

24th January 2025

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

We kicked off the week with an exciting and productive Staff Training Day. All staff members from across the three schools in Saltern's Academy Trust came together to focus on our shared goals and priorities. This collaborative day was packed with valuable professional development opportunities, ensuring that we continue to provide the highest-quality education for our students.

A key highlight of the day was the subject-specific training and development, which allowed teachers to share their expertise and stay up-to-date with the latest strategies and resources.

In addition, one of the sessions was a relational practice workshop that emphasised the importance of building strong, supportive relationships with students. These sessions help foster a positive school culture, where respect, empathy, and communication are part of all interactions.

The day was further enriched by a keynote speaker whose insights and inspiration left everyone feeling motivated and empowered. The speaker reminded everyone that every connection has an impact on personal and professional growth.

Overall, the Staff Training Day was a fantastic opportunity for staff to come together, share ideas, and strengthen our collective commitment to excellence in education. We're excited to bring the energy and knowledge gained from this day into the classroom, continuing to provide your children with the best possible learning experiences.

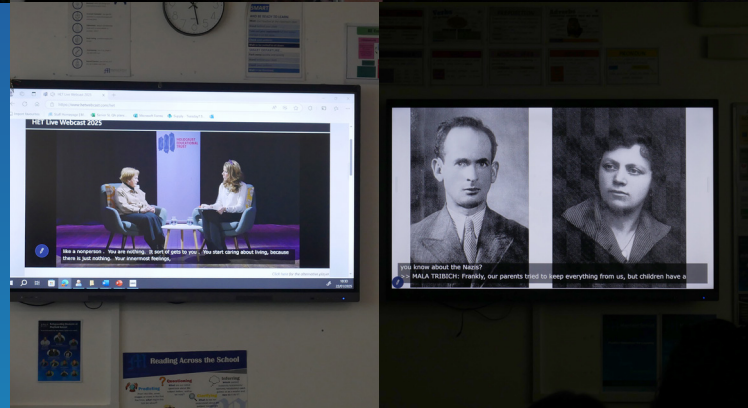
Thank you for your continued support as we continue to work to make this an exceptional year for all of our students!

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Holocaust Memorial Webinar

On Wednesday this week, our Year 9, 10 and 11 students took part and watched a special webinar as part of Holocaust Memorial Day. The Holocaust Trust describes the webcast as: "A special online event where thousands of schools, organisations and individuals across the UK come together to hear from a survivor about their experiences during the holocaust." The Year 10 and 11s pupils have previously studied the Holocaust in their KS3 History and RE lessons, while Year 9 have recently started their RE module This ensured they had some context and understanding of the topic.



Empowering Children with Books - Thank you Friends Of Mayfield!

We're thrilled to announce that every Reception year pupil at our school has received their very own book to take home, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Mayfield. This initiative, organized by our school librarian, Mrs. Beech, aims to foster a love for reading and enhance our students' academic and social skills.

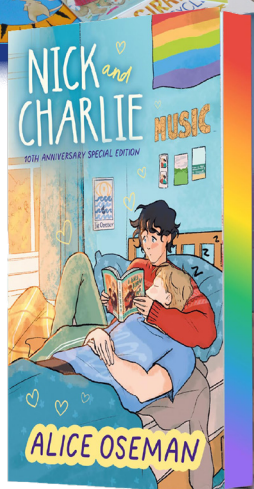
Owning a book is a powerful tool for children, offering them the chance to explore new worlds, boost their reading performance, and support their educational journey. We are grateful to the Friends of Mayfield for making this possible and are excited to see our young readers dive into their new adventures! Let's celebrate the joy of reading together!



Enter to Win!

Your child could win the book, *Nick and Charlie - A Heartstopper Novella 10th Anniversary Special Edition*, with gorgeous rainbow pages and signed by the author herself, Alice Oseman! Interested? All your child needs to do is prove they deserve to win this beautiful book! They could produce artwork, poetry, music, videos, fan fiction and so much more! Entries close on Friday 14th February 2025, please let your child/ren know to hand these in to Mrs.

Beech in the Wilkie Library. However, we would like to preface that this competition is for Senior pupils only.



Wilkie Library Events

We've got lots of exciting new events coming up from the Wilkie Library! Take a look at the list below of the events we have confirmed so far...

- 27th February - Year 5 & 6 Literature Quiz at the Mountbatten Centre
- 27th February - Author Guy Bass speaks to selected KS2 classes
- 13th March - Year 7, 8 & 9 Literature Quiz at the Victory Suite in Portsmouth Football Club



Wishing you the best of luck!

At Mayfield, we are proud to see our core values—ambition, inclusion, and respect—come to life in so many inspiring ways. Recently, our students in seniors had the opportunity to showcase their talent and dedication through a stunning dance performance to our staff, leaving us all in awe. This event highlighted not only their creativity and hard work but also the heart of what makes our school community so special. Next up...the live performance on Monday! Good luck to all involved.



ClassCharts

Thank you to all those who have been logging onto their ClassCharts accounts regularly! Be sure you're checking into your ClassCharts app frequently to keep up-to-date with your child/ren's progress and any important information. This is one of our essential ways of communicating and providing you opportunities, services, and lots more.

INSET DAYS

Here are the confirmed INSET Day dates that we currently have on our school calendar. The INSET Day dates can be found listed below;

- 19th March 2025
- 21st July 2025
- 22nd July 2025

These may be subject to change, so these will then be updated and we will inform you promptly either through our social media pages or via ClassCharts.



Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the weekend or during the week, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger. Please send these to general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend!