



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This second half of the Spring Term may have been short but it has certainly been full of energy, achievement and opportunity. It has been a real pleasure to see so many of our children embracing experiences beyond the classroom with such enthusiasm and commitment.

One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly our incredible Ski Trip. The children represented the school brilliantly demonstrating resilience, teamwork and a willingness to challenge themselves in a completely new environment. I know that lasting memories will have been made and confidence built in ways that extend beyond the ski slopes.

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 5 children who worked exceptionally hard on their year group production. Their performing arts skills, confidence and teamwork were evident throughout. The quality of the singing was fantastic, and it was clear how much the children enjoyed performing for parents and other year groups. Their dedication during the rehearsals truly paid off in a polished and entertaining performance. We were also delighted to see many of our children showcase their musical talent at Christ the Cornerstone Church music festival. Their confidence and musicality shone through and they performed brilliantly. A special mention must also be given to our Dance Squad who performed two amazing routines at the Dance Project Performance. They had been rehearsing tirelessly since early in the Autumn term and it certainly paid off. They delivered incredible performances that showcased their commitment, energy and talent.

Earlier in the term we were also thrilled to celebrate further success as TMA was nominated in two categories for the MK Mayor Awards and we won both! "The School Sporting Achievement Award" recognised the outstanding success of our sports teams and the second award for 'Sporting Facilities' celebrated our commitment to providing high quality sporting opportunities both at TMA and across the wider community.

Finally, I would like to commend our pupils for their continued commitment and dedication to all aspects of school life. Whether representing the school in sporting events, performing in musical showcases, taking part in productions or embracing extra-curricular or residential experiences, they consistently demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience and pride. They are wonderful ambassadors for our school and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved in such a short but very busy half term.

Lucy Eldridge
Head Teacher



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Milton Keynes Mayor Awards 2026



On Friday 27th February, Mr. Saville and Mr. Hobley proudly attended the Milton Keynes Mayor Awards at Stadium:MK. Nominated in two categories, we are extremely pleased to announce we won both the 'School Sporting Achievements' and 'Sporting Facilities' Awards! The School Sporting Achievements Award recognises the amazing success of our School Cross Country Team that won the Ultra-Schools Competition at MK Bowl in November. The children's dedication to running practices, including over half-term, and brilliant attitude makes them deserved winners - Congratulations! The second award for Sporting Facilities celebrates the commitment Two Mile Ash School has in providing sports opportunities for children both at TMA and beyond. In hosting frequent schools events in a variety of activities and having links with local clubs Tattenhoe Youth FC and MK Air Cricket Club, so many children from across Milton Keynes get to enjoy sport! We are thankful to Total Ground Management for their amazing work over the past 18 months in improving the quality of our sports field and making it an exciting, safe and welcoming place to be active. We would like to extend thanks to Mayor of MK James Lancaster and the awards committee for this recognition. It was a great night and wonderful to celebrate the contributions of so many individuals and groups within our community - congratulations to all nominees and winners on the night!

Finally, thank you to all pupils, parents and staff at TMA for the amazing support and hard work in PE & School Sport. Both Mr. Saville and Mr. Hobley feel very lucky to work with such wonderful young people

Gymnastics

What a day we had on Wednesday 4th March as our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Gymnastics Teams took part in the MK Schools Competition at the MK Gymnastics Centre! Out of the 20 schools competing, we came 2nd Place in both competitions! An amazing group of gymnasts who have been so dedicated to practice sessions this term- it has been fun working with you all and you have done yourselves proud today! Thank you to all the parents that came to watch and to the MKSSP and MK Gym for putting on a great event.





Tag Rugby



An incredible league campaign for our Year 5/6 Boys and Girls Tag Rugby team saw them finish as MK Schools Runners-Up! Winning 10 out of 11 matches across four weeks at Sports Central was an amazing achievement, playing brilliant rugby as a collective. A special well done to our overall MVP award winners (as voted for by opposition players) Harlan, Bobbie and Molly!

