



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half of the Summer Term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and successful few weeks here at TMA. First and foremost, a huge well done to our incredible Year 6 pupils who have shown immense dedication and effort throughout their SATs assessments. We are all incredibly proud of them-they truly gave it their all. Their resilience, determination and consistently positive attitudes were an inspiration to us all. We couldn't have asked for more from them-they are credit to themselves, their families, and our school. Well done Year 6!

We were also delighted to welcome back our Year 5 and Year 4 pupils from their residential trips to the Isle of Wight and Whitemoor Lakes. The children returned full of excitement and with some fantastic memories after taking part in a wide range of activities. They conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the trip, showing excellent manners, teamwork, and boundless enthusiasm. The children impressed the Tapnell Farm staff and members of the public so much, the TMA staff were in receipt of many compliments on the children's responsible and respectful behaviour. Residential trips like this play such an important role in developing independence, confidence and social skills, and we are incredibly proud of how well our pupils represented TMA during their time away.

Looking ahead, preparations are well underway for our Summer Fayre, which is a fantastic event for all the family and community. Please make sure to put Wednesday 24th June in your diaries-we would love to see as many as you there as possible. To support the Fayre we are holding a mufti day on Friday the 12th June, when children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for bringing in a donation. Details of suggestions to bring in can be found on our letters home section on the website. We are also inviting parents to have their own stall for a small fee, please do call our reception for more details.

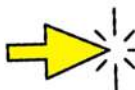
Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. The children are back in school on Monday 1st June.

With very best wishes

Lucy Eldridge

Hedteacher

Watch our latest round-up film here:



https://youtu.be/L_uajCEiF30?si=G002x_S-Xr7zry1g



Inspiring Futures through Learning



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy start to the Summer term with lots of exciting things still to come! We have been very involved in our Ancient Egyptian history topic this half term with it being the focus of quite a few of our subjects! We have been enjoying writing instructions of how to mummify a body in English, understanding Ancient Egypt hieroglyphics in DT and exploring how different Egyptians lived at the time in History. Some highlights for us have been designing and making our own Egyptian samplers with hieroglyphics sewn into the centre. We have learnt two different stitches, and we have all persevered when the threads came out of our needles!

We have been continuing the Egyptian theme with our very own Portals to the Past day with our specialist Stuart and our TMA Egypt Day! We all dressed up as magnificent pharaohs and mummies and learnt so many amazing facts from Stuart! We played old Egyptian board games, reenacted the mummification process and the funeral procession and enjoyed learning about the history of Egypt as a country. During our own Egypt Day, we made our own salt dough Scarab Beetles and wrote our names in hieroglyphics on tea-stained paper!

We have also enjoyed our Walk to School week in the final week before half term. We have loved collecting our different stickers everyday as well as finding out if we got our daily class sticker! It has been good to talk about the different benefits of travelling actively to school. Lastly, we loved Break the Rules day!! The children had the opportunity to be a little bit cheekier than normal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all (or mostly the children)! We are looking forward to final term in Year 3 even though it has come around so quickly! We can't wait to spend a final half term together as a year group.





House Games Day

On Tuesday 21st April, Rutherford House were crowned champions of our first ever House Games Day! 120 Football matches and 120 Endball games were played across the day which saw Brittain House finish second and Townsend House third. A huge well done to all our pupils for making the day a great spectacle and an event to remember! We are also hugely thankful to Watling Academy for providing 14 amazing Year 9 Leaders to support with refereeing and scoring games all day.

See the action in our Summer Term 1 Film!

Next up:SPORTS DAY on Monday 15th June with Years 3 & 4 in the morning (9am-11:30am) and Years 5 & 6 in the afternoon (12:30pm-3pm).



Hockey

A big well done to our Year 6 Hockey team, crowned Milton Keynes Schools Champions for 2026! A four-week competition concluded on Tuesday 24th March with our squad earning Gold for their outstanding teamwork and hard work. Well done you all, with a special shoutout to MVP Bobbie as voted for by the other teams.



Ice Climbing

A big thank you to Mr Apps, who delivered two fascinating assemblies this term. Truly inspiring talks with incredible stories and photos, it was amazing to hear about your mountaineering and climbing adventures! The equipment you brought in to show the children was impressive too.





Mini London Marathon in Schools

On Friday 24th April, over 500 of our pupils took part in the two-mile mini-London Marathon in Schools challenge. Across breaktime and lunchtime, pupils took to the field to complete their run, with lots joining in as groups running together. Well done to all that took part.



