



# Mayfield



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# Mr Draper

## Headmaster's Foreword

Dear children, parents, carers, staff, governors, Old Mayfieldians and friends of the school,

It has been a very busy 2<sup>nd</sup> half term of the summer, packed full of special events! As I sit in my study reflecting on the highlights of the six weeks, I can hear happy sounds of children playing on the Paddock in the sunshine, or chatting in the shade, of yet another glorious day, and I feel a great sense of contentment.

Looking back, the first major events after half term were the Sports Days. I had to cancel Lower School Sports Day due to rain, but then I had to cancel the reserve date because it was too hot! This was a first. However, 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky and we had a beautiful afternoon and were treated to a wonderful competition in all the sports days, with the children competing fairly and sportingly. The Lower School Sports Day was won by Nightingale House and the Upper School Sports Day and overall cup was won by Livingstone!

The Early Years Sports Day was well attended by families was held in the air-conditioned cool of the Hall of the Olympians. It was wonderful to see the joy on the children's smiling faces. Early Years also celebrated the

opening of the Den with their families and plenty of cake!

The House competitions have been keenly, but sportingly, contested in the right spirit. The winners of the House Rounders was Scott, and the winners of the House Cricket was Livingstone. The overall winner of the House Cup, based on the number of merits and house points earned by the children for good work and good behaviour, was Nightingale.

Continuing on a sports note, cricket has been extremely popular at Mayfield this term. Firstly, our Under 9s enjoyed a great day of 'Rocket Fuel' cricket at Fordhouses in Wolverhampton. It was run by Staffs County Cricket and their coaches were very complimentary about our talented youngsters. Our Boys Under 11s destroyed the opposition in the Walsall Schools tournament at Aldridge Cricket Club. All the boys were superb, particularly our four County cricketers. Then, not to be outdone, our Girls Under 11s also won the Walsall Schools tournament at Walsall Cricket Club, making our sports staff very proud.

Transition and Form I enjoyed a super day out at Conkers on another gorgeous day of sunshine. Meanwhile, Lower II and Form II had

a very educational visit to the Birmingham Museum and art Gallery, with an excellent workshop.

Last Thursday was wonderful. Firstly, it was Lower III's prizegiving in front of the whole school in the Hall of the Olympians. This was followed by the drama performance, 'I'm an 11-year-old, get me out of here!'. It was quite simply superb, with a rocking soundtrack, singing, dancing, and great jokes! Lower III pupils were all excellent and it was a stunning directorial debut from Mrs Pittaway and Mrs Crosby. This was followed later by the pool party at Queen Mary's Grammar School. On Monday morning, we held the annual staff vs Lower III rounders match, which Lower III won for the second year running. On a personal note, I whacked the ball miles only for Rohan T to catch me out! Well, that's what happens when you're playing against County Cricketers! I am sure you will join me in wishing our Lower III pupils well as they leave Mayfield today, and we wish them every success in their new schools in September.

We say goodbye to Mrs Melia, who leaves on the crest of a wave, as of 74 children who took LAMDA exams this term, 62 of them passed with a Distinction and the other 12 passed with a Merit. Congratulations to Mrs

Melia and the children for an outstanding result! We will welcome Miss Elliott from Tribe Theatre who will be taking over in September. We also say farewell to Mrs Young and wish her all the best in her retirement after 20 years of excellence. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Mrs Young. She is still and always will be my daughter's favourite ever teacher! Mrs Hatton will be the Kindergarten Form Teacher from September.

It really has been a year to remember, so have a lovely summer break everyone, I hope you can enjoy a holiday somewhere, recharge the batteries and I look forward to seeing you, safe, sound and healthy, back at Mayfield in September.

Best wishes

Mr M. Draper

Headmaster





# Birthday Books

Mrs Hawthorne

We are incredibly grateful to all parents for celebrating their child's birthday by donating a book to Mayfield. This thoughtful gesture not only marks a special occasion but also enriches the learning experience for every child in our school. Each donated book will spend half a term in classrooms, where it can be enjoyed and shared, before finding a permanent home in the school library for many years to come.

To make this contribution even more meaningful, we kindly ask that parents write their child's name and school year inside the front cover. This creates a legacy, allowing your child to be remembered as part of Mayfield's reading journey and inspiring future pupils.