Hockey



Our Year 6 Hockey team have enjoyed a very successful three weeks of the MK Schools League this term at Woughton on the Green. The team has been dominant in their performances, qualifying for the Cup competition as a result of 8 wins from 9 games, scoring 16 and only conceding 3 goals across all games! The group has been an absolute pleasure to work with and have listened, adapted and implemented strategies to perfection. We wish the team the best of luck in their final week and will update you on their progress in next term's newsletter!

Football

This half term our Year 5/6 Girls Football team have been competing in the MKPSFA League at Glebe Farm School. The team has recorded an impressive run of games across the first two weeks of matches with 4 wins, 1 draw and only 1 loss. Prior to this, two groups of Year 3 and 4 boys footballers visited Tattenhoe Pavilion to play various MK Schools in friendly matches as they further develop their skills and enjoyment in the game! All children have shown great determination and excellent teamwork, representing TMA wonderfully!

A massive well done for all the fantastic effort and we wish the Year 5/6 girls the best of luck on their final two weeks of the league, with an update in the next newsletter!



Bikeability

Congratulations to the 70 Year 5 pupils that took part in their Bikeability Courses at the start of this half-term. Instructors were impressed with the impressive attitude to learning shown by all children, especially when taking on cycling challenges on the redways and roads in the local area. We hope you keep up your passion for cycling and use the skills learned when cycling with friends and family.





STEM COMPETITION



Are you passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM)? Then read on!

Linking to British Science Week 2026, this year's theme is "Curiosity: What's Your Question?"

Have you ever wondered why the moon changes shape, how plants know which way to grow, or why rainbows appear after rain? Now it's your chance to become a scientist, engineer, mathematician or inventor! Choose a question about the world, investigate it through a STEM project, and share what you discover.



Your project could include:

- A science experiment
- A model or invention
- A data investigation
- A problem-solving design



Please can we ask that you do not include living things, slime or any hazardous material.

We will be judging them on:

*The presentation of your project
How you have demonstrated a STEM Idea
How you have explained the STEM*



All projects will be proudly displayed at our School STEM Fayre on Wednesday 22nd April, where visitors can explore the amazing ideas and investigations from across the school.

Prizes will be awarded for class winners and year group winners. All entries will receive 2 merits.

Entries must be in school by Wednesday 15th April.



Dodgeball

Across two Fridays in February, 130 pupils from Years 5 & 6 took part in after-school House Dodgeball Competitions. Always great events with lots of fun and excitement, all children enjoyed themselves with the results for each competition as follows:

Year 5 House Dodgeball	Year 6 House Dodgeball
1st - Hawthorne	1st - <u>Emburey</u>
2nd - Rutherford	2nd - Townsend
3rd - Townsend	3rd - Hawthorne



Dodgeball

A group of Year 3 pupils had a great time at Glebe Farm School on Monday 2nd March, as they took part in the IFTL Dodgeball Festival. Children played in mixed teams, meeting children from fellow trust schools Whitehouse and Glebe Farm. Following this, on Friday 13th March, eighteen Year 5/6 pupils represented TMA at a Dodgeball Festival which saw visiting teams from Fairfields, Whitehouse, Brooklands Farm and St. Mary's Wavendon Schools join us for exciting games and brilliant sportsmanship! Well done to all children that took part in these events this term.



Swimming

Before half-term a group of eight Year 3/4 pupils represented TMA at the MK Schools Swim Gala at Bletchley Leisure Centre. Each racing in the 25m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle, they performed fantastically against 15 other MK Schools. A great afternoon, where you each showcased your great swimming abilities – well done!



Physical Activity Visits

Thanks to the Milton Keynes Schools Sport Partnership, we were able to take children to local activity centres to give them an opportunity to utilise the amazing facilities they offer. Trips to both Climb Quest MK and MK Gymnastics Centre, enabled pupils to be physically active, take on new challenges and boost their confidence as they gained the feeling of achievement when taking part. Well done to all the children for representing the school brilliantly.



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Festivals



We are very proud of the links we have with so many schools from across Milton Keynes. Hosting sports events is a great opportunity for children to come together and enjoy friendly competition and develop values such as sportsmanship, teamwork and self-belief. This half-term we have welcomed 12 different visiting schools (many on several occasions) to take part in the following festivals: Year 4 Handball; Year 4 Basketball; Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed Netball; Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics; and Year 3 & 4 Orienteering. Pupils representing TMA at these festivals were brilliant, showing respect for each other, opponents and to the current and ex-pupils that have attended these events to support, lead and officiate – thank you!



