully chosen to inspire children, broaden their reading experience and expose them to language they may not read independently.

Currently we are reading ...

Oak: a selection of traditional nursery rhymes

Hazel: The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson

Maple: The Case of the Disappearing Underpants by Nikki Young

Cedar: The Day I Fell into a fairy tale by Ben Miller

Rowan: TOTO the Ninja Cat by Dermot O'Leary

Elm: Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

Sycamore: The Explorer by Catherine Rundall

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Have they enjoyed it? Can they tell you the story so far? What do they predict will happen next?

Online Resources

Our main online platform is Google Classroom, and class teachers will share your child's log-in next week so they can access their new class. The following resources can also be used to support your child's learning at home.

Bug Club <https://www.activelearnprimaty.co.uk>

Bug Club is our online library of reading books, where you will find books assigned to your child's reading ability.

Spelling Shed <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Here you can play online games to practice spelling, as well as see the assigned weekly spellings for your child's class.

Numbots <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35246> & **TT Rockstars** <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>

Practice number facts and times table in a fun game-based situation.

Purple Mash <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/mundford>

We use Purple Mash for teaching computing, but it also contains games sections for practising English & Maths at home.

If your child needs their log-in details for any of the above, please contact the class teacher.

Maths Frame [Maths Games for KS2: designed by a teacher for teachers - Mathsframe](#)

Username: Churchside

Password: maths123

Letterjoin www.letterjoin.co.uk

Desktop Login username: **Mund** password: **ford**

Tablet Login username: **Mund** passcode: a capital 'L' shape starting at top left

This site allows children to practise their handwriting and spelling.

School Uniform

<https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?sfw=pass1614943921>

www.facebook.com/myclothingltd

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