Physical Activity Visits

Thanks to the Milton Keynes Schools Sport Partnership, we were able to offer a group of Year 3/4 children the opportunity to explore the amazing facilities at MK Gymnastics Centre. On Friday 24th April, our pupils enjoyed trying new challenges, boosting their confidence when taking part in physical activity. Well done to all the children for representing the school brilliantly.



Handball

This term, over 50 of our Year 5 & 6 pupils have enjoyed visits to Giles Brook School TMA for Handball matches against lots of other Milton Keynes Schools. At each event, including a festival at Two Mile Ash, children showed improvement in their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship – well done to you all!



Festivals

Well done to our pupils that have taken part in recent sports festivals! We enjoyed a visit to Bushfield School on Monday 23rd March to take part in a series of Soft Archery challenges. Great fun was had by all.

On Friday 27th March, we invited six schools from Milton Keynes to a Year 5/6 Girls Netball Festival. A great event saw all pupils enjoy small-sided games, developing their passing, shooting and movement skills. A special well done to Nyra and Ivy who were voted MVPs by ex-pupils that came to support with this event by refereeing and coaching.



Headteacher's Awards

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



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Football

This term our Year 3/4 Girls Football team have begun their MKPSFA League at Radcliffe School. A steady start to their games has seen them win four matches in the first two weeks with great teamwork and energy shown by all. Two weeks to go, including a Finals Night on Thursday 4th June – Good luck girls! Another group of Year 3/4 Girls enjoyed friendly matches at Bushfield School on Tuesday 5th May. It was great to see you enjoying playing and working hard in both attack and defence! The term of football started with a great effort from our Year 5/6 girls football team – Quarterfinalists in the MK Schools Football Cup Competition; an achievement you should all be proud of! Two groups of Year 5/6 girls also had the opportunity to play in mini football festivals at Radcliffe School recently. In games against lots of other MK Schools, pupils showed great improvement in their skills and attitude to competitive sport – well done!



Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics teams that took part in the Milton Keynes Ultra-Schools Indoor Competition at Radcliffe School on Friday 17th April. Out of 11 schools competing, we are hugely proud of our Quad Kids team for earning 3rd place, Bronze Medals and our Sports Hall Team finishing an amazing 1st place, taking home Gold Medals! A brilliant team effort from everybody that took part! At TMA this term, we have welcomed six schools to Athletics events for both combined Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams to showcase their running, jumping and throwing abilities in various challenges. These events allowed 49 of our pupils the opportunity to represent the school in Athletics – thank you to each of you for your hard work!



The TMA Bikebus

The Two Mile Ash Bike Bus started again on Friday 27th March following a Winter break. In each of the popular Friday morning rides this term, we have seen over 30 cyclists consisting of parents and pupils from all year groups. Thank you to the brilliant volunteer parents that have supported on the Bike Bus, leading and marshalling the route from Petworth Park, Great Holm at 8:10am, finishing at Two Mile Ash School for 8:30am. If you haven't joined the Bike Bus yet, give it a go! All pupils need an accompanying adult on the ride. Please check bikes beforehand and wear a helmet. Speak to Mr. Saville if you want to find out more about the route.

PE



Milton Keynes Inspiration Award 2026

How exciting! Two Mile Ash School's Under 11 Boys County-winning & Girls County-finalist Cricket teams have been shortlisted for the MK Inspiration Awards 2026!

They been shortlisted for the Inspiring Local Team within the Sports Category.

This prestigious event on Saturday 20th June recognises nominees in their respective fields including MK Inspired, disability, charity, emergency services, business, creative arts/media, hospitality, education and sports.

Last Summer, our amazing U11 Boys and Girls Cricket teams showed wonderful commitment to school practice sessions both during lunchtimes and after-school to develop excellent teamwork that resulted in them both being crowned Milton Keynes Schools Champions and qualifying for the County Finals at Dinton CC. Here, the Boys team continued their 100% record going on to win this competition, whilst our Girls team finished 3rd Place - the best position achieved ever as a TMA girls' team! Two brilliant teams that loved playing cricket - they have inspired others to play at school and for clubs, as we continue to develop opportunities within the community, working in close partnership with MK Air Cricket Club to achieve this.

Nominations are now open and close on Monday 1st June 2026.

