



Mundford Mail

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

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



Saxons
Points 182

Vikings
Points 199

Romans
Points 220


Danes
Points 230


This week's winning house team is: Romans

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

Star of the Week

Oak: Kody
Hazel: India
Maple: Ellie-Mae
Cedar: Florence
Rowan: Louis
Elm: Kylan
Sycamore: Evann

Wow of the Week

Oak: Jude
Hazel: Tom
Maple: Peyton
Cedar: Eve
Rowan: Daisy
Elm: Molly
Sycamore: Gracie

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: 92 %

Attendance below 95% significantly impacts children's progress.



Hello, I'm Sean West and the Vice Chair of Governors for the Churchside Federation. I joined the Governing Body in November 2020 and have been working with Mrs Godbold, Mike (Chair of Governors) as well as the whole Local Governing Body to make improvements and support both the pupils and staff at Mundford and Gooderstone Primary schools.

My family and I moved to Mundford in 2018, we love walking our dog in the forest and in 2021 our little boy was born, who will attend Mundford Primary one day. I am a secondary school Design Technology teacher and have been for the past ten years, although I currently work within Initial Teacher Training.

I monitor safeguarding, website compliance and DT as a curriculum area for the Federation. I visit the schools whenever I can, to speak with the children, who are always great ambassadors, speaking confidently about their learning.

As a board of governors, we help to set the direction of the Federation as well as ensure we deliver an inclusive and happy environment which provides the best education and experiences to the children. I look forward to meeting you at future school events. My best wishes for a restful half term break!

Sean West

Parent-Teacher Consultations

If you haven't booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher yet, then please email the class email address to arrange a suitable time. We look forward to discussing how your children are getting on with you after half-term.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

Children are invited to attend school dressed as a book character. We would also like them to bring in a favourite book to share on the day.

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.

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 aware of what has been ordered.

Numbers Day Results

Congratulations to Kestrels Class at Gooderstone who were our TT Rockstars champions in the Numbers Day Numbers Rock Competition. Overall our Federation came second out of all the schools in our DNEAT family so well done to all the children who took part.

A big thank you to all of you who had a go at and returned the Family Maths Activities. We really appreciate your feedback. Lots of you enjoyed the activities, so here are a couple more for you to try:

For younger children:

Numbers challenge



Family Maths Toolkit


Do you have a clock in your house?

Can you read all the numbers?
Where else in the house can you find numbers?
Can you find some in every room in the house? What numbers can you find?
Look carefully, some of them might be hidden.
Write down some of the numbers you find and draw what they are on.



For older children:


Expedition



Family Maths Toolkit

Imagine you are on an expedition and you have to abseil down a mountain, but you can only carry 25 kg of equipment. You have to choose what sleeping gear, wash gear, clothes, and food/drink you can pack into a bag which must weigh less than 25 kg.

Take a look around your house and cupboards and decide what you would take to survive. What would your other family members take?



School Council Sandpit



School Council officially opened the sandpit this week after working really hard to raise money to buy toys and more sand for the sandpit. The sandpit is open for all children at playtime and lunchtimes (if they are on the field).

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)

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 & Mrs Jermy

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!

Half Term Holiday 13th – 19th February

Tuesday 21st February: Sycamore Class Showcase 2.45pm

22nd & 23rd February: Parent-Teacher Meetings (**no after-school clubs**)

Thurs 2nd March – World Book Day

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://ww.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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