



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first TMA newsletter of this academic year! This is an opportunity for us to share the latest news from school and give you an insight into what has been happening across this first half term. Although we are only halfway through the Autumn Term, life in school has been action-packed, as you will see from this bumper edition of our newsletter!

I would like to start by thanking everyone who came along to support our PATH Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27th September. Together, we raised £105.60 for this wonderful cause.

Thank you also for your generous donations to the Milton Keynes Food Bank over the past few weeks as part of our Harvest Project. A group of children from our PATH community, including some of our Year 6 Leaders, had the opportunity to deliver these to the local food bank, which was a wonderful experience for them.

Please don't forget our PATH Fireworks Spectacular on Wednesday 5th November. Gates will open at 5.00pm, with the display set to begin at 6.00pm. There will be food, drinks, and stalls for you and the children to enjoy. Please make sure you have purchased your tickets through the MCAS app for entry on the evening.

If you aren't already following our TMA Facebook page, we encourage you to do so. Along with our MCAS communications (our main communication channel), it's a great way to stay connected with what's happening in school. Don't forget to also see our TMA Youtube channel with our brand new film celebrating our first half-term in this academic year.

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Friday 24th October, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd November.

I hope you have a lovely half-term break.

With very best wishes,

Lucy Eldridge



Inspiring Futures
through Learning





Year 3

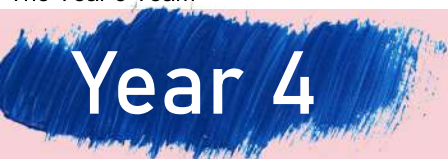


Our Year 3 students have made a fantastic start to their new school journey here at Two Mile Ash, settling in with enthusiasm and curiosity. They've been busy making new friends, earning MK Mooe's (our class points) through positive behaviour and teamwork. Year 3 have and connected with their Year 6 buddy classes, building supportive relationships across year groups. In science, they've been exploring the fascinating world of rocks, learning to identify different types and understand their properties through hands-on investigations.

Throughout our other subjects, we have allowed for a flourish of creativity and self-expression. We have discovered the wealth of history that Milton Keynes has to offer. During DT lessons, students designed and built their own kites, applying practical skills and imagination. In English, they learned about the inspiring life of David Attenborough and used this as an example to write autobiographies, reflecting on their own experiences and aspirations. The term also saw the exciting selection of pupil leadership representatives, giving students a voice in school life and encouraging responsibility and confidence. It's been a vibrant and engaging start to the year!

We look forward to an amazing term next year continuing our learning about Milton Keynes!

Best wishes,
The Year 3 Team



Year 4

This term, Year 4 have ventured deep into the vibrant world of the Rainforest, exploring its layers, incredible biodiversity, and the importance of conservation. Pupils have been captivated by the colours, creatures, and cultures connected to these lush ecosystems. Inspired by our rainforest studies, we also discovered the fascinating work of Christopher Marley, an artist who transforms natural specimens into stunning symmetrical art. His creations sparked our own artistic journeys, as we experimented with pattern, symmetry, and colour to celebrate the beauty of nature. It's been a term full of curiosity, creativity, and connection to the world around us!





Diary Dates



Mon 3rd November
Term Starts

Weds 5th November
PATH Fireworks 2025 @ TMA

Fri 7th November
Cross Country at MK Bowl
Mufti Day for the Christmas Fayre

Tues 11th November - Thurs 13th November
Parents Evening

Fri 14th November
Children in Need

Tues 18th November
MK Theatre Trip 1 - Mary Poppins

Weds 19th November
MK Theatre Trip 2 - Mary Poppins

Weds 26th November
Christmas Fayre

Weds 3rd December
Harmonize Christmas Concert @
Shenley Brook End School

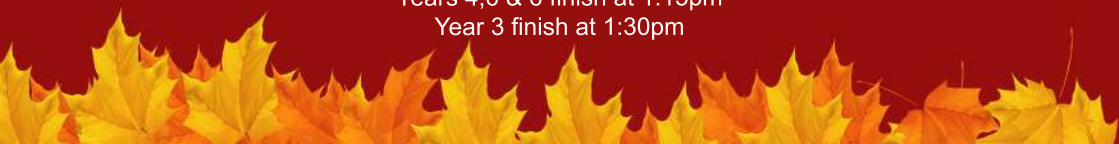
Tues 9th December
Christingle Assemblies

