



Mundford Mail

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

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Saxons

Points 201



Vikings

Points 113



Romans

Points 253



Danes

Points 201



This week's winning house team is: Romans – Non uniform Monday 13th March.

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

Star of the Week

Oak: Finch

Hazel: Morgan

Maple: Peyton

Cedar: Artis

Rowan: Ella

Elm: Molly

Sycamore: Summer

Wow of the Week

Oak: Josie

Hazel: Beatrix

Maple: Emily K

Cedar: Kyra

Rowan: Emmy

Elm: Antoni

Sycamore: Eloise

Last Week's Attendance 27th Feb – 3rd March

School's Attendance this week: 94% National Attendance = 94.5%)

Year R: 94% Year 1: 88% Year 2: 97% Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 98% Year 5: 97% Year 6: 86%

Attendance below 95% significantly impacts children's progress.

Science Week

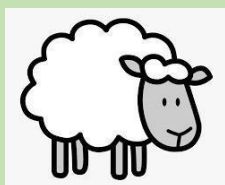
Next week is Science Week and we will be doing lots of fun experiments to enthuse the children about science. On Monday the 13th March, children are invited to dress as mad scientists for the day to kick-start the week. **Uniform please for those not dressing up except for Romans who may come in non-uniform.**

Comic Relief! - Friday 17th March

To celebrate Comic Relief, Red Nose Day the children may attend school in non-uniform if they wish. If you would like to donate towards this fantastic cause, please follow this donation link:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

Learn about Livestock Project



We have some super exciting news, we are getting sheep for a week as part of the 'Learn about Livestock 2023' project. The Ewe and her lambs will take up residence for a week on Monday the 20th March to Friday 24th March 2023. We will be giving out more details in the

coming weeks with some opportunities for you to meet them during that week.

During the week the sheep are here we will be looking at all things sheep and lamb related including lots of crafts. We hope to do some knitting and crocheting over the week so if you have the time and are keen to help children learn a new skill then please get in touch.

SENDCo Information and Support

Mrs Tinkley is the Federation SENDCo looking after and supporting children with differing needs. The four areas of need are:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition & Learning
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health
- Sensory & Physical

If you have any concerns about your child and would like to talk to Mrs Tinkley, please do not hesitate to contact her on katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org or telephone the school.

WANTED!

Oak Class are collecting newspapers and egg boxes please. If you have any spare, please hand to Mrs Keeler – thank you.

Football Kit

We would like to say a special thank you to the parents (who wish to remain anonymous) who have generously bought football kit for the children....



We had a successful football morning on Wednesday to coincide with International Women's Day and #LetGirlsPlay



Changes to the School Day

In order to meet the Dfe requirements we will be making the following changes to the school day:

- **8.40am-8.50am: Soft opening**, children can arrive from 8.40am.
- **8.50am- Registration** (any children arriving after this time are to report to the school office and will be marked as late).
- **3.20pm- End of school day**

These new times will start in the Summer term, **Tuesday 18th April 2023.**

Mundford Parish Council

On May 4th, the Parish Council Elections will take place. They are looking for residents of Mundford who would like to make a positive difference in our village. Are you interested in providing a voice for the residents? Giving something back to your community? Or being involved in decision making and assisting in community projects? A Parish Councillor would need to attend the meeting once a month and look at a few emails each week, responding to some. If this is something that interests you, nomination papers are available from Breckland District Council or the Parish Clerk, (please email or phone in advance) 01842 879152 or info@mundfordparishcouncil.co.uk the completed form will need to be delivered by hand to the Breckland District Council Office in Dereham between March 24th and April 4th.

Clubs

This term we are offering the following after-school clubs

Monday: Choir with Mrs Saunders & Mrs Jermy

Tuesday: KS2 Dance with Mrs Pooley

Wednesday: Taekwondo with John

Wednesday: KS2 girls Football with Ms Beaumont & Mrs Stoker

Wednesday: Hazel 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).

