



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 56 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful half term it has been here at Mount Pleasant Primary School, filled with so many memorable activities and events that have truly brought our school community together.

Our awards ceremony was a particular highlight, celebrating our pupils' outstanding achievements across academics, character development, sports, and the arts. It was heartwarming to see so many of our pupils recognised for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The attendance awards were also well-deserved, acknowledging those pupils who have shown excellent commitment to their learning.



Year 6 graduation was an absolutely fantastic event, with so many parents joining us to celebrate this significant milestone. Watching our pupils reach the end of their primary school journey was incredibly moving - they have achieved such great successes during their time with us and are now ready to take on the exciting challenges of high school. We couldn't be prouder of how well-prepared they are for the next chapter of their education.





Our nursery graduation was equally emotional as we said goodbye to our youngest pupils who are leaving nursery to start "Big School". These little ones have grown so much during their time with us, and it's wonderful to see them ready to embark on their primary school adventure.

Sports day was another great event that brought tremendous joy to our school community. The fun activities were enjoyed by all, and having parents invited to join us made it even more special. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by our pupils was truly remarkable.

The summer fair was absolutely lovely, and we received such positive feedback from parents who enjoyed this wonderful community celebration. Events like these really strengthen the bonds within our school family and create lasting memories for everyone involved.

I'm delighted to share that we've had another exceptional year for our KS2 SATs results, with our pupils achieving above national averages in everything once again. This is a testament to the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our families.

Initial Provisional Results		
	Expected	Greater Depth
Combined	65%	7%
Maths	86%	26%
SPAG	75%	30%
Reading	77%	31%
Writing	77%	8%

Our Year 1 phonics results were equally brilliant, with an outstanding 92% of our pupils meeting the expected standard. This fantastic achievement reflects the strong foundation we're building for our pupils' literacy development.

As we approach the summer break, I want to wish everyone a wonderful and restful holiday. Thank you for your continued support throughout this remarkable year. As always, I really do appreciate the parental support and kind words so many of you share with me - it truly means a lot.

Yours faithfully
Mrs N Nazir
Head Teacher

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Sports Day

Our School's sports day was a huge success, filled with excitement, teamwork, and school spirit. We had a series of events: energetic, sprinting races, hurdle relays, penalty shoot outs and the old - fashioned, family favourite, the egg and spoon.

Students from all key stages participated enthusiastically, showing great sportsmanship.



Teachers joined in the fun, as parents cheered them on! The atmosphere was lively, and the weather was perfect, adding to the joy of the day. By the end, stickers were awarded and the overall year group winners received certificates. Proud smiles were everywhere, and everyone left feeling accomplished and united.



Nursery Memorable Experience

Nursery ended the year with a fabulous sports day. All the children got involved and had a great time taking part in all the races.



Then we had a very exciting end of year treat during PSHCE week. The mobile farm came to play! We met goats, tortoises, alpacas, rabbits, guinea pigs, ponies and a beautiful dog named Meg. The children had an amazing time getting up close to all the animals.



IAN'S MOBILE FARM



Early Years and KS1 PHSCE

Our EYFS and KS1 children got to see animals such as chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, rabbits, tortoises and goats from Ian's Mobile Farm. They were able to touch the animals whilst we talked about them.

Along with the alpacas, Ian brought some of their fleece, wool and a scarf to show where woollen knitted clothes come from. At the end of the session, the children went to have a closer look at the larger animals such as alpacas, donkey, pony, sheep and goats and even got to milk a cow!

Mini golf:

Our KS2 children had the chance to put their teamwork skills to the test! They enjoyed a range of traditional games such as 9 hole mini golf, giant jenga, noughts and crosses, beat the buzzer, american cornhole and play your cards right! They loved playing a range of games with their peers to celebrate another successful year.



Reception Memorable Experience



The reception children enjoyed a visit from River Holme Connections. They made their own rivers and learnt about porous and non porous materials. They learnt about river birds and wildlife that grows around rivers and went on a hunt to find their pictures.

The children really enjoyed looking at all the river mini beasts and identifying them using the key.

Year 1 Memorable Experience

Year 1 had a fantastic day at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The children had a wonderful time looking at lots of different animals – they particularly loved the polar bears! The children were so very well behaved and were a credit to themselves and the school – we were very proud of them!