Reading plays a vital role in development at all ages. It builds vocabulary, sparks imagination, and strengthens concentration. For younger children, it lays the foundation for communication and confidence, while for older pupils, it enhances critical thinking and broadens their understanding of the world.

Thank you for helping us nurture a lifelong love of reading and for contributing something that will benefit our whole school community.



# Pre-Nursery

Mrs S Rahman

This term has been full of great experiences. The children have developed in their learning. They really enjoyed building a strong friendship with their peers.

This term, we have looked at recognizing the first initial sounds the children have been amazing by recognizing and remembering the letter sounds. The children also enjoyed playing maths games and getting involved with day-to-day activities.

We have visited different parts of the school to help the children become familiarized with their surroundings for when they move to Nursery in September.

The children enjoyed Sports Day, Father's Day and the opening of The Den. It was lovely to see everyone involved and enjoying themselves

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the children and build a strong foundation for them. We have enjoyed watching each child's personality grow this year. They have become more confident, curious, and kind during class activities and playtime.





# Nursery

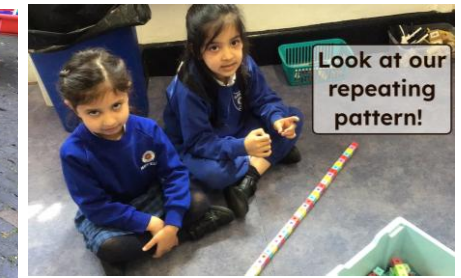
**Mrs Dallaway**

Our topic this half term has taken us on a fascinating journey as we explored the solar system and the world around us. The children enjoyed learning about where we live before extending their knowledge to a variety of habitats, including the jungle and under the sea. Through a range of creative craft activities, stories and discussions, they developed their understanding of different environments and the animals that call them home.

One of the highlights of the term was our Nursery Sports Day. Although the rain meant we moved the event indoors, we certainly did not let the weather dampen our spirits. The children enthusiastically completed each sports challenge alongside their families, collecting golden stars before proudly receiving a well-deserved medal in recognition of their fantastic effort and participation.

We were also delighted to celebrate the end of the academic year with our special *Together in the Den* event. It was wonderful to bring families together in our newly restored EYFS outdoor area 'The Den'. The children were thrilled to explore the new outdoor play equipment, make the most of the clear open space for running and games.

As we reach the end of the school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. It has been a privilege to watch the children grow and I am incredibly proud of all they have accomplished. I wish our Nursery families a happy and restful summer break.



The children have enjoyed their final half term in Kindergarten. They have been busy learning about pattern in Mathematics. They used lots of different resources to make many different patterns.

The hot weather has been great for learning outside. It was also a chance to learn about the importance of keeping cool and how to do this.

As well as continuing to learn new things, it has been a time to reflect on all the children's achievements this year. Kindergarten enjoyed presenting an Assembly to the whole school all about all their successes.