Monday 15th December
Year 3 Performance

Tues 16th December
Year 4 Performance

Weds 17th December
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 19th December
End Of Term
Years 4,6 & 6 finish at 1:15pm
Year 3 finish at 1:30pm



Diwali Celebrations



This week, our school was filled with colour, joy, and learning as we celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Pupils and staff joined in the festivities by wearing traditional dress or bright colours, creating a vibrant atmosphere throughout the day. Children explored the meaning and traditions of Diwali through stories, discussions, and creative activities. From making rangoli patterns and diya lamps to learning about the triumph of light over darkness, every class took part in a range of Diwali-inspired experiences. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity and deepen our understanding of this important festival. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special!



Film Club Reviews

I liked Elio because it was cool. My favourite was Everything!
5 out of 5 stars - Lucas

I watched Elio it was funny but heart-warming. I liked the bit where he sacrifices the life with Gordon for earth.
4 ½ out of 5 stars – Ainara

I like Elio. It was funny because Elio had to go in to his friend's tummy!
4 out of 5 stars – Eden

I enjoyed Elio because it had aliens and a happy ending.
4 out of 5 stars – Charlotte



I watched Elio and I liked it because it was cool and really funny.
4 out of 5 stars – Hamsini

Elio was bad, weird, boring and kind of sad.
0 starts out of 5 - Harleen

THIS TERM AT TMA!



<https://youtu.be/dL6jSwEGAx8>

Click the link to see our brand new film!

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to all our children that received a Headteacher's Award. Well done on your achievements!



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PE



TWO MILE ASH
PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Cross Country

Two Mile Ash School Cross Country Festival

Following a day of House Runs on Friday 19th September, Two Mile Ash hosted their annual MK Schools Cross Country Festival. Over 250 children from 10 schools took part in a wonderful event. 55 TMA pupils from Years 3-6 ran in races, with the following winning top 3 medals (Esther, Drew, Thomas, Enid and Mylo - excellent effort!)

Well done to all the children that demonstrated great determination and self-belief. Thank you to all the staff, parents and ex-TMA pupils for your incredible support.



House Cross Country

An amazing day of running on Friday 19th September saw all pupils compete in year group House Runs! Congratulations to overall champions for a THIRD year running - Rutherford (Red) House!

Here is a breakdown of all results:

Year 3 - 1st - Rutherford; 2nd - Emburey; 3rd - Townsend
Year 4 - 1st - Hawthorne; 2nd - Emburey; 3rd - Townsend
Year 5 - 1st - Rutherford; 2nd - Townsend; 3rd - Hawthorne
Year 6 - 1st - Emburey; 2nd - Brittain; 3rd - Rutherford

Well done to all pupils for their great effort!



Netball

MK Schools Netball League

This term our Year 6 Girls Netball Team have enjoyed competing in the MKSSP Netball League at Watling Academy. The team have had a great time, improving their game play and teamwork not only in the league but in Monday sessions at lunchtime with coach Kym!

An amazing team effort in weeks 1 & 2 with 4 wins, 4 draws and 1 loss, resulted in TMA qualifying for the CUP Finals as runners up in their initial league! Well done to all of you for your hard work and commitment – good luck in the final two weeks!



House Netball

Across two lunchtimes in September, over 70 pupils represented their house in Year 5 & 6 Netball Competitions. Having faced all the other houses in thrilling matches, the results were as follows:

Year 5

- 1st – Emburey
- 2nd – Townsend
- 3rd – Rutherford

Year 6

- 1st – Townsend
- 2nd – Brittain
- 3rd – Rutherford



Netball Festivals

We have had great fun this term at a series of MK Schools Netball Festivals and friendlies held at Denbigh School, Glebe Farm School and Bushfield School! Well done to all the girls that took part- you all showed great progress in your skills and ability to work with one another!



Well done to all children involved in fun, energetic games of Netball!

Year 6 Sports Leadership Workshop

On Friday 3rd October, our group of 14 Year 6 Sport Leader group visited Radcliffe School to develop their leadership skills in a series of challenges throughout the morning. Their communication and organisation skills were put the test as they impressed the adults leading the session. We look forward to seeing you put your skills to great use soon during activities within school!