Year 2 Memorable Experience

This term in their Art lessons, the Year 2 children explored the fascinating style of Indigenous art, learning about its cultural significance, symbolism, and how different artists use it to tell stories. They experimented with creating their own dot paintings, quickly discovering how tricky it can be to control the paint, the angle of the stick, and the spacing—some of our tiny dots ended up turning into big blobs!



Following this, we studied the work of John Kindness, focusing on how he tells the story of his city through large, sculptural art. Inspired by this, the children designed their own sculptures, starting with drawings, creating maquettes, and finally constructing their large fish sculptures. This linked beautifully with our RE project, where the fish symbolised the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand.

Although the process was challenging, the children showed great perseverance (as did the teachers!), and they were very proud of their finished work. It's been a creative and rewarding journey!



Year 3 Memorable Experience

In Design Technology lessons Year 3 looked at food and nutrition and what makes a healthy balanced diet.



We learned about healthier alternative ingredients, seasonal foods, and had a go at making our own popcorn, chips and fruity yogurts, all of which the children found tasty and wanted to make more!



We also made fabric boxes.

Year 4 Memorable Experience

All of Year 4 travelled to Moor End Academy for a fantastic day of sporting activities in the sunshine, including archery, fencing, golf, cricket and problem solving games.

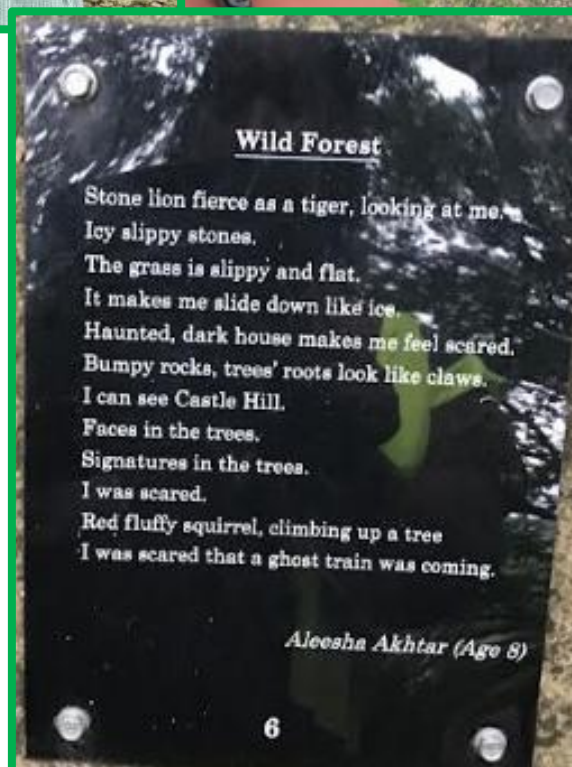


Year 4 also visited Cromwell Bottom Nature reserve. We learnt about the natural physical features of a river and compared these to the manmade features of a canal.

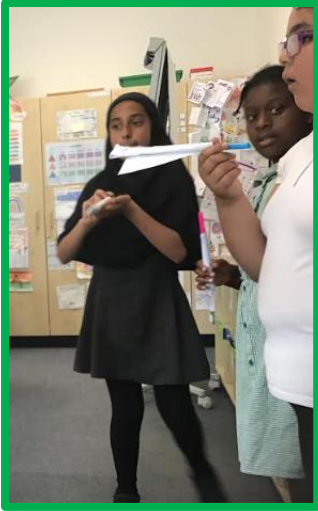


Year 5 Memorable Experience

Year 5 children had a fabulous day at Beaumont Park! We tested our self-made safety bracelets for durability and visibility purposes. Once we arrived at the park, we explored using our orienteering and map reading skills. We searched the park for fantastic poetry inspiration to improve our English.



Year 5 Science Day



Year 5 had a fantastic Science Day that included camouflage animals, as well as building sturdy bridges and testing them!

The children also loved creating rockets!



Year 6 Memorable Experience

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION - SHAHERAZADE



We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for their outstanding performance in this year's production of *Shaherazade*.

