

20th September 2024

# Mayfield Messenger

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## A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

On Monday, I received a report from the English Hub which conducted a learning walk to see the work that Primary have been doing in early reading and phonics across Key Stage 1. The feedback was incredibly positive noting that, '...have been very impressed with the phonics lessons and your dedicated team of phonics teachers in both year 1 and year 2. The next steps from the previous report have been implemented and as a result, the quality of lessons has improved.' This is welcomed feedback, and now gives us the platform to move forward again in our rapid journey of continued improvement.

In seniors, the Year 7 tutor evening last night was a great success. There was an overwhelming response of positivity with pupils, parents and carers having the opportunity to talk about how they have settled in.

The evening was a great way to build strong links between school and parents. We all know that this relationship is vital to the long-term success of our pupils.

At the centre of this relationship sits the Form Tutors, who we intend to be the primary link between school and home.

Equally, the buzz within the hall was representative of the cohort. There was togetherness, a sense of belonging, and a greater sense of community – one that we continue to strive for and strengthen across the school.

I wish you all a brilliant weekend!

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### Brian Wilkie visits Mayfield!

Last week, we welcomed Brian Wilkie, MBE, back to Mayfield for a special assembly to launch this year's Wilkie Scholarship to our Year 11s, along with 5 special guests from Portsmouth Grammar School, including 3 Scholars from his programme.

Over the last 11 years, Mr Brian Wilkie, an ex-pupil of Northern Grammar School (now Mayfield), has returned each year to share his success journey and present an exciting opportunity for Year 11 students – the Wilkie Scholarship.

The Scholarship was founded by Mr. Wilkie in 2012, to enable at least two Year 11 Mayfield pupils to take up fully funded places in the sixth form of The Portsmouth Grammar School. To date, more than 20 former pupils have benefited from this huge opportunity – many of whom have secured places at some of the best universities in the country.



Make the early years matter, because childhood can't wait

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE

8- week training course  
Tuesdays  
Starting 24th September  
9.30am - 12.30pm



Make a difference by giving as little as 2 hours a week to support a family in the home

[www.hsportsmouth.org.uk/volunteer/](http://www.hsportsmouth.org.uk/volunteer/)

### Volunteer Training Course

Home Start Portsmouth are running a Volunteer Training Course within Portsmouth to support families. Volunteers can support a family in the home each week with their home visiting or school readiness projects or alternatively their free stay and play groups. Take a look at the information above to find out more.

### 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.



### New Starters for the Year R Cohort 2025 Information Session

For the new starters arriving in September 2025, we will be hosting a parent information session for our upcoming Year R pupils, to learn more about what we can offer your child at Mayfield School. This event will be taking place;

Thursday 10th October and Monday 4th November  
4 - 5PM

To book a tour on either of these days, please call 02392 693432.

### Friends of Mayfield

We hope you had a lovely summer and have had a great start to the new academic.



On Monday 9th September we held our annual general meeting and voted for our 2024/25 leadership team:

Chair person - Joanne Fry  
Treasurer - Janice Andrews  
Secretary - Elizabeth Hodgkinson  
Vice treasurer - Christine Shepherd  
Media promoter - Fiona Holt

As we reflected on our achievements and challenges, one of the key hurdles we have faced was a lack of members and difficulty in recruiting new ones. To continue we will have to consider alternative ways in our fundraising efforts. If you are interested joining our friendly group and would like to help raise money for our children, please email [fom@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:fom@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

Moving forward, Friends of Mayfield have some exciting events lined between now and Christmas.

We have a clairvoyant night, a disco for our year 1 & 2 children, quiz night and our annual Christmas fayre.

We would like to thank you all for your continuous support. If you want to keep up to date with our events, please join our Facebook page - Friends of Mayfield (Portsmouth).

#### FRIENDS OF MAYFIELD

##### OCT 24TH UP & COMING EVENTS

An evening of clairvoyance with Jenny Docherty, join us in the main hall, prompt start of 7.30pm. Book your place - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTKM>

##### NOV 7TH

Years 1 & 2 get your dancing shoes on and join us in the main hall for a disco, 5pm until 6pm. Tickets will go on sell 1st October, more ticket info coming soon.

##### NOV 15TH

Quiz night, no need for tickets, just rock up at the door. So gather your teams (no more than 8), bring your own snacks and drinks (soft or alcoholic). Doors 6.45pm, quiz starts at 7.00pm.

##### DEC 6TH

Our annual Christmas Fayre! Our fayre will take place in the sports hall, 3pm until 6pm. Are you interested in having a stall? Please email - [janandrews0306@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janandrews0306@hotmail.co.uk)

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### 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;

- 20th January 2025
- 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.



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## The Mum Club! - Event happening this month

At the Mum Club Portsmouth, events are held monthly for mums to meet and connect. Their work is to create community amongst local mums and make mums' mental health at the forefront of everything.

They understand that motherhood can be lonely and difficult and can make mothers feel burned out - but they've come to offer fun experiences for Mums to make time for themselves and ensure they can pour into others' cups after they've poured into theirs!

Please feel free to check out our Instagram page @themumclubportsmouth for local happenings, and event info.

Our next event is a brunch club on :  
Thursday 26th September, located at The Club House in Southsea.

Here is the link to get the tickets: [themumclub.com/event-details/?eventID=2895&fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaDzzv-BPZwX-XQ68o9Tx7WM9akPbGtmzOHMf6rmzvCrLn3t2w\\_UyRW-0c\\_aem\\_zN8b0Am87uvcl0JAL\\_UVXg](https://themumclub.com/event-details/?eventID=2895&fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaDzzv-BPZwX-XQ68o9Tx7WM9akPbGtmzOHMf6rmzvCrLn3t2w_UyRW-0c_aem_zN8b0Am87uvcl0JAL_UVXg)



## THE MUM CLUB.

**What's it all about?**  
Join us for a couple of hours where you can meet local mums in your area. From Brunch Clubs to Walking Clubs, Supper Clubs and so much more. See the full list here: [themumclub.com/events](https://themumclub.com/events)

**Who is it for?**  
Come alone, pregnant, with baby or child. Whatever your circumstances you are welcome at The Mum Club.

**Join us for our next event**


Contact Lucy  
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Portsmouth SEND Local Offer



## Local Offer Live!

 **John Pounds Centre**  
(23 Queen St, Portsea, PO1 3HN)

 **Tuesday 1 October**  
 **2pm – 6:30pm**

Find out about the services available for families in Portsmouth who have children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).



Visit [portsmouthlocaloffer.org/live](https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/live)

No ticket needed. Just turn up!

**SPECIAL EVENT!**

## Portsmouth SEND Local Offer Live returns to support families

If you have children and young people up to the age of 25 years old, Portsmouth SEND Local Offer invites you to their next information event on Tuesday 1 October from 2pm - 6:30pm at the John Pounds Centre.

Meet a range of exhibitors who can provide resources and advice as well as refer you to relevant services. They also have short presentations on neurodiversity, Dynamite (young person's SEND group) and other organisations local to you. There is no need to book – just turn up on the day! For more information on Portsmouth SEND Local Offer Live, visit the website today! Find out more (Link: [www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org/live](https://www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org/live))

## Great work, Kayleigh!

Well done to Kayleigh, in Year 3, who performed at the New Theatre Royal last weekend in Theatretrain's Wizard of Oz youth production.



## 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](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

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

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