**Mrs Young**



# Kindergarten





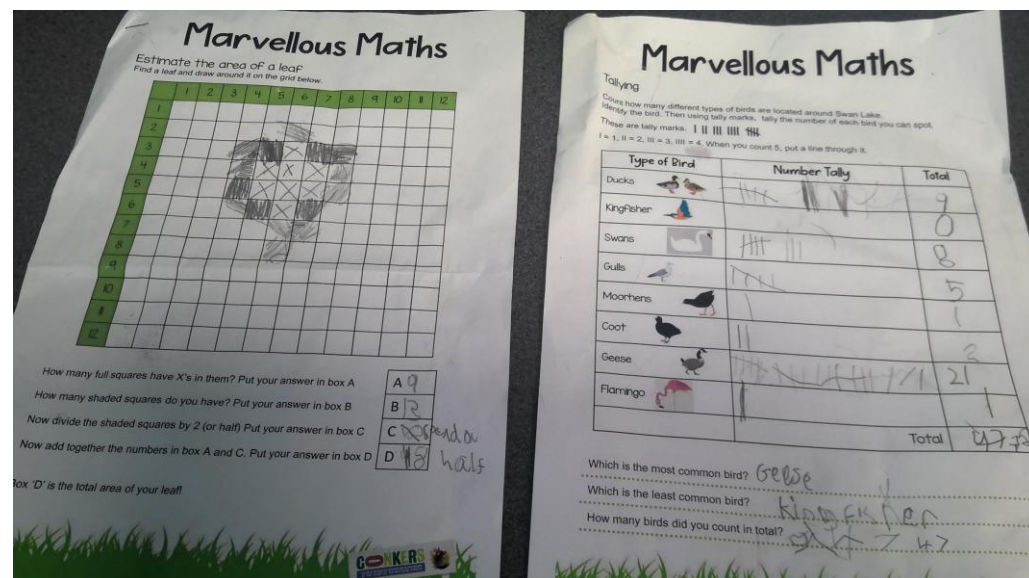
# Form I

Mr Watts



It has been a very busy half term for both Transition and Form I In the last month. We have competed in Sports Day, participated in Kombat Kids, auditioned for Mayfield's Got Talent and visited the Conkers Activity Centre in Derbyshire! The theme of Form I's Assembly was the World Cup, as it started on the day of our Assembly! We introduced it by waving flags of some of the countries competing in it, talking about its history and facts related to it. Did you know that Brazil are the only team to have played in all the World Cup tournaments since it started?! The children were very loud and confident and performed well. Sansaar, Mila, Joshua and Vinny got through to the Mayfield's Got Talent final after successful heats. They were all brilliant and performed confidently and bravely in front of the whole school.

When Transition and Form I visited Conkers Activity Centre, we had a workshop related to "Marvellous Maths", where we created a tally chart for the number of different birds on the lake. Then we estimated the area of a leaf by drawing around it. We also visited the Interactive hall, Enchanted Forest (indoor play area) and Fairy Labrinth!. We ended our trip by watching the Robin Hood film at the 4D cinema. It was a really lovely trip, which rounded off a very successful year. It has gone very quickly but the children have worked hard and learnt a great deal. We will miss them all but look forward to seeing them progress in Form I and Lower II respectively.



# Transition

Mrs Draper



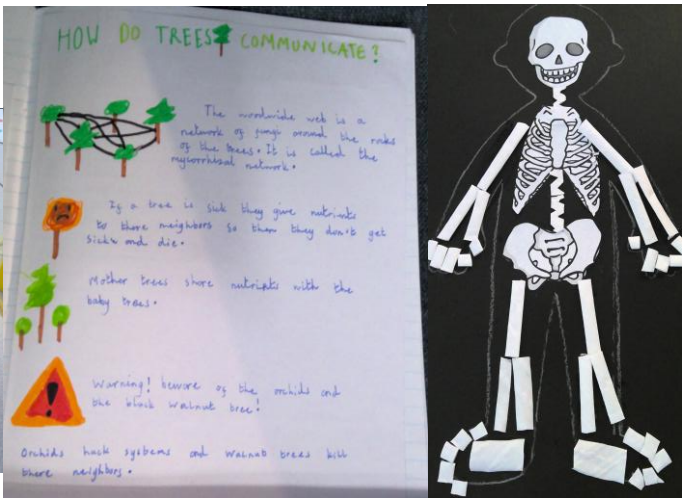
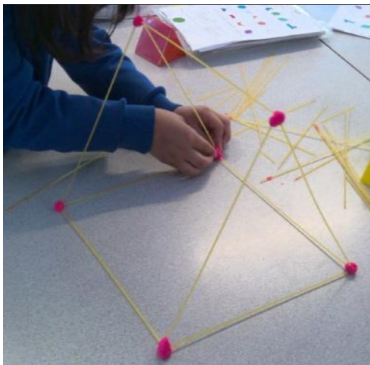
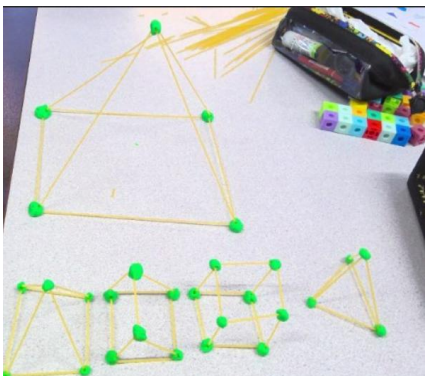
Lower II have worked really hard this term and one of our favourite activities was investigating 3-dimensional shapes in Maths. We looked at a range of 3-dimensional shapes and then attempted to recreate them using spaghetti and playdoh! We had a great time experimenting and we made cubes, cuboids, pyramids and even triangular prisms!

