



# Maids Moreton C of E School

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## Newsletter No 2. 18th September 2025

Dear Parents

The first few weeks of the new academic year seem to be flying by and the children and staff have quickly settled into the routines of their new classes. There are a number of events leading up to half term, which I would like to take this opportunity to share with you.

### Harvest Festival

As you will know from the "Diary Dates", our Harvest Festival will be held at St Edmund's Church at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 6th October. Due to the limited space in church we are restricting attendance to 2 adults per family. It is preferable that alternative arrangements are made for younger siblings who tend to find it difficult to sit quietly for the length of the service, but if you have no alternative, we request that younger children sit on parents' laps. NB the church have requested that all prams and buggies are left in the entrance and not brought into church due to limited space an access. We hope you can join us for this service. As in previous years, we are joining with the church in making our donations. The church will then arrange the distribution of our gifts to The Buckingham Food Bank. Therefore, children are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable produce that have a relatively long shelf life e.g. dried produce such as rice, pasta, tea bags, coffee, sugar, cereals, any tinned items etc. We ask that the food is in bags or boxes, which the children can carry independently to the church to be displayed. Children will be able to go home directly from the church with you at the end of the service. If you are unable to attend this service, your child will be brought back to school and can be collected in the usual way at the normal time. Children attending wrap around care will also return to school after the service.

### Year 6 cake sale

Just a reminder, the Year 6 cake sale will take place after school on Friday 17th October on the school playground. Please bring some loose change if you wish to make a purchase.





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## Scarecrow Weekend

Saturday 4th October is the date for the village scarecrow weekend [1pm-5pm] where various ingenious creations will be displayed around the village as well as our school design which will be placed just inside the school gates. The theme this year is scarecrows around the world. This is a most enjoyable event and well worth a visit. The event takes place on the Saturday afternoon, embarking from St Edmund's church.

## Maids Moreton Hall Visits

Our Year 4 children will be visiting Maids Moreton Hall on 30th September to make bird boxes with the residents. Our Year 5 class will be doing Autumn crafts on 21st October and our magpies class will be attending a Rattle and Hum music session on 22nd October. More events are planned for the year ahead and all children will get to take part.

## Robins' Class Phonics Meeting

On Thursday 25th September Mrs Bristow will be holding a phonics meeting to explain how we teach phonics to our new Reception parents. This will take place at 2.50pm in the Reception classroom.

## School website and Facebook Page

For those parents new to the school, and as a reminder to all other parents, I keep the website updated on a very regular basis with photos of events happening in school. Most of these are located within the purple "News and Events-Gallery of Events" section or the red "Curriculum - Visits and Visitors" page. I also regularly update the school Facebook page with what we have been doing. Take a look!

## Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is due to take place before half term. You will receive a separate letter about this event with further details.



## Latest News

### Applying for a primary school or secondary school place for September 2026.

Parents of children due to start primary school in September 2026 should apply directly through Buckinghamshire Council school admissions. Applications can be made directly online from 5th November 2025. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026. Please follow the link below to apply for a primary school place:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Parents of children due to start secondary school in September 2026, must also apply directly through the Buckinghamshire Council admissions. Applications can be made directly online from now until October 31st. I cannot stress enough how important it is to meet this deadline! Parents can opt to wait for the results of the secondary school transfer test on Friday 11th October before making their application. Your child's test results will be emailed to you at 4pm on the Friday. Please ensure you have registered to get your child's results.

Please follow the link below to apply for a secondary school place:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

### Walk to School Week – 6th-10th October

As a continuing commitment to a healthy lifestyle and reducing car use, pollution and traffic congestion outside school, we will be holding our biannual "Walk to School Week" commencing Monday 6th October. We would ask that all parents and children either walk, cycle or use the 'park and walk' facility, parking at the park or the church, on each day that week.

We will be holding a house competition to see which house has the highest number of children who travel to school sustainably [by walking, using the park and walk facilities or cycling]. Each class will collect data over the week and the house captains will collate this on Friday. The winning house will be announced in the Friday assembly, with the walking trophy awarded to the winning house. All members of that house will be invited to wear a small accessory of their house colour on the following Monday, e.g. socks, hair accessory, hat.

### New Parents Afternoon Tea

Just a reminder, that this informal event will take place on Friday 26th September from 2.30pm-3pm in the school hall. We do hope you can join us for a cuppa and a chat.

### Upcoming Visits

On Tuesday 23rd September the Magpies class will be visiting the MK discovery Centre to learn all about The Romans. The Kestrels class will be visiting the same venue on Thursday 25th September as part of their study in the Stone Age. On 30th September, the children in Sparrows class will be visiting Pregos in Buckingham to make pizzas as part of their DT topic this term. Parents of children in these classes have received a letter about these visits.

Best wishes

Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher, 18th September 2025