Campbell Park Visit

Well done to our group of Year 5 children that part in a Parks Trust team building and problem-solving event at Campbell Park on Wednesday 1st October. From creating water filters to completing the 'cross the river' challenge, children enjoyed developing their communication skills! Well done to all for your hard work.



PATH FIREWORKS SHOW

WEDS 5th NOV

At Two Mile Ash School

Slope gate opens - 5pm

Show starts - 6pm

£3.50 Per Ticket

£3.00 Per Child

Under 2's Free

Students / Families can pay via the MCAS APP

Community members please pay on the gate

Refreshments & glow sticks on sale!



PE

Football

Our Year 5/6 Boys Football team have enjoyed the start of their Milton Keynes Primary Schools League at Fairfield's Sports Hub. Across the first 3 weeks they have played 9 matches, winning 4! Week 4 will decide whether they play in the Cup, Plate or Shield Finals Night on Week 5 - Good luck in your remaining games boys – keep up the hard work!



Two Mile Ash School Football Festival

A great evening of football on Friday 3rd October as Two Mile Ash School hosted a Milton Keynes Schools Football Festival. 17 Boys and Girls teams from TMA, Brooklands Farm, Bushfield, Glebe Farm, Middleton, Portfields, Whitehouse, Fairfield's, SMSG and Heronsgate played in friendly matches. Lots of goals and great determination on show from all (in very wet conditions!). Thank you to our ex-pupils that came to support with refereeing and coaching. We host another 11 schools for a second festival on Friday 17th October! Good luck to all involved



Brazilian Soccer Football Festival

Friday 26th September saw the opportunity for 10 Milton Keynes Schools, including TMA to take part in a Year 3/4 Brazilian Soccer Festival held at Two Mile Ash School. The amazing festival hosted by our friends at Brazilian Soccer saw each school play at least 5 games of football and all children walking away with a medal and certificate. Thanks Brazilian Soccer and well played to all 80 children involved!



Modeshift Stars OUTSTANDING



We are extremely pleased to announce that we achieved OUTSTANDING Modeshift STARS accreditation in September! This achievement recognises the efforts over the past three years to promote active travel habits which our pupils and families have been engaging with.

Thank you all so much for your support with initiatives such as the WOW Travel Tracker, Friday Bike Bus, Walk and Cycle to School Weeks as well as the amazing number of children taking part in Bikeability and Learn to Ride courses!

We still have more work to do to improve the habits some have when it comes to drop-off and pick-up from school in the morning. Not driving your car to school has so many benefits for both you and your child/children.

House Football

In September, we hosted lunchtime House Football Competitions open to all Year 5 & 6 pupils! A series of great, fun and fair games, saw the following outcomes:

Year 5

- 1st - Hawthorne
- 2nd - Rutherford
- 3rd - Brittain & Townsend

Year 6

- 1st - Emburey
- 2nd – Brittain
- 3rd – Townsend

Cycling

Tour of Britain

On just the second day back from the summer holidays, a group of 19 lucky Year 6's cycled to the centre of Milton Keynes to watch the start of the Men's Tour of Britain Cycling Race. An incredible experience with an amazing atmosphere (thanks to the children ringing their cowbells!). Pupils also got to watch talented BMX stunts, decorate their bikes and even go on stage to be interviewed in front of the crowd of spectators. Thank you to MK Council and Bikeability for inviting us and supporting us on the day!



Cycling in PE, Bike Bus and Bikeability

This term saw all pupils take part in cycling as part of their PE lessons! For the first time ever, children took part in various challenges testing their balance, manoeuvring, signalling and observations. Thanks to amazing support from Bikeability instructors in lessons, many of our children that couldn't ride a bike made great progress to riding by the end of the four weeks – great job everyone! We also appreciate the Dr. Bike opportunity in September, with many of our parents and children receiving free bike checks and repairs – they made sure our bikes were safe and ready for PE lessons too!



The lessons have helped us to identify who needs further support with their riding – it is our vision to have all children that leave TMA able to ride a bike. As well as this, we know which children are ready for their Bikeability Level 2 courses. 60 Year 5 pupils completed these fun sessions, earning their certificates and badges in October! More courses are planned across the year to get our number of Year 6 leavers Bikeability cycling proficient above the 86% achieved last year!