To nominate please visit: <https://mkinspirationawards-vote.co.uk/>



TMA Garden Wins PRIZE!

Mrs Bangash represented Two Mile Ash School in the Dobbies Community Gardens 2026 competition by submitting a statement about our school garden project. Out of 80 applicants, lwe were delighted to be shortlisted and invited to the presentation in May. Competing against several other schools, we were thrilled to be announced as the winners! We have won £1300 to spend at Dobbies!



Westbury Arts Young Artist of The Year

We have some fantastic news to share from the Westbury Arts Young Artist of the Year Competition. Last Saturday 9th May, our final 10 artists went along to the gallery to see their artwork hanging on the walls and to await the results of the judges. I am delighted to share with you that Aanya (Yr4) came 1st in the Yr4-6 category with her painting 'Winter Robin' and Bobbie (Yr6) won the overall competition with her sculpture 'Tongue Thing'! Both students received a medal, certificate and the chance to book in a workshop with one of the resident artists at Westbury Arts Centre. A huge well done to all who took part - I look forward to what we create next year! ~ Miss Kimberley



Year 5



As we reach the end of a half term that has flown by, we are racing towards our final half term of Year 5 with the children demonstrating that they are growing ready for their Year 6 experience.

This half term we had a hugely successful week on the Isle of Wight and back in school with those children who did not attend. The children really played their part both home and away, and this continued during school SATs week where Year 5 were very responsible and supportive, staying in classes and showing respect moving around school.

In classrooms, we have been designing and building bridges in DT, learning about David Attenborough in his 100th year for our English topic for biography writing, reading 'Oranges in No Mans Land' in reading and looking at the planet's natural resources in geography.

Here's looking forward to our final half term of the year!
Mr Shirley



Year 4



Year 4 have had a busy and exciting half term, packed with memorable learning experiences across the curriculum. One of the highlights was our tree walk around the local park, where pupils explored the natural environment first-hand. Children learned how to identify different types of trees, observe seasonal changes and consider why green spaces are so important for wildlife and our community. The walk sparked excellent discussions back in class and supported our science and geography learning beautifully. In Art, pupils have been inspired by the work of Henri Matisse. They explored his use of bold colours, shapes and pattern, particularly his famous cut-out style. The children thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with colour combinations and creating their own expressive artwork. The finished pieces show fantastic creativity and confidence, and we were so impressed with the pride pupils took in their work. In English, Year 4 have been captivated by *The Spiderwick Chronicles*. The magical world of the story has encouraged rich discussion, imaginative thinking and thoughtful writing. Pupils have developed their descriptive skills by focusing on character, setting and atmosphere, producing some truly engaging pieces of work. Many children have loved discovering the mythical creatures and mysterious adventures within the text.

Overall, this half term has been full of curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm. Year 4 should be extremely proud of all they have achieved, and we look forward to building on this fantastic learning next half term.



Year 5 Isle of Wight



Our recent trip to the Isle of Wight was an unforgettable few days packed with adventure, laughter and brilliant memories. After travelling down to Portsmouth, the children enjoyed spectacular views from the Spinnaker Tower before boarding the ferry and heading across to the Isle of Wight. Once settled into our cabins at Tapnell Farm, the fun quickly began with quizzes, games and plenty of time spent with friends.

The children enjoyed exciting days out at Robin Hill Park and a sunny afternoons on the beach. Back at Tapnell Farm, there was never a dull moment, with children making the most of the aqua park, trampolines, zip lines, sports activities and even the chance to feed the wallabies. The evenings were filled with just as much fun, including a disco, campfire, marshmallows and lots of loud singing.

The weather was fantastic throughout and the children were a real credit to the school, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and teamwork at every stage of the trip. A huge thank you goes to all the staff who helped make such a memorable experience possible for everyone involved. 🌞 🚢 🏖️ 🔥





Diary Dates



Mon 1st June

Term Starts

Weds 3rd June

Vancols Class Photos

Mon 8th June - Weds 10th June

Year 6 Residential

Mon 8th June - Fri 12th June

Multiplication Checks

Weds 10th June

Year 2 Induction Evening

Fri 12th June

Mufti Day for Summer Fayre

Sat 13th June

Harmonize at MK Choir Festival @Campbell Park

Mon 15th June

Year 3 & 4 Sports Day (AM)

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day (PM)