In Science, we have been finishing off our plants topic and beginning to look at famous scientists. We really enjoyed learning how trees communicate with each other using the mycorrhizal network and created some lovely explanatory posters. We also found out about the amazing work carried out by double Nobel prize winner, Marie Curie. We learned how x-rays work and used art straws to make our own 'cassette' of an x-ray of the human body from top to toe!

World Cup fever has also hit our classroom and the team we selected from the hat was Argentina. We used the iPads to research aspects such as food, animals, climate and physical geography, creating some fascinating fact files!

I was incredibly proud of all of the children who showcased their talents in Mayfield's Got Talent and Dawood was a well-deserved winner.

It has been amazing to share in another year of Lower II's journey and I wish them lots of luck as they continue onwards and upwards!



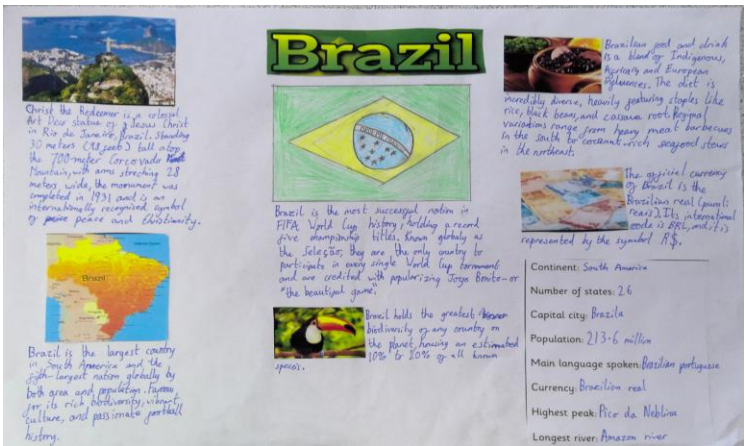
## Form II

Mrs Andrews

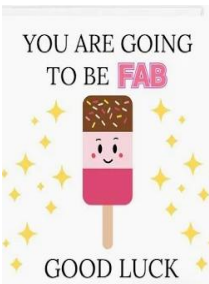
In Science this term, Form II have been learning about famous inventors and scientists. From finding out about the theory of 'absolute zero' to researching the work of Garrett Morgan, the children have produced some very informative pieces of writing and conducted investigative work the ground-breaking achievements of marvellous individuals.

Design Technology lessons were the perfect opportunity for children to learn and master the art of cross-stitching. Pupils designed their own patterns, which incorporated a border and the initial of their first name. Plenty of patience and perseverance were demonstrated as the final outcomes reflected their hard work.

The World Cup has gripped the interests of us all and we have thoroughly enjoyed learning more about our class sweepstake country: Brazil! (Picked by our very own Harvey, during a special class assembly held by Mr Watts and Form I). This has tied in perfectly with our Geography topic on Megacities in which we explored other key locations across the world.



During the hot spell, we ventured outside to study plants and objects in our school environment. Making the most of the shade, the children worked with focus to produce some superb observational drawings.



And finally...Well done and thank you to all the children of Form II for their hard work and effort, this year. Good luck and best wishes as you begin your journey in Upper School. You have truly been a delight to teach!



## Lower II

Mrs King





As part of our Science this half term, Upper II repeated the investigation we did in the Autumn Term, investigating shadows. Although we had some sun in October, it wasn't strong enough to cast clear shadows and was so low in the sky that it had disappeared behind the trees by mid-afternoon.

This time, we chose a sunny day with few clouds. At various intervals throughout the day, we photographed the shadow cast by a rounders pole. We have already studied the apparent movement of the sun, caused by the Earth's rotation, but it was really exciting to see the results in real life.

We discovered that it is a much better time to do this investigation, as the sun appears higher in the sky and is stronger, producing better shadows.

Check out our videos on Seesaw where we explain our results.



# Upper II

Mrs S Marston



# Lower III

Mrs Crosby and Mrs Pittaway

Props, places and positions. With auditions and roles cast completed before Easter, Lower III returned for their final half term at Mayfield full of enthusiasm and sparkle, keen to tread the boards and get the show underway. The whole class worked well as a team, scripts were studied, lines learned, and staging practised. The cast all helped to win stars, to release Lower III from Primary School and 'Get Out of Here!' To win stars, they completed trials and challenges such as eating disgusting food from the dinner hall; avoiding the critters of Lower School; completing a Literacy challenge; dealing with 'cringy' parents and some rather dodgy Letters From Home. The opening show arrived, there were some nerves, but the class pulled together, dug deep and delivered an outstanding, memorable performance.