WOW Badge Designs

WOW! Before half-term we set our pupils the challenge of the Living Streets WOW Badge Design Competition. With the theme of 'senses', children had to think about the things they like to see, hear, smell, feel and taste on their way to school. We had A LOT of entries - thank you and well done to all for your hard work! Our Year 6 WOW Ambassadors had the tough job of selecting the top 3 designs in each of the age groups. Congratulations to the twelve winners (hope you enjoyed your Mars Bar prize!) and we shall see if any of these are chosen as badge designs for the 2026/27 WOW Travel Tracker...



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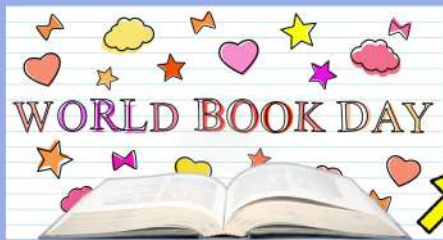
National Primary Schools Cross Country

Well done to the nine TMA pupils that represented TEAM MK at the English National Primary Schools Cross Country Finals at Stoneleigh Park on Saturday 21st March! So many great results from the team that included TMA's Carlos winning the Year 3 Boys Race – an incredible achievement!!

It was a wonderful day, with the sun shining and the children raced brilliantly! We are proud of you all for your hard work this year in cross country practices and races! Thank you to the parents and families for all the wonderful support. And to the volunteers from Marshall's Athletics Club for coaching the children and being there to prepare them for the races on the day!



World Book Day Video



Enjoy our World Book Day video for 2026 featuring some amazing costumes, visits to our PATH schools and of course, lots of books!

<https://youtu.be/Yjc2tpmOyF0?si=NTtXYe-nKXcNHGL5>

Dance Project

On Wednesday 11th March, the TMA Dance Squad performed at Dance Project at The Venue, Walton High. After weeks of hard work, they delivered two fantastic routines to Ed Sheeran's Sapphire and Lady Gaga's The Dead Dance. Mrs Williams created brilliant costumes, transforming the dancers from elegant ballet, street and Bollywood performers into terrifying zombies. Olivia and Hannah also shone in the finale, joining pupils from eight other schools. We are incredibly proud of the team and look forward to sharing their performance with the school soon. Year 4 and 5 pupils interested in next year's show should look out for information later this year.



Year 3

Year 3 have had an incredibly busy and exciting term, packed with hands on learning and memorable experiences. The children loved their library trip, where they explored new books and strengthened their reading skills. We spent a whole day showing brilliant creativity in DT while making their own fruit tarts - with some awesome faces being shown when trying grapefruit! In science, they carefully grew cress and observed how plants change over time. Year 3 experimented with bold patterns through lino printing in Art creating fabulous pieces of work. The class also enjoyed taking part in a fun French Day competition and impressed everyone with their amazing World Book Day outfits. To finish the term with purpose, the children wrote powerful letters of complaint to MK Council about littering in the local area, showing real care for their community. We look forward to next half term learning about the Egyptians and creating some amazing Sewing Samplers.



Year 4



Year 4 have had a fantastic few weeks packed with creativity, curiosity and hands-on learning!

In Design and Technology, pupils have been diving into the delicious history of pizza. They've explored where pizza originated, how it has changed over time, and why it has become such a popular dish around the world. The children have especially enjoyed putting this knowledge into practice by designing and making their own pizzas. From selecting ingredients to shaping their dough, they've shown wonderful enthusiasm, teamwork and imagination—filling the corridors with some very tempting smells! In History, pupils are fully immersed in their study of Ancient Greece. Their curiosity and engagement have been brilliant to see. Whether learning about Greek gods and myths, exploring everyday life in ancient city-states, or discovering how Greek ideas still influence our world today, Year 4 have been eager to ask questions, share ideas and make connections. The topic has sparked thoughtful discussions and plenty of lively learning.

