



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 59 February 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, it was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. Building strong connections between home and school is incredibly important to us. These occasions allow us to celebrate the fantastic learning and progress your children are making; whilst also sharing practical next steps and ways you can support their continued growth at home.



A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Parent Questionnaire. Whilst we regularly receive valuable feedback from so many of you, I felt it was important to gather your views more formally this time and parents evening provided an excellent opportunity for this. I was delighted, as I am sure you will be as well, to see how positively our families view our school. The vast majority of you responded with either strongly agree or agree to the statements. I also truly enjoyed reading your comments – please see a few below. Where a parent suggested ways to improve, I will be looking at these suggestions and seeing if there are ways to make our school even better.

The results from the questionnaire, confirm my beliefs that we are a community school. We know our families well, understand the unique needs of our community, and we work hard to support every child so they can thrive and live out our school motto: Think Big – Aim High – ACHIEVE! Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

MPPS Parent Questionnaire Results – 268 families responded to our questionnaire.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
My child is happy at this school.	200 74.6%	62 23.1%		1 0.3%		
My child feels safe at this school.	203 75.7%	64 23.8%			1 0.3%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	186 69.4%	76 28.3%	3 1.1%	1 0.3%	2 0.7%	
The school communicates well with me about the things I need to know.	178 66.4%	87 32.4%	3 1.1%			
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	155 57.8%	103 38.4%	3 1.1%		2 0.7%	5 1.8%
When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart.	178 66.4%	84 31.3%	2 0.7%		4 1.4%	
The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well.	196 73.1%	71 26.4%			1 0.3%	
I would recommend this school to other parents.	203 75.7%	62 23.1%	1 0.3%		2 0.7%	
Has your child been bullied at this school? Yes/No. If you answer 'Yes' Please answer the next question.	24 8.9%					
When the bullying took place, the school dealt with it quickly and effectively.	7 29.1%	14 58.3%	3 12.5%			

Does your child at the school have special educational needs and/or disabilities? Yes/No. If you answer 'Yes' please answer the next question.	8 2.9%					
The school gives them the support they need to succeed.	5 62.5%	3 37.5%				

A few of the comments from our Parents' Questionnaire below:

- **'Happy with the school and the progress my children have made'**
- **'Thank you so much, we are very happy with the school and teachers. They are supportive and caring towards my kids.'**
- **'The school is a well organised school, no discrimination. The staff are so amazing and so supportive.'**
- **'This school has best teachers, very supportive and helpful.'**
- **'We feel valued and listened to'.**
- **'I have seen so many positive changes in my child. He behaves good now. His studies have improved'.**
- **'My daughter speaks really highly about the teachers and the environment. She looks forward to going to school.'**
- **'Yes, I absolutely recommend this school. Everyone is so professional and my child learned a lot.'**
- **'We are happy with teachers, they always listen and understand.'**
- **'I will never forget how teachers help my daughter to settle down in school. I love it.'**

As we approach the half-term holidays, many of our families will be celebrating the start of a very special month—Ramadan. On behalf of the school, I would like to wish all our families observing Ramadan a peaceful, spiritual, and fulfilling month.

Looking ahead into the new half term, the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan will be taking place. Please note that Friday 20 March is an INSET Day, and the school will be closed to children. We are planning to celebrate Eid together in school on the final day of term, Friday 27 March. I will share further details about this celebration closer to the time. At the same time, we will also be thinking about the very important Christian festival of Easter, with assemblies for the children on its significance as well as lessons about Easter in the classrooms.

We appreciate and value the rich diversity of our school community and are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where all families feel valued and supported.

Wishing everyone a great half term!

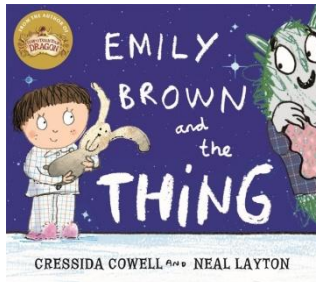
Yours faithfully
Mrs N Nazir
Head Teacher



Reception Memorable Experience



The Reception children have really enjoyed exploring our night and day topic this term. We found a star in our classrooms and worked together as a team to work out how to try and catch it. The children had amazing ideas including rocket boosters, teleporters and trampolines.



We also met a 'Thing' this half term. Luckily he was a friendly 'Thing', but he was very needy and we had to go on many adventures with Emily Brown and Stanley to help him get all the things he needed before going to sleep. We wore our 'see in the dark' glasses and wet weather gear to make sure we were ready for all our adventures.

Nursery Memorable Experience

Nursery were excited to be visited by some owls. The children were able to learn about what the owls eat, where they live and what noises they make. We all got the chance to hold an owl. The children were all very brave.



Year 1 Memorable Experience

We had a fun filled day at Eureka!



We learnt all about our bodies, including how and why we brush our teeth and how our muscles work. We learnt about how we live and work together and even took part in a Science workshop all about our five senses!



We also had the chance to work in a bank, shop at the supermarket and send parcels at the post office.

Year 2 Memorable Experience

The children in Year 2 had an exciting and engaging start to the new year. They took part in the **Rubbish Rhythms** workshop, which was a great success. During the workshop, the children learned how everyday materials can be recycled and transformed into musical instruments. The event concluded with a musical extravaganza, during which the children proudly showcased their skills to parents and other pupils.

Year 2 would like to thank parents for their continued support and involvement in school activities which greatly enhances the children's confidence, motivation, and enjoyment of learning.



