



Maids Moreton C of E School

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Newsletter No 7. February 23rd 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break despite the weather! We now look forward to the second half of the Spring term in the lead up to Easter. We also welcome 5 new children and their families to the school. Raj and Yaashi in Year 5, and Robert, Iona and Ram in Year 2. We are now full in all year groups, except Year 5.

Winning House Spring 1

Thistle House won the most house points in Spring 1. Well done to Thistle. Children in Thistle are invited to dress in something blue on the first Friday back at school.

Guides for parents.

I have updated the guides for parents content on the school website. These can be found in the "Curriculum" Tab, under "Guides for Parents."

The guides include the following:

Year 1 Phonics Screening

KS1 National Curriculum Assessments for Year 2 pupils. [KS1 SATS]

Y4 multiplication check.

KS2 SATS [Year 6 pupils]

There is also an overall Assessment Guide for parents which outlines all the assessments children take part in during their primary school life, starting in EYFS.

Parent Governor.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If this role is something you may be interested in, please email the school office for more information.



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Events this half term.

Tuesday 24th February –Y5/6 handball festival at BPS after school.

Tuesday 24th –Kestrels' art visit to the Oxford Museums

Monday 2nd March-Secondary School allocation day for Year 6 pupils.

Thursday 5th March-World Book Day [see details below].

Thursday 5th March –Robins class visit to Maids Moreton Hall for story telling.

Wb 9th March-PTA Mothers' Day gift event [more information to follow]

Tuesday 10th March-Y1/2 target ball festival at BPS after school.

Wednesday 11th -Friday 12th March—choir performances-see below.

Friday 13th-Year 2 cake sale after school

Saturday 14th March-Wing Cross country championships. [details previously circulated to the parents in question]

Tuesday 17th March-Year 3 and Year 6 to receive an in-school workshop from Gawcott solar farm.

Thursday 19th March-Class photos

Thursday 19th March-Year 6 netball tournament at The Latin after school [details previously circulated to the parents in question]

Thursday 19th March– Second hand uniform sale after school.

Friday 20th March-PTA Experience Day Number 2: details to follow. Comic Relief Day. [further information to follow].

Saturday 21st March-Joint church and school Easter bunny event at the church. [More details to follow].

Tuesday 24th March—Y3/4 basketball festival [form to follow nearer the time]

Tuesday 24th March Year 2 children to visit Maids Moreton Hall for Easter crafts.

Thursday 26th March –Easter Service-see details below.

Friday 27th March –PTA mufti day-details to follow.

Parentmail Forms

Please can all parents ensure that you are up to date with last half term's parentmail form submissions, including swimming information required for children in Magpies as well as lunch forms and payments for lunches. Many thanks.

Choir Performances

This half term the choir will sing at school on Wednesday 11th March [2.45pm] to parents, at Maids Moreton Hall on Thursday 12th March as well as at the village soup kitchen on Friday 13th March. This will be another great opportunity for them to perform their latest songs.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March** we will be taking part in activities linked to World Book Day. You have received a separate letter from Mrs Bristow about this event.

We would like the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Please make sure your costume is inspired by a book rather than a film. We also request no football kits or superheroes outfits please. Every child will also receive a £1 book token.



Class photos

Whole class photographs will take place on **Thursday 19th March from 9am**. Please ensure your child is wearing their **correct winter uniform** for this occasion and not PE kit. [White shirt, tie, school jumper/cardigan]. The children in Year 6 will have a class photo [with the Year 5s] as well as a photo on their own as leavers.



Easter

We will be holding our annual Easter competition at the end of the Spring term. This year, we would like the children to decorate an egg on the theme **sports stars**. In order to give as much notice as possible for the designs to be made, I would ask that entries arrive in school on **Monday 23rd March** in order for judging to take place. Please ensure that all designs are clearly named along with the year group and that the finished entry is as much as possible work by your own child, with minimal help from yourselves! The entries will be judged in year groups, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and will be awarded at the Easter Service to be held in school on **Thursday 26th March** at 2.00 p.m. Please keep this date free in your diaries.

Buckingham Swimathon

On Saturday 28th March, Mrs Wood will be taking part in the Buckingham Swimathon 2026 to raise money for Hypo Hounds, a charity close to our hearts. She will be swimming with her mum and son, Ben, in Year 6. Ben is also aiming to complete his Personal Challenge badge for Scouts and will be pushing himself to achieve great lengths! You can read her story make a donation on the JustGiving link here.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/lucy-wood-26?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes, Keira Ainsworth, Head Teacher.