We're incredibly proud of how focused, enthusiastic and creative the children have been across the curriculum. Well done, Year 4—keep it up!



coming soon!
Ski Trip Film

Ski Trip



This half term saw our annual school ski residential visit take place at the beginning of March, with a return to Italy. Despite very early starts at both ends of the trip, we had completely smooth travel days without any hitches or delays. What we did have, however, was plenty of public compliments for how well the children conducted themselves. After experiencing the Milan Metro system, the children enjoyed a wander, an ice cream, and some amazing sights in a very sunny and warm Milan city centre, a fabulous way to kick the week off.

Once at the hotel, we checked in and got settled in what was a new town and hotel for the school, although we had skied and briefly visited there in the past. The resort itself proved to be just perfect for us as skiers. It was quiet. So quiet, in fact, that on day two of skiing, from the chairlift it was possible to see four or five runs without a single skier on them. This may have been due to the draw of the Winter Olympics further along the Alps at Cortina, which kept our ski resort, Mondole Ski, almost empty.

Five successful days of skiing followed, although a rainy penultimate day was not the most fun. However, the final day brought clear blue skies and bright sun, along with perfect ski conditions, making for a glorious end on the slopes. All the children reached the top of the mountain and skied all the way back down by Friday, with huge progress made by everyone across the week.

Off the slopes, we enjoyed many hours of fun together, including snow tubing and Italian hot chocolate in Prato Nevoso, souvenir shopping, team challenges, a quiz night, an awards evening, and an amazing cave tour of Grotto di Bossea, a vast, cathedral-like, waterfall-filled cave inside the mountain. From time spent together in rooms or the shared lounge, to being out and about as a team, the children were absolutely superb at every level.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for everything they brought to the trip. Undoubtedly, they got out as much as they put in. I would also like to thank the parents for their support and prompt action when needed, and finally the staff who attended the visit (amazing!) and those who supported general school life in our absence.

Italy 2027 has a high standard to live up to!

Mr Shirley, Miss Baldwin, Miss Kimberley and Mr Holley



See our photos here:

<https://www.tmaschool.com/news/galleries/>

TWO MILE ASH

BIKE BUS

FRIDAYS

8:10AM-8:30AM

START @
PETWORTH
PARK,
GREAT HOLM
OR JOIN ON
THE ROUTE TO
TMA SCHOOL



WATCH OUR BIKE
BUS VIDEO ON
YOUTUBE TO SEE
THE ROUTE



Why?

- Fun
- Social
- Active



PARENT
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!
SPEAK TO MR
SAVILLE IF
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STARTS FRIDAY 27th MARCH 2026

All TMA children able to ride a bike confidently are welcome and MUST be accompanied on the ride by an adult (parent or guardian).

All riders please wear a helmet.

Year 5



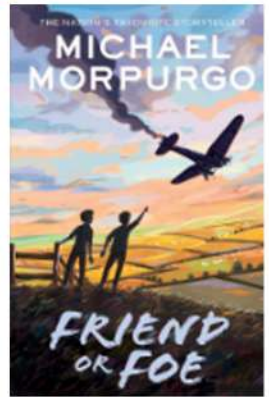
During this very brief half term we have been studying Shakespeare in English, with the children reading adapted versions of Romeo & Juliet and Julius Caesar ready to write summaries. They have also enjoyed starting to read Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo in Reading lessons. In history we are learning about the key period of British history after the Romans and in Art we are focusing on lino cutting with monochrome colours.

A big well done to all of Year 5 who have adapted and coped very well with lots of changes and demands that that our production of Greece Goes to Pieces has brought. The children have worked extremely hard to learn the songs and lines and they have been very enthusiastic during rehearsals. I have no doubt that the two full performances will be amazing and we look forward to seeing those of you who are attending.

Finally, I want to say a personal thank you to all the Year 5 pupils who accompanied me on the ski trip to Italy. Despite for some, it being their first time away and first time flying, the children were amazing and contributed massively to one of the most successful weeks we've ever had.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mr Shirley and the Year 5 team.