Tues 16th June

Year 6 Silverstone Trip

Weds 17th June

Year 6 SEND Coffee Morning

Mon 22nd June

All Years MK Ultra Schools Athletics @Stantonbury

Weds 24th June

TMA Summer Fayre

Mon 29th June

New Year 3 Induction Day

Weds 8th July

Meet The Teacher Day
Parents Celebration Evening

Sun 12th July

PATH Circus

Tues 14th July

Year 6 Production

Weds 15th July

Year 6 Leavers Graduation
Year 6 Leavers Disco

Fri 17th July

End Of Term



STEM Fayre



This half term we saw the return of our annual STEM fair! Children from across the school had spent time at home during their Easter break, creating some fantastic STEM projects on almost every STEM subject imaginable. There were solar systems, bug habitats, dinosaurs and coke and mentoes investigations – to name but a few! All of these were entered into a class and year group competition and Miss Watkinson, Mrs Blackhurst and Miss Blackhurst had an almost impossible job of deciding winners and runners up.

All of these were displayed at the STEM fair along with an enormous amount of STEM activities on offer for children and adults to participate in. The rocket launcher, lava lamps, floating lilies and Air Zookas in the hall were a great success, creating a real buzz around them, while the dark room looked more like a disco with laser lights and rainbows making regular appearances! Magic maths, logic puzzles, computer games, lollipop playground swings and some very tall spaghetti and marshmallow towers were also crowd pleasers with parents getting fully involved in the competitive nature of some of these activities!

Thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 STEM ambassadors for taking on these leadership roles, learning the STEM information and helping both parents and children have a wonderful afternoon! We look forward to making this event both bigger and better next year!



French Club



This has been a packed, creative half term for our French Club children. Year 3s have used the verb “aller” (to go) in varied sentences with amazing pronunciation, Year 4s are now confident talking about after school activities, Year 5s have been learning a fun role play and Year 6s made their very own, using the vocabulary they’ve acquired so far – very impressive! Next half term will be full of revision games so that no knowledge is forgotten before the next academic year!



More information and sign ups on <https://leveluplanguage.co.uk/>



Year 6



We would like to celebrate all of our Year 6's hard work and determination this term with their SATs assessments. SATs breakfast was a real success with well over 100 children attending in the morning. It was great to see them enjoying some time with their friends and settling into the day before persevering and working so hard. We look forward to a new term and lots of events coming up to celebrate our year 6's final term before they transition to secondary school.

As well as their hard work in their core lessons we have seen some fantastic work in the foundation curriculum. We have begun our Hokusai inspired textile art and enjoyed learning about the circulation system in science. It's been fantastic to see the children acting out the movement of blood around the body and showing their learning in a range of ways including drama, non-chronological reports and annotated diagrams. In history, the children have been learning about history Through the Decades, understanding more about the developments in technology, communication, fashion and music through time.

We will now turn our focus to writing and the children have enjoyed watching Alma - a short film about a girl who makes an unusual discovery! We really look forward to this part in the term to see our children's creativity flow.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming events to celebrate all their success!

Miss Baldwin and the Year 6 team



Our Achievements



Mr T Competes in Strongman

On 2nd May, I took part in Gwynedd's Strongest Man, beginner competition. I took part to help support my brother. We have competed in powerlifting competitions together, but recently, he has wanted to get into strongman and found a beginner and intermediate competition to try it out. My brother came 6th in the intermediate category and I came 8th in the beginners.



Mrs Potter Runs Her 14th Marathon!

Mrs Potter recently completed her 5th London Marathon and her 14th marathon overall! Although injury meant it wasn't her strongest race, it was definitely the most memorable for the fantastic sunny weather and the incredible, deafening crowds — it felt like the whole of London was out supporting the runners!



Medals for Nicholas



Nicholas participated in another swimming competition last weekend and he had an amazing improvement in his 100m breaststroke; taking off almost 5 seconds of his PB. He took home a 1st, 2nd and 3rd medal on the day! We are very proud of his hard work and dedication.

Mr Saville Completes 1st Marathon



Over the May Bank Holiday Mr. Saville took on the challenge of his first ever Marathon - the MK Marathon! He was proud to get to get to the finish line and was very pleased to see TMA families and staff out cheering on the runners at various points. His family enjoyed the Superhero Fun Run in the morning too - well done to the many TMA children that took part in this!

Lyra is Player of the Match

Well done to Lyra for recently winning the player of the match trophy from her footy team.

