

John Mayne CEP Term 1

Newsletter



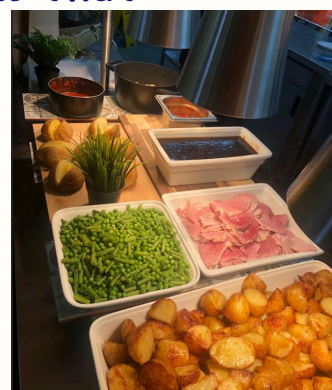
A message from Mrs Tester



Firstly, thank you all for making our first term back so positive. Your children have been a credit to you and settled into the class routines brilliantly. I thought I would just go through just a few things from a very packed Term 1. We have welcomed Miss O'Brien to the team and she is already making such a huge difference to John Mayne. I hope you also enjoy our new look newsletter and event leaflets that have been coming out. We are also working on a John Mayne Facebook page, which should be up and running when we return.

Across the school, we have been focussing on presentation of all pieces of work and teachers are really starting to see the difference – we hope you do too at the open classroom event.

School dinners, with our new caterers Aspens, got off to a great start and the feedback from the children and staff is that everything is delicious!



We have extended our club offers and are excited to continue our connection with Chatham Town Football Club who are running after school football sessions weekly in Term 2. Cooking Club is already fully booked. We have put in a funding bid with Tesco Tenterden to buy a range cooker for the school to further improve our cooking club offer. If you or someone you know are in Tesco please look out for and support us with the blue tokens.

The roofing is so nearly complete. The contractors have replaced the roof across the whole of the building and we have much improved insulation. Fingers crossed the scaffolding will be gone when we return in November. Thank you all for your patience whilst this has been in progress. Although the contractors have been excellent in ensuring little disruption to the school day I know the staff will be pleased to not hear people wandering around upstairs! We have several other improvement works in the pipeline including replacement of all internal doors, electrical improvements and complete replacement of all boundary fencing to increase safeguarding of the children.

Each class has worked so hard on their topics this term we hope you enjoy the class update sections contained within our new look newsletter. It has been a long term and I bet you are all ready for a break to recuperate before the Christmas term begins. If we could ask just one thing, please try and keep reading with your child over the 2 week break or encourage them to pick up a book – it makes a huge difference.

Wishing you all a lovely Autumn break, enjoy the rest and the lighter mornings ahead.





A message from foxes class



What a wonderful first term the children in foxes class have had. The children have adapted to life at John Mayne beautifully and we are all so proud of them. The children have had a fantastic start with their phonics and even started writing some words independently the other day. Our classroom has come alive with their amazing work all over the walls, we can't wait to share this with you all at our open classroom.

Another stand out moment for us was the Harvest Festival. The children sang beautifully and confidently throughout the entire song and remembered the actions too. It truly was a lovely memory and has made us all very excited for the Nativity performance next term.

Well done to all the foxes children and also their parents. First term- completed it and smashed it!





A message from Hedgehogs class

We have had a fantastic term learning all about Space, from planets to astronauts! In Maths, we have been working on place value and building our confidence with numbers. In English, we have written amazing character and setting descriptions, inspired by some great books. Hedgehogs class has also learnt lots of new phonics sounds, helping with both reading and writing. We have had a big focus on handwriting and presentation, and it is brilliant to see how much progress the children are all making. Well done for a super term – have a lovely break!

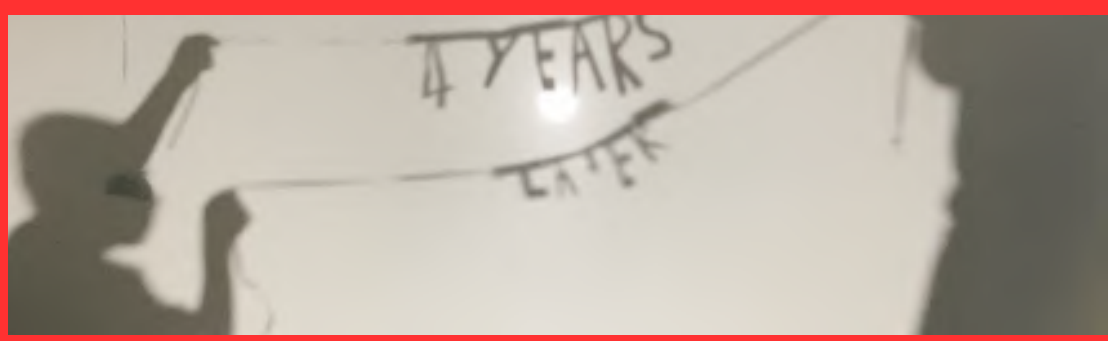


A message from Squirrels class



This term, our class has been learning all about the rainforest and its incredible ecosystems. We created an interactive rainforest display, complete with animals that live there, to help us explore the different layers of the forest and understand how each one supports unique flora and fauna. We also discovered where rainforests are located around the world and learned why they are so important to our planet. In science, we have been studying animals and humans, focusing on food chains and food webs to see how living things depend on each other for survival. It's been an exciting and hands-on way to learn about nature and the connections within our world.