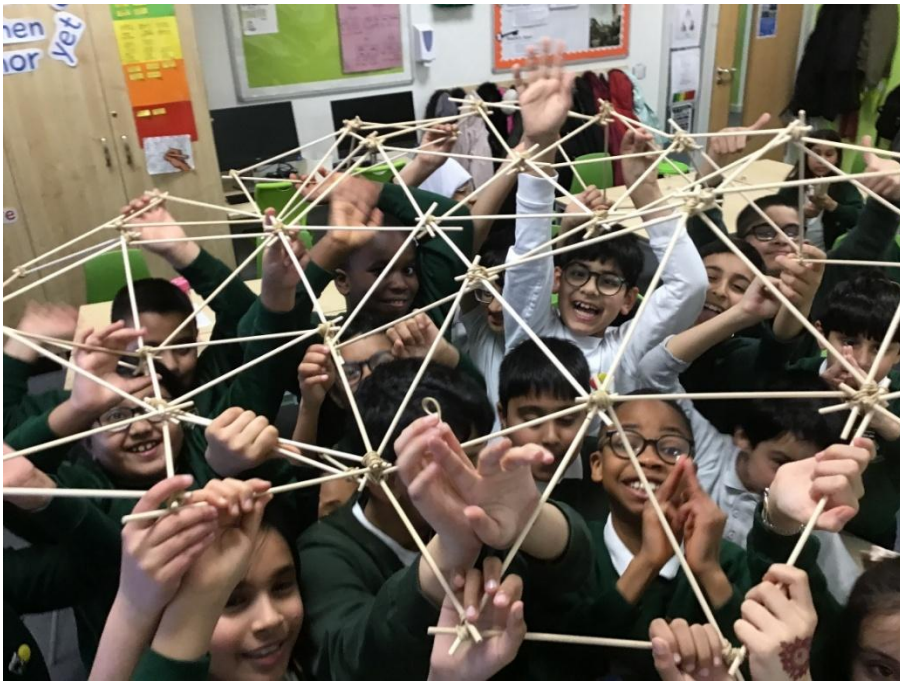
Year 3 Memorable Experience

As part of our Design & Technology unit on Food and Nutrition, we spent an afternoon making and tasting healthy products which are often bought pre-made or highly processed. The foods we tasted included a fruit and yoghurt dessert, homemade chips and homemade popcorn. We considered why fresh foods are better and how flavouring foods increases their sensory qualities.

We relished the flavours and textures from these simple, homemade dishes. Many of us enjoyed them so much that we were asking for seconds! Some responses from the children were - "This is so yummy!" "At first I didn't think I would like it, but now I actually do!" I'm going to tell my mum to make this for me at home."



Year 4 Memorable Experience



In year 4 children learned about structures in their DT lessons, working collaboratively to build them using cylinders and triangles.

Year 5 Memorable Experience



We are proud that so many children in Year 5 passed their bikeability test and are now qualified to ride their bikes on the road safely. In addition to those that could already ride, some of our children actually learned how to ride a bike in the playground for the first time. They also received certificates and badges for their achievements.

Mrs Sunderland 2026 Performing Arts Festival

Our KS2 Choir Club children have spent weeks practising in preparation for the two-week Mrs Sunderland Festival. They were thrilled to perform in the *'Tiny Strings, Big Voices'* concert and workshop, joining approximately 500 children in the choir and 200 children playing ukuleles, accompanied by a live band.

During the day, they took part in a workshop where they learnt dance moves, rehearsed songs alongside the live ukuleles and band, and perfected their harmonies. In the evening, they performed to a paying audience and were met with tremendous cheers and applause.

It was a wonderful opportunity and a real honour to be part of such a significant and popular event in our local area once again. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, dedication and fantastic performance!



Notes from the School Office

- Thank you to parents for keeping us updated with new addresses and telephone numbers. It is very important that we have up to date contact details for parents/guardians and other emergency contacts for pupils that we have on our database.

Diary Dates

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

Friday 13th February	Last day in school. School closes for half term holiday.
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school.
Friday 20th March	INSET Day, possible Eid.
Friday 27th March	Last day in school. School closes for Easter holidays.
Monday 13th April	Children return to school.
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday.
Friday 22nd May	Last day in school. School closes for May half term holidays.
Monday 1st June	Children return to school.
Friday 17th July	Last day in school. School closes for Summer holidays.

Please see 2026 – 2027 Term Dates overleaf.

Mount Pleasant Term Time and Holidays 2026 - 2027

Autumn Half Term 1 (8 weeks)

- **Tuesday 1 September – (INSET Day 1)**
- **Wednesday 2 September (INSET Day 2)**
- **Thursday 3 September – Children return to school**
- Thursday 22 October - School closes for October half term
- **Friday 23 October – (INSET Day 3)**

Autumn Half Term 2 (7 weeks)

- **Monday 2 November – Children return to school**
- **Friday 4 December (INSET Day 4)**
- Friday 18 December – School closes for Christmas holidays

Spring Half Term 1 (6 weeks)

- **Monday 4 January – Children return to school**
- Friday 12 February – School closes for February half term

Spring Half Term 2 (5 weeks)

- **Monday 22 February – Children return to school**
- (Wednesday 10 March – possible Eid day)
- Thursday 25 March – School closes for Easter holidays

Summer Half Term 1 (7 weeks)

- **Monday 12 April – Children return to school**
- **Monday 3 May – Bank Holiday**
- **Monday 17 May (INSET Day 5) Eid**
- Friday 28 May – School closes for May half term holidays

Summer Half Term 2 (6 weeks 3 days)

- **Monday 7 June – Children return to school**
- Wednesday 21 July – School closes for the Summer holidays

Possible Eid days

- **Wednesday 10 March –possible Eid Day- Eid ul fitr**
- **Monday 17 May (INSET Day 4) Eid – ul Adha**