Lower III, you have been a delight to teach during your time here at Mayfield and it has been a great year, you rose to the occasion and delivered. We know that every one of you will go on to great things. Hold on to your time at Mayfield and remember that we are here if you need us.





# Mathematics News

Mrs S Marston

In the last magazine, I announced the results of the Junior Mathematics Challenge- a Nationwide competition aimed at students in Year 7 and Year 8. One of our Lower III students, Zayn, also qualified for the follow-on round, called the Junior Kangaroo. The name Kangaroo acknowledges the contribution made by Australia to establishing large-scale mathematics contests.

I am pleased to announce that Zayn was awarded a Bronze Certificate- an amazing achievement

Our children in Lower II and Form II have taken part in the First Mathematics Challenge this week, designed to get them ready for the Primary Mathematics Challenge in Upper II and Lower III. We had some amazing results- all of the children in Form II were awarded either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificate. Special congratulations to Inaaya and Amar, who achieved full marks!

In Lower II, all the children achieved either a Bronze or Silver Certificate. They will have another chance next year. Well done, everyone!





# Sports Day 2026



Congratulations to all our Upper School pupils for an outstanding Sports Day! Your energy, determination, and teamwork were wonderful to see, and you made the event a true celebration of sport and school spirit. A special well done to Livingstone House, our overall winners—an excellent achievement. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and families who came along to support. Your encouragement and enthusiasm helped create such a positive and memorable atmosphere for everyone involved. Well done to all who took part—we are very proud of you all!



## Pre-Nursery and Nursery Sports Day



Children and grown-ups had a wonderful afternoon in the sports hall enjoying activities together - collecting golden stars on their sports trail before being awarded a medal for their achievements.



Congratulations to all our Lower School pupils for a wonderful year of sporting achievement! Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination have been a joy to see, and you have made this year a true celebration of growth and success. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, on the sports field, you have embraced every opportunity with confidence and positivity. A special mention to Nightingale for being the winners on the day.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and families for their continued support and encouragement throughout the year. Your involvement helps create such a positive and nurturing community. Well done to all our pupils—we are incredibly proud of you all.





### Mayfield's First-Ever Tea-Time Concert

Mayfield School hosted its very first Tea-Time Concert on Wednesday, 24th June, in the Old School Hall. Running from 3:35 to 4:30 after school, the event brought together pupils, parents, and friends for an afternoon of music and celebration.

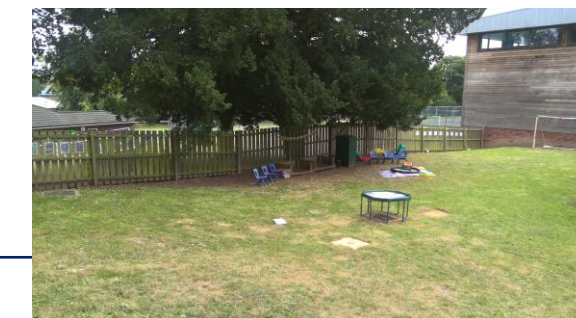
Performers were specially selected by instrumental tutors Mrs Anslow, Mrs Harvey, and Mr Gerighty. Each pupil earned their place through dedication, consistent practice, and strong achievement in lessons—rising to the challenge of performing in front of a live audience.

The programme featured eight impressive performances across piano, violin, flute, and guitar. For many families, it was a memorable occasion—some hearing their children and loved ones perform in public for the very first time.

Despite the sweltering heat, the audience remained until the very last note. The concert was a resounding success and a fantastic start to what promises to become a much-loved Mayfield tradition.



# The Den!



Thank you to all the parents and families who attended our recent Together in the Den event. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying our transformed outdoor space and spending quality time with your children. We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated site team and staff, whose hard work, creativity and commitment helped create such a welcoming and inspiring environment. It was lovely to see families exploring the area and taking part in the crafting activities together. Thank you also for your generous donations of plants, which will become a valued part of the Den and help it continue to grow and flourish. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at future events.



# Adventures



William went to the Junior Musical Theatre International competition as part of his Stagecoach school. Competing against other troops from across Europe, they won an award for 'achievement in ensemble.' They also enjoyed performances and workshops from professionals from Broadway and the West End.