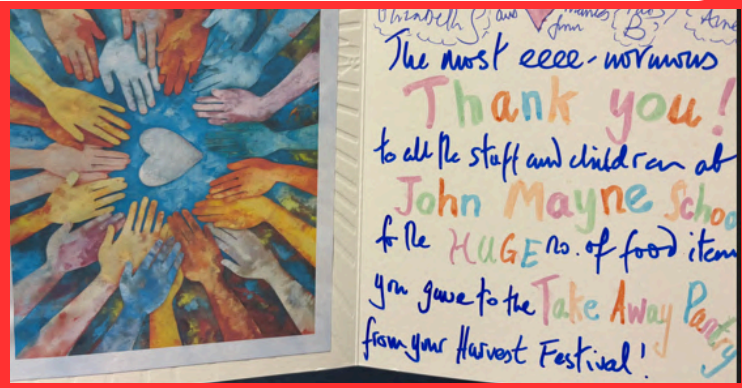




A message from Badgers class



Wow! What a fabulous first term we've had in Badgers! Year 6 have stepped into their roles as leaders with pride and enthusiasm, while Year 5 have settled brilliantly into the new challenges and expectations of being in Badgers class. Our learning this term has centred around Charles Darwin, his voyage, and his fascinating discoveries. We've read two brilliant books — Darwin's Dragons and Skellig — created portrait fact files, written a biography, and imagined life stranded on the Galápagos Islands through our diary entries. In science, we've explored inheritance and evolution, and in art, we produced some incredible scientific-style drawings, just as Darwin might have recorded his findings. Creativity has flourished in other areas too! We composed our own shadow music pieces, developed our football skills, and even tried writing about ourselves in French. In maths, we've shown great determination, strengthening our understanding of place value and building confidence with the four operations. And that's not all! Year 6 have completed their first term of Forest School, six pupils led their very first Harvest Festival service at the church, we enjoyed a day at Chatham Town Football Club, and even managed to fit in our ramble. It's been an action-packed and inspiring start to the year, and we couldn't be prouder of how the class have come together. We're already looking forward to another exciting and busy term ahead!





Awards

well done!

Headteacher Awards

Jack H - Super focussed in maths

Jaxon C - Fantastic independent writing

Value Awards

Respect

Oscar O

Ivy

Grace

Courage

George W

Charlie W

Imogen

Grace

Danny

Compassion

Isabelle A

Isabel H

Valentina

Alfred

Danny

Oliver P

Hope

Oscar B

John

Jaxon

Rohan

George E

Jayce

Dolce

Maryella

Jackson

Ronnie

Zachary

Monrose

Gigi

Freddie T

Roxy

Molly S

A festive header for a birthday card. The words 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' are written in large, colorful, balloon-like letters. The letters are: H (red), A (orange), P (green), P (blue), Y (purple), B (blue), I (orange), R (purple), T (green), H (pink), D (red), A (yellow), Y (green). The letters are surrounded by several yellow stars and two large balloons, one yellow on the left and one green on the right.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

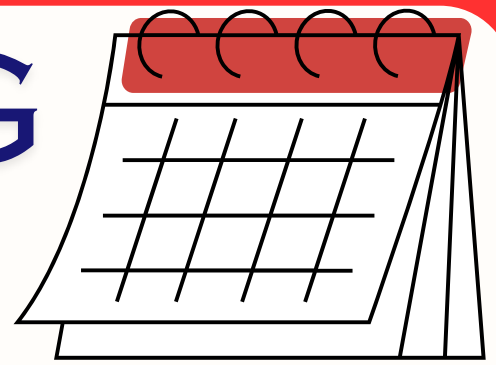
Happy Birthday to all of our pupils who celebrated their birthday in August &

September:

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- A vertical string of red balloons, with each balloon tied to the name of a pupil.
- Ronnie R
 - Keaton A
 - Oscar B
 - Henri S
 - Theo L
 - Phoebe E
 - Dexter M
 - Rosie S
 - Daniel P
 - Joseph S
 - Alexandra C
 - Harry S
 - Matthew S



UPCOMING DATES



4th November - Parent Consultations

6th November - Parent Consultations

14th November - Children in Need pyjama day (Homewood Dance Dash to attend)

21st November - Squirrels Big Cat Sanctuary Trip

24th November - Staff Development Day (no children in school)

27th November - Maths Workshop for Parents (9:15am-10:15am)

28th November - National Child Measurement Programme (Reception & year 6)

4th December - Whole School Pantomime (Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone)

8th December - 11th December - Book Fair

10th December - Nativity Dress Rehearsal

11th December - Nativity

12th December - Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch

12th December - FOJM 'Big Wrap'

17th December - Christmas craft with parents (2pm)

18th December - Carol Concert

19th December - Term 2 ends