Dodgeball

On Friday 5th September, we had our first fixture of the school year! A Year 6 Dodgeball friendly vs Loughton School at Two Mile Ash School with over 30 children involved in high-energy games! Well played to all children!



Thank you to everybody involved in this term's Bike Bus which kickstarted on Friday 12th September. An amazing group of parent volunteers have ensured the smooth running of the Bike Bus with up to 30 riders in attendance. The final Bike Bus is at the end of Cycle to School Week on 17th October, but we will return again in March 2026!

WOW active Travel Tracker

Following a brilliant first year of the WOW Travel Tracker, September saw its return! The initiative, where children earn badges for recording their daily journeys to school using the website saw a very impressive engagement and active travel rate from children at TMA. Congratulations to 3JB and 6AW on being named lower and upper school classes of the month for September! Keep up the great active travel habits throughout the year and see how many monthly badges your child can achieve!

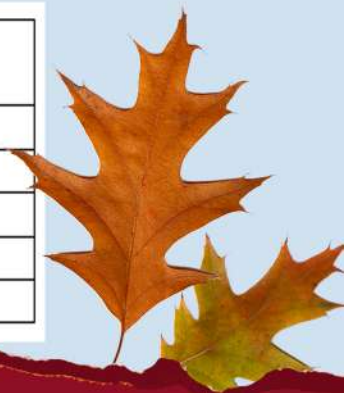


Swimming

From Monday 3rd November – Friday 28th November 2025, the Two Mile Ash 'Pools to Schools' programme returns. Following the successes of 2023 and 2024, sessions return for 4 weeks next term! Letters have been sent out to ALL Year 4 & 5 pupils with details of FREE-Swimming Lessons in school time (on the same two days your child has PE each week). Additionally, a group of Year 6 pupils have been selected for 'catch-up' swim lessons twice a week. Please read the information, including swim days and kit required for sessions. Here are the swim days for Year 4 & 5 as a reminder:



Day	Morning (come to school 'swim ready')	Afternoon
Monday	4SF & 4PM	5FP & 5JO
Tuesday	4SP & 4TR	5MR & 5SF
Wednesday	4PM & 4CSC	5FK & 5FP
Thursday	4CSC & 4SF	5SF & 5JO
Friday	4TR & 4SP	5MR & 5FK



THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Take One Picture

What a brilliant two days we had for Take One Picture this year! Our focus painting this year was 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto, a painting which created a buzz of excitement and lot of discussion amongst the children. We explored the ideas of celebration and how we can link this to celebrations we take part in; we discussed what may happen to Venice in years to come if Climate Change continues to affect water the levels and we channelled our inner artist to create some amazing artwork! Year 3 created carnival masks, Year 4 designed their own underwater world, Year 5 had fun taking photos through a class of water and manipulating a self-portrait and Year 6 put together perspective boxes of The Grand Canal, as well as creating their own Venetian style outfits out of fabric. Once again, it has been another successful year! Well done all.



Year 5



Welcome back to all parents, carers and pupils.

Year 5 have transitioned wonderfully into life as upper school and have picked up where they left off at the end of Year 4, displaying their excellent learning behaviours and good conduct inside and outside the classroom.

We have hit the ground running this term with children quickly revisiting their English and maths sets (and responding superbly to a new set of set teachers) and getting straight down to work with some wonderful poetry using classic British poems as our inspiration. From here, we have just finished our Explorers topic and enjoyed learning how to write persuasively. In maths, we have started, as in all years, with revisiting and extending our place value understanding before progressing from our Year 4 learning onto addition and subtraction skillsets using larger numbers and new methods.

In geography, we have been looking at aquatic biomes and ended this topic with case studies of local, UK and global rivers, combined with our visits to Lodge Lake for our water study sessions with the MK Parks Trust.

In DT, we have enjoyed learning about bread, and put what we learnt into practice with our bread making afternoons, soon to be renamed mess-making afternoons! The children enjoyed designing, evaluating and obviously tasting their creations! This has certainly been a busy half term, but at the same time, a hugely successful one.

For me personally, moving up as their head of year, I could not be prouder of how the year group have settled and shown the best of themselves whenever asked. It has been an extremely impressive start and the feeling within our year group is a very positive one so well done to all!