Easter Assembly with Rev. Mike Morris

This week, we were pleased to welcome Rev. Mike Morris into school to lead our Easter assembly. He explained why Easter is such an important time in the Christian faith. Rev. Morris talked about the themes of hope, new life, and love, and helped pupils understand the Easter story in a clear and thoughtful way. Throughout this term, all children across school have been learning about the Christian faith and some of the children's own questions were chosen to be asked to the Reverend and we were very grateful for his insightful responses. The children listened beautifully and enjoyed taking part in the reflection activities. Thank you Rev. Mike Morris for sharing your time with us.



Our Achievements



Luca Gets A New Belt



Luca took part in a 2.5hr grading for his first advanced grading in kickboxing and achieved his blue belt. We are immensely proud of him.

Mr Saville Completes 20 Miles

Well done to Mr Saville on completing 20 miles at the MK Festival of running on Sunday 15th March as part of a group of over 150 people raising money for Harry's Rainbow – a charity that supports bereaved children and their families in Milton Keynes. Thank you so much to all the families and staff at TMA for helping Mr. Saville raise nearly £500 for Harry's Rainbow - your kindness and generosity will make a huge difference.



Sophie Swims



Sophie took part in the John Hughes Swim Meet 2026 in Coventry, during the weekend, 21-22 March. She got a 3rd place out of 29 in 50m breaststroke in the 11 years age category - with a time of 44.37. She also picked up 4th place out of 10 in 200m breaststroke in the 11 years age category with a time of 3:23.34. Great achievements again with PB's as well. We are all very proud of Sophie.



Harry Gets His Badge!

Harry recently completed his stage 4 swimming and earned his badge!



Year 6



We've had a fantastic half term in Year 6 and seen some fantastic work produced in a range of subjects across the curriculum. In DT, the children have been revisiting their sewing skills showing a range of techniques including: running stitch, back stitch, French knots and silk stitch too. These skills will be applied in our next Art unit where the children will create art using different textiles, textures and applique using beads, wool and sequins too. In Geography, the children have applied all they have learned about natural disasters to create presentations explaining the pros and cons of living near to volcanoes before learning about climate change and how changes in climate are impacting the intensity and frequency of natural disasters. In Science, the children have been investigating with electricity and in their most recent experiment used energy sticks to detect where conductors were transferring electricity as well as looking at the static electricity and balloons. We have also had sessions with the safety centre where the sessions have invited children to have conversations about gender stereotypes, empowerment to question consider not only any words being spoken and other factors that might play a part in whether there is consent. These sessions have supported our children's understanding in PSHE sessions.

We are now in our final preparations before the children sit their SATs assessments in a matter of weeks. We will be providing additional revision resources to be completed over the Easter holidays with the opportunity to win prizes when we return from the break. For every task completed (these will be shared on showbie) the children will earn a ticket that will be put in a prize draw. Following the Easter holidays there will be further communication about what to expect in SATs week and how best to support your child. We have also spoken to the children about the importance of switching off over the Easter break so they return to school feeling ready to focus when we return in Spring 2!

We hope all our children and families have a restful break!
Miss Baldwin and the Year 6 team



French Club



<https://leveluplanguage.co.uk/> for more info

Another busy half term for French Club, sandwiched between two traditional celebrations! We started off with Mardi Gras, which brought all sorts of mask making and silly dressing up games. Next, Year 3 enjoyed a food tasting session of French patisseries, Year 4 created a Super Hero role play, Year 5 can now talk about themselves in past tense, and Year 6 created landscape pictures using AI, all in French! And to finish off with the same playfulness we started with, all year groups ended the term with some fun Poisson d'Avril activities.





Diary Dates



Mon 13th April

Term Starts

Mon 13th April - Wed 15th April

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

Wed 22nd April

TMA STEM Fayre

Fri 24th April

London Marathon In Schools

Weds 29th April

Harmonize Spring Concert

Thurs 30th April

SEND Coffee Morning

Mon 4th May

Bank Holiday School Closed

Tues 5th May - Fri 8th May

Year 5 Isle Of Wight Residential

Mon 11th May - Thurs 14th May

Year 6 SATS Week

Mon 18th May

Walk To School Week

Fri 22nd May

Break The Rules Day

End Of Term



Headteacher's Awards

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



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