With dazzling costumes, captivating storytelling, and impressive acting, the children brought the magic of the Arabian Nights to life on stage. Their hard work, creativity, and teamwork shone through in every scene, leaving the audience thoroughly enchanted.

A huge thank you to the staff, parents, and volunteers who supported the production—your encouragement made this unforgettable experience possible!

Primary Rail Engineers

Years 2 and 6, had a fantastic day at The University of Huddersfield competing in the Primary Rail Engineers event! They used their engineering skills to build locomotives that would be tested by real engineers!



It was a fabulous day and two of our Year 2 children came away with medals and a runner-up certificate for innovation! Amazing!

Year 4 Visit to the Mosque

Year 4 went to visit a Mosque as part of our RE topic. The children have been learning about Islam and the 5 Pillars of Islam and why they are important. We met an Imam at a local mosque called Masjid Bilal. He told us all about mosques, why they are important and how Muslims pray. We saw lots of people praying at the mosque. We also heard the Imam reciting the Quran and we tried on lots of artefacts such as scarves and hats. We had a wonderful visit and we also got lots of treats such as juice and lollipops to bring home! Everybody had fun and learnt a lot about Islam.



CREST Awards



Celebrating Our Young Scientists!

This term, our children took part in the CREST Awards, a national scheme that encourages hands-on STEM learning. They completed six fun and challenging activities, exploring real-world science through creativity and teamwork.

We are proud to share that several of our children earned special certificates for their fantastic efforts and scientific thinking. Opportunities like this help children see how science connects with everyday life - whether it's solving problems, asking questions or exploring how the world works. It's been wonderful to see their confidence and curiosity grow!



Aspirations Day 2025

Last half term we had a wonderful afternoon on Aspirations Day when professional visitors from the world of work came into school to deliver exciting, interactive and informative sessions for the children in every year group. We had not received the photos in time for our last newsletter, but we promised to add a few into this end of year newsletter. As you can see in the photos below, it was a fabulous event enjoyed by all the children.



**Have a great Summer Break and we'll see you again on
Wednesday 3rd September, 2025.**

Administrative Notes

- School meals will be **£2.85** per day from the beginning of term in September 2025. Please make sure that you have at least **£14.25** in your child's dinner account at the start of each week.
- Please note that only Reception to Year 2 children have universal free school meals. Once your child moves into Year 3 they will have to pay for school meals if they are not on benefits related free school meals. This should be paid for via Parentpay. All parents have been given Parentpay log ins, but if you need assistance please contact the office.
- If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, it is important that you telephone first thing in the morning to let us know why – you can leave a message on our absence line or speak to the office. 01484 223198. Phone lines open at 8.00 am. We have a duty under safeguarding to ensure that there is a reason for children being absent.
- We have a lot of lost property in school and we are unable to return these items to their owners because there are no names on them. Please could parents remember when buying new school uniform over the holidays to put their children's names into clothing, bags, lunchbags, water bottles etc.

Term Dates

Can parents please take note of the term times below and only book holidays in the school holiday periods.

Mount Pleasant Term Time and Holidays 2025 – 2026

Autumn Half Term 1 (8 weeks)

- **Monday 1 September – (INSET Day 1)**
- **Tuesday 2 September (INSET Day 2)**
- **Wednesday 3 September – Children return to school**
- Thursday 23 October - School closes for October half term
 - **Friday 24 October – (INSET Day 3)**

Autumn Half Term 2 (7 weeks)

- **Monday 3 November – Children return to school**
- Friday 19 December – School closes for Christmas holidays

Spring Half Term 1 (6 weeks)

- **Monday 5 January – Children return to school**
- Friday 13 February – School closes for February half term

Spring Half Term 2 (5 weeks)

- **Monday 23 February – Children return to school**
- **Friday 20th March (INSET DAY 4) possible Eid day**
- Friday 27 March – School closes for Easter holidays

Summer Half Term 1 (6 weeks)

- **Monday 13 April – Children return to school**
 - **Monday 4 May – Bank Holiday**
- Friday 22 May – School closes for May half term holidays

Summer Half Term 2 (7 weeks)

- **Monday 1 June – Children return to school**
- Friday 17 July – School closes for the Summer holidays
 - **Monday 20 July – (INSET Day 5) disaggregated**