Kind regards
Mr Shirley



flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

1. Protect yourself

The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect your family and friends

Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid lost opportunities

If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy



For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

Flu **i**mmunisation

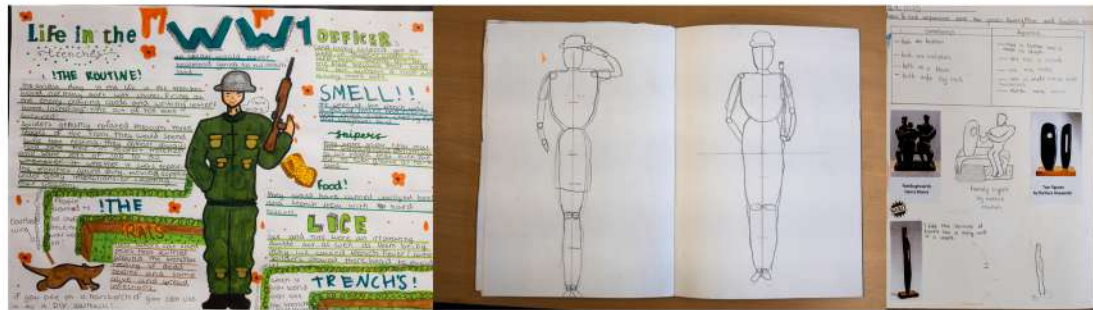
Helping to protect you against flu

Year 6

We've had a brilliant term in Year 6 learning about World War I. The children have written fantastic diary entries reflecting on the horrendous state of the trenches. It's been great to see how the research they have completed in their history lessons has informed their writing. In art, they have been creating World War inspired artworks in the style of Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. It's been fantastic to see how their drawing skills have improved and how they have combined skills to make artworks that they are really proud of. We have begun reading 'Private Peaceful' and understanding more about how the war affected both soldiers and those on the home front. We look forward to learning about World War II when we return from the half term break.

Well done Year 6!

Miss Baldwin and the Year 6 Team



Hello Yellow



Thank you to everyone that donated on Hello Yellow day this term. We raised £338 for Young Minds

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank to everyone that was able to join our Coffee Morning this term in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. With help from our Year 6's, we had a lovely morning with our community. We raised £105 for Macmillan.



Our Achievements



Player Of The Match

Lyra (3TG) from Tattenhoe Youth FC, was awarded the Player of the Match award for her performance in midfield against Shenley Owls in the past week. One spectator said it was like watching a prime Ronaldinho.



Eloise Runs

Eloise (5MR) has been busy at parkrun! At Saturday events (5k) she has passed her 10 milestone and at Sunday junior parkrun (2k) she recently earned her marathon wristband for completing 21 events.



Accolades For Muhammad

Muhammad, from 6BC, recently got selected in U10-11 Bucks North Regional Squad Cricket and also won the trophy for best bowler of the season. (Westcroft Cricket club juniors U10-11) He has also achieved 5K personal best run in 22 minutes and 28 seconds and was the Winner of the Thornborough cricket tournament.



Freya Makes A Splash

Freya had a busy late summer/early autumn. She attended a masterclass clinic for breaststroke at the end of August which was led by not just one record breaking swimming professional, but seven, including Olympians Adam Peaty, Anna Hopkins and Alex Cohoon.

She has also competed in two swimming galas for her team - City of Milton Keynes Swim Club and came away with 7 medals (1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze) as well as 10 personal best times.

French Club

This half term in French Club, Year 3 have learnt useful classroom phrases and numbers up to 20, while Year 4 explored classroom objects. Year 5 focused on rooms of the house and furniture and Year 6 discovered school life in France, even designing their own ideal timetables. Every session included fun games with number challenges and buzzers being clear favourites. All groups enjoyed a special Halloween-themed finale. Next half term will bring exciting role plays to life, including a fashion show and a café experience!



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed



MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

To support our Christmas Fayre, we will be holding a Mufti Day on Friday 7th November 2025. Children may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation towards our Christmas Fayre.

To make things easier, we have suggested the following donation for each year group:

Year 3
Sweets/Chocolate
(Boxed/Sealed Bags only)



Year 4
Christmas & Festive
Decorations, Baubles,
Tinsel, Tree Decorations
and Gift Wrap



Year 5
Toiletries and Gift Packs



Year 6
Bottles of Drink

