

28th February 2025

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It's been a fantastic start to the new half-term, and our Year 11 students are already hard at work preparing for their upcoming mock exams. Before the break, our CEO conducted a learning walk and was impressed by the excellent Year R provision, highlighting how well-embedded routines are supporting our young learners. These children demonstrated high levels of engagement and ambition in their writing and application of their phonics skills with confidence. It has been great to see the journey of our Year R children since their start in September!

These achievements are all linked to our core school values of Ambition, Inclusion, and Respect, ensuring that every child is supported and challenged to reach their full potential. Let's continue this momentum throughout the term!

Have a great weekend!

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Author, Guy Bass, visits Mayfield!

One of the authors, Guy Bass, came to Mayfield in the afternoon and entertained years 4, 5 and 6. The pupils had a wonderful time listening to his anecdotes about his childhood and his funny poetry. It was a hilarious and engaging session. Thank you to Mrs Beech, our Librarian, and also to Portsmouth School Library Service for organising the quiz and author visit.





Congratulations Chase!

Competition, for the eagerly sought-after special signed copy of Nick and Charlie by Alice Oseman, brought out the creativity in our senior pupils. The winner was Chase with the amazing crocheted characters of Nick and Charlie. Congratulations Chase and well done to all who entered.

Coming up... World Book Day!

We're celebrating World Book Day with a week of exciting activities to spark a love of reading! Here's what's happening:



- Staff Dress-Up – Teachers will be bringing books to life by dressing as their favorite characters.
- Book Quiz in Tutor Time – A fun, book-themed challenge for all students.
- Scholastic Book Fair – Running all week with fantastic books available to buy.
- Creative Competitions – Senior pupils can enter the Design a National Book Day Competition, plus lunchtime bookmark and mini book challenges!
- Kahoot Quiz on Friday – Test your book knowledge and win a Scholastic Book Fair voucher!
- Reading with Primary Pupils – Senior students will share stories with younger readers.

We look forward to a wonderful week celebrating the joy of reading and storytelling!

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.



Portsmouth Annual Literature Quiz

Pupils from years 5 and 6 took part in the annual Literature Quiz organised by Portsmouth School Library Service. They had a fun morning sharing their book knowledge and met four authors. One of the authors, Guy Bass, came to Mayfield in the afternoon and entertained years 4, 5 and 6. The pupils had a wonderful time listening to his anecdotes about his childhood and his funny poetry. It was a hilarious and engaging session. Thank you to Mrs Beech, our Librarian, and also to Portsmouth School Library Service for organising the quiz and author visit.

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...



- 6th March - World Book Day
- 13th March - Year 7, 8 & 9 Literature Quiz at the Victory Suite in Portsmouth Football Club

HIVE needs you!

HIVE Portsmouth is on a mission to make World Book Day truly magical for local children—and they need your help! They're calling on the people of Portsmouth to dig into their fancy dress collections and donate literary-themed costumes, ensuring every child can take part in the celebrations for free.

They welcome donations of all sizes, characters, and themes, as long as they're in good condition.

Dropping off your donation is easy—simply place the outfit in a bag labeled 'For HIVE Portsmouth' and leave it at any Portsmouth library. The charity will take care of the rest, distributing the costumes in time for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March—a day dedicated to inspiring a love of reading.

Your donation can help make this day unforgettable for local children—let's make it happen!



Hants & IOW OPCC Youth Commission - Applications Now Open!



The Hampshire & IOW Office of The Police & Crime Commissioner's Youth Commission are recruiting for new members!

The Youth Commission is a diverse group of young people aged 14 to 25, from across Hampshire and the IOW, who represent the voice of young people on police and crime matters. They gather and represent the views of young people at a number of local and national strategic level meetings, attend events, create youth led campaigns and projects and help to shape policing in the area. Each year they hold The Big Conversation Survey and they present these recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Constabulary and other partners, to support positive change for young people.

Scan the QR code for the link to the Online Application. Applications close on 28th February 2025.

Scouts
104th Portsmouth (Hilsea)

Interested in Squirrels?

We're looking at opening a Squirrel Drey within 104th Portsmouth Scout Group!

Got a young person aged between 4 - 5.5 years who wants to join Squirrel Scouts?

Are you a team leader, a planner, a pro squash-maker or just have an enthusiasm to get stuck in?

In order to open our Squirrel Drey, we need to know if enough local young people want to join and if there is enough adult support to create a team and run the Drey together.

If your young person would like to join the fun and if you or someone you know can help make it happen, then please reach out!

To find out more or register your interest, please email-
ellie.setwood@hampshirescouts.org.uk

📅 Wednesdays, 5pm - 6pm (PO2 0UJ)



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- THE BOX PORTSMOUTH, 235 COMMERCIAL RD, PORTSMOUTH, PO1 4BJ

Lost Property

We have a number of lost property items in Pupil Services especially blazers and coats. Please could you remind your child/ren if they have lost a piece of clothing, to check our 'Lost Property' situated in Pupil Services. Take a look at our social media post to determine whether the items of clothing belongs to your child/ren.

Please name all items of clothing, so we can determine the owner more easily.

If these items of clothing are not returned to their rightful owner by the end of each half-term, they will be given to charity or the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop.



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!

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