Mila competed in a gymnastics competition over half term and placed in the top 3 in all 4 events she took part in. Lots of medals. She is very proud and wanted to let the school know. Well done Mila!



Dahlia enjoyed her first netball residential at Condoover over the weekend. Her team won the plate!



On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, several boys from Mayfield took part in a World Cup themed football tournament at QMGs. The winning team was France, represented by Jaxon, Yusuf and Musa. They narrowly beat, an England side which included Veer, Adam and Joshua. Ronnie and Kane represented Spain and Argentina respectively. All the boys had a great time!

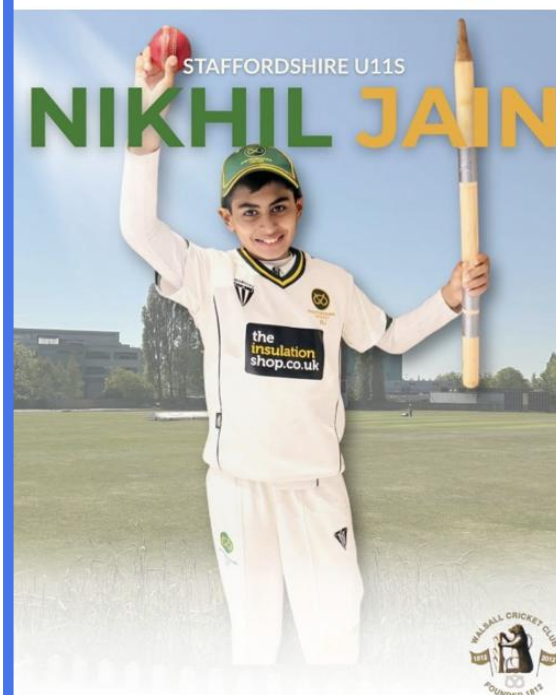


Saran loves running and racing and dreams of one day taking on the London Marathon, this year Saran will be participating in the Junior Solihull run for NSPCC.

He has raised a total of £376 for NSPCC so far.



A huge well done to Walsall CC player Nikhil Jain who took 9 wickets for 10 runs in his first match for @staffscricket Under 11s in their inter-squad match this week! Great start to the season Nikhil, keep it up!



Congratulations to Eva and her team who achieved a 10-0 win in a recent match, with only 6 players! Eva scored 7 of the 10 goals and was named player of the match, well done Eva.



Joshua has been taking inspiration from England's winning performances in the World Cup with his team mates at Starlands Warriors, winning their group and the tournament plate. Congratulations, Joshua and we hope you and England continue on successful runs!

Congratulations to Samar who has been attending Panjabi School since September. He was 1 of 3 children picked from his class and was given the award for most improved for his learning! Keep up the good work Samar.



# Adventures



Congratulations to Kiaan who won a major Golf tournament at Gainsborough – keep it up, Kiaan.



Buttons, who has been raised by Rohan and his family, has been accepted onto the further training programme at the Guide Dogs Centre in Exeter. What an amazing achievement – congratulations.

# Key Dates

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 3rd September | Start of Autumn Term 1                   |
| Monday 14th September  | Extra-Curricular Clubs start             |
| Wednesday 23 September | Form I to LIII Parents English Workshop  |
| Thursday 1st October   | Open Morning (9 - 11 am)                 |
| Thursday 1st October   | EYFS/TR Parents English Workshop         |
| Tuesday 6th October    | Parents Evening - Online                 |
| Wednesday 7th October  | Parents Evening - In person in school    |
| Thursday 8th October   | Flu Vaccinations KG to LIII              |
| Wednesday 14 October   | Early Years Harvest Festival to Parents  |
| Thursday 15 October    | Harvest Festival – Parents welcome       |
| Thursday 15 October    | Lower III Destinations meetings - Online |
| Friday 16 October      | Hallowe'en Disco                         |
| Friday 16 October      | End of Autumn half-term 1                |



On Tuesday 7th July Mayfield was fortunate enough to welcome the QMGS skiffle band to our Assembly. They played several well-known songs using a variety of instruments. The songs included "Hi-de-Hi", "She'll be coming round the mountain" and "My old man's a dustman". It was a fun way to end the term!



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Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine, we hope it has provided an enjoyable insight into the half term.

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