







# Mundford Mail


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

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<p><b>Saxons</b> Points 207 </p>	<p><b>Vikings</b> Points 239 </p>
<p><b>Romans</b> Points 231 </p>	<p><b>Danes</b> Points 216 </p>

***This week's winning house team is: Vikings***

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

**Star of the Week**

- Oak:** Melanie
- Hazel:** Sienna
- Maple:** Arlia
- Cedar:** Daisy
- Rowan:** Olivia
- Elm:** Trinity
- Sycamore:** Kieron

**Wow of the Week**

- Oak:** Maria
- Hazel:** Jacob
- Maple:** Charlie
- Cedar:** Stephanie
- Rowan:** Maddison
- Elm:** Ruby
- Sycamore:** Izzy

**Attendance**

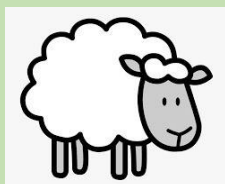
**School's Attendance this week: 93% (National Attendance = 93%)**

Year R: 89% Year 1: 90% Year 2: 96 % Year 3: 95 %

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

*Attendance below 95% significantly impacts children's progress.*

### 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.

### World Book Day

The children looked fantastic in all their wonderful costumes to celebrate World Book Day yesterday and enjoyed sharing their favourite books with each other. Don't forget to take your child to a bookseller so they can spend their World Book Day Token and get their free book!

### Women's Football Day

We will be celebrating International Women's Football day on Wednesday 8th March. Please can all children from Reception to Y6 wear PE Kit on the day as we will be celebrating by having a whole school skills activity in the morning.  
*#letgirlsplay* (but we will let the boys play too!)

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

### KS2 Tuesday Lunchtime Writer's Club

Children attending Miss Brown's writing club are allowed to bring their own notebook from home for writing if they wish. Don't worry if they haven't got one as we will provide books from school if needed. However, if they have a pretty or special book they want to use, please bring it in.

### WANTED!

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

## 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.



## 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 Omegle.

Omegle is a website/app which is specifically designed to allow users to talk to strangers. It works by randomly matching users to talk one-to-one using either text or video. It is free and anonymous to use, with no account registration or age verification. Many concerns have been raised about the safety and use of Omegle by children and young people.

Most recently, Omegle has been talked about and highlighted through the video sharing app, TikTok. Some influencers or TikTok users with large followings have used Omegle to interact more directly with their fans. They tell their followers that they will be present on Omegle at a certain time and may even encourage their fans to use the service at the same time, giving them a chance of randomly being paired for a chat.

The Omegle app poses many risks, most notably about the dangers around talking to strangers and the prevalence of adult content, particularly pornographic material. For some children and young people, the risk of not knowing what content you will see is unfortunately part of the attraction of going on sites such as Omegle.

Omegle is specifically designed to encourage users to talk to strangers, by either using theApp/website's chat function or video calling within Omegle. Whilst chat is initially anonymous, many users choose to share personal information including names, ages, locations, email addresses, phone numbers or social media handles.

Omegle does not allow users to report, flag or block chats that may be distressing, inappropriate or illegal. The website states: "Use Omegle at your own peril. Disconnect if anyone makes you feel uncomfortable." Users can also choose to join an unmoderated section of the website. Some details of the moderation and monitoring of chat is available in [Omegle's privacy policy](#).

Omegle is only intended for use by young people aged 13 years or older, but does not ask users to verify their age. Additionally, Omegle states that for young people under the age of 18, it should only be used "with a parent/guardian's permission". However, users are not asked to give their age before they start using the service.

#### **Our advice:**

The best way to support your child with life online is maintaining an open and honest dialogue about their online interests, including favourite apps and games. By showing you're interested, children are also more likely to feel comfortable coming to you if there's an issue. Whilst the risks and harms present on Omegle are not unique to this site and exist elsewhere on other platforms, the lack of safety settings on Omegle can make it more difficult to manage. Without adequate safety tools, we do not advise that this service is suitable for children of any age. You may decide to use parental controls that limit access to the website, especially for younger children.

## 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!*

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March, 09:00-10:00 - **Elm** Mundford Junction  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March - Let Girls Play Football (*R-Y6 to wear PE Kit*)  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March – **Sycamore** trip to Gressenhall  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March - **Oak** trip to Church Farm, Stow Bardolph  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief – Non uniform  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00-11:00 - **Maple** Mundford Junction  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 14:00-15:00 - **Hazel** Mundford Junction  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 09:00-10:00 - **Oak** Mundford Junction  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March, 09:00-10:00 - **Cedar** Mundford Junction  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March, 14:30 - **Maple** Showcase  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March, 14:30 – **Elm** Showcase  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March, 14:30 – **Cedar** Show Case  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Last day of term  
***Easter Holidays 1<sup>st</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April***  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/myclothingltd)

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