Y6 Leavers

As you may already be aware, Y6 parents are arranging an end of year Prom and treats for our year 6 children before they embark on their High School Journeys.

The children seem very keen to celebrate the end of year 6 especially as they are off to various High Schools so won't all be together each day.

With the above in mind they are asking for some help, they are in the process of organising a raffle to raise funds and would be extremely grateful for any donations, and apologies for being a bit cheeky but if any Companies/Businesses etc. are able to make any donations towards our fund we would be over the moon.

They would, of course, publicly thank all companies for any donations (a free bit of advertising for helping us).

A huge **Thank You** for taking the time to read our plea and in advance for any raffle prizes or donations you may be able to give.

Please feel free to contact any Year 6 parent if you are able to help or would like any further information.

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!

Mon 13th - Fri 17th March - **Science Week**

Wed 15th March – **Sycamore** trip to Gressenhall

Fri 17th March - **Oak** trip to Church Farm, Stow Bardolph

Fri 17th March – Comic Relief – Non uniform

Fri 17th March – Rowan Mundford Junction

Mon 20th March, 10:00-11:00 - **Maple** Mundford Junction

Wed 22nd March, 14:00-15:00 - **Hazel** Mundford Junction

Thurs 23rd March, 09:00-10:00 - **Oak** Mundford Junction

Mon 27th March, 09:00-10:00 - **Cedar** Mundford Junction

Mon 27th March, 14:30 - **Maple** Showcase

Tues 28th March, 14:30 – **Elm** Showcase

Thurs 30th March, 14:30 – **Cedar** Show Case

Friday 31st March: Last day of term

Easter Holidays 1st April – 17th April

Tuesday 18th April: Children return to school

Social Media Awareness.

Over the past year there has been a rise in the number of primary aged children with mobile phones. This has led to children accessing many apps which are not designed for their age range. New Apps pop up every day and it can be hard to keep on top of what the latest trend is. Due to this we wanted to make you aware of some of the latest apps out there that are likely to put children at risk.

This week we will look at Wink App

Wink is a messaging app which allows children to connect and communicate with other users. In a similar style to the popular online dating platform Tinder, Wink uses the 'swipe' method for browsing profiles and accepting or declining them. Once two users have accepted each other by swiping on each other's profile, they can then communicate and play games online together. The fact that Wink allows children to share photos, personal information and their location with other users has caused significant concern.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WINK

AGE RATING 13+

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POTENTIAL FOR GROOMING

Wink accounts can't be made private – so when a young person uploads images and shares their social media usernames, it's easier for potential groomers to stalk and locate them online. The fact that children prioritise having an abundance of friends is also a concern; they're more likely to accept someone just to build their friend count – possibly including users with sinister intentions.

ACCIDENTAL OVER-SHARING

Many young people don't consider privacy when they choose to share their social media usernames on their Wink profile. This allows other people to connect with them on multiple platforms, strengthening their online presence and reputation. Some children post photos which reveal aspects of their personal life to other users – showing their house, school, friends and family, for instance.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many popular messaging apps contain profiles featuring profanity, nude or semi-nude photos and users openly looking for a "wifey" or "hook ups". Users can send messages anonymously, which engenders a sense of power and freedom. Children often engage in inappropriate behaviour more willingly when it's anonymous, even if it's not the sort of thing they would take part in normally.

CYBERBULLYING

Being anonymous online provides some users with an incentive to bully others through toxic private conversations. Anonymous bullies can send hurtful messages or pressure young people into sending inappropriate content. Being a victim of cyberbullying can result in children becoming depressed and showing low self-esteem. If your child is exhibiting these signs, it's time to step in.

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Wink encourages repeated engagement through signing in daily, making connections, building up a message 'streak' and publicly sharing stories. The reward is 'gems', which allow users to connect with more people, play games and edit their profile background. This can lead to children spending an excessive amount of screen time on the app, which of course can be detrimental to their health.

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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