

# Mount Pleasant Primary School

## Parent Newsletter – Issue 60

### 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I would like to take a moment to share some of the wonderful events that have recently taken place at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

It was a true delight to watch the Year 1 Eid Assembly. The children spoke confidently and thoughtfully about Ramadan and Eid, explaining how these important occasions are celebrated. Their performances included two beautiful songs, which added a special touch to the assembly. The whole school also took part in Eid assemblies on the final day of term.



This week, we were equally pleased to see Year 2 perform in the Easter Assembly. It was heartening to witness the children's confidence as they spoke in front of a large audience, sharing the Easter story and explaining how it is celebrated around the world. They also reflected on the value of celebrating different festivals, highlighting how these occasions provide us with opportunities to share experiences and appreciate both our similarities and differences.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Reverend Lovell, who kindly worked with Year 1 and shared the Easter story with them, enriching their understanding of this important tradition.

World Book Day, as always, was a wonderful occasion as our children celebrated the Year of Reading with great enthusiasm. They dressed up in their costumes and retold their class stories through engaging vlog reviews. It is so important that we nurture a love of reading in our pupils, enabling them to enjoy the world of books and develop their imagination and creativity.

Throughout the term, our children have also benefited from a rich variety of trips and visitors that have enhanced their learning experiences. These have included visits to art museums, a trip to a Gurdwara, and an exciting steam train ride, among others. Such opportunities are invaluable in broadening their understanding of the world around them.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a joyful Easter and a restful two-week holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N Nazir  
Head Teacher



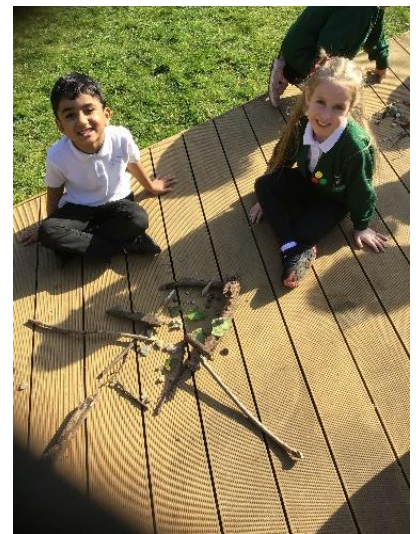
## Reception Memorable Experience



The reception children had an amazing time on their trip to Whistlestop Valley in Clayton West. We are so proud of all the children for taking part in their first school trip without their parents. We had an amazing day; the children got to ride on a steam train and an electric train and then we played in an amazing adventure playground and visited the engine shed where we learnt all about how steam trains work and got to learn how to make the whistle work!

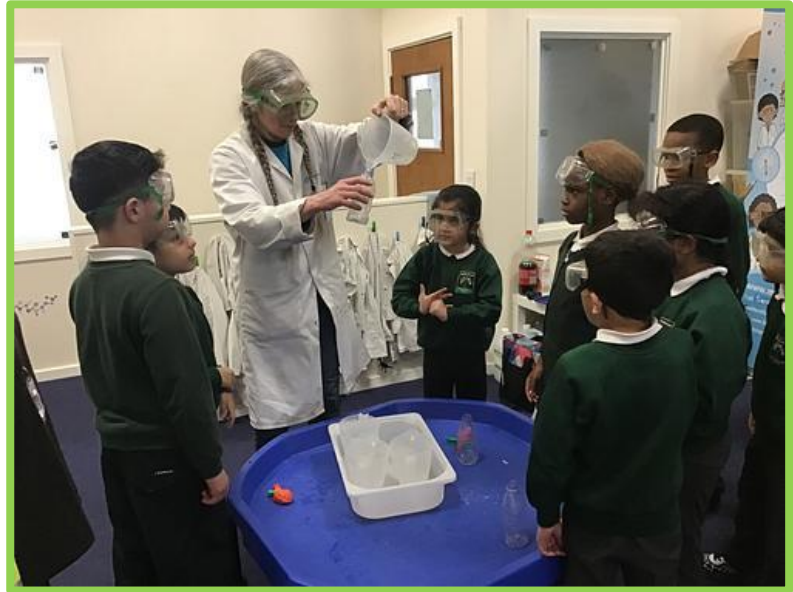
## Year 1 Memorable Experience

In Year 1, we created fantastic pieces of art using natural resources. We worked cooperatively with a small group of friends to plan our work, before carefully collecting our resources and creating our collaborative masterpieces.



## Year 2 Memorable Experience

Year 2 had a Messy Morning at Mini Professors for their memorable experience this half term. After a short walk to the old mill, the children explored a range of different messy science experiments.



They donned their lab coats and safety goggles and got to work to explore how red cabbage water would affect different acids such as lemon juice when mixed with water. To their amazement they created water in all colours of the rainbow. After that they worked in pairs to make Grandma grow and expand! They had a great time with Professor Sarah, she showed us many new and exciting experiments and gave us ideas on how we could make our own.

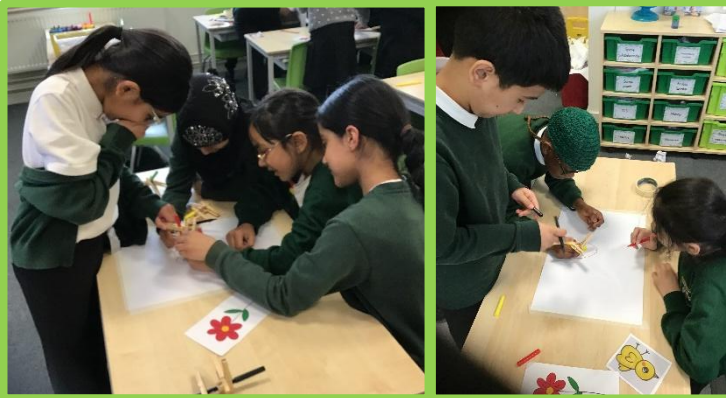


## Year 3 Memorable Experience



Year 3 enthusiastically took part in British Science Week, immersing themselves in a range of exciting, hands-on activities. The children explored this year's theme – *Curiosity: what's the question?* - through fun investigations, including simple experiments, problem-solving challenges, and opportunities to think like real scientists. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm for discovery grow, and the experience has inspired many of them to keep asking questions and exploring the world around them.

### Activity 1: What does great teamwork look like?



Children worked in small teams to copy an image while all holding the same pen using pegs—an activity that proved far more challenging than they had anticipated. In the first round, they were not allowed to speak; in the second, they were able to communicate with one another. This contrast helped them recognise the vital role of clear communication and effective teamwork in achieving a shared goal.

### Activity 2: Does the way food looks change how it tastes?

Children used their taste buds to investigate the taste of irregularly shaped fruits and vegetables to find out whether the way food looks affects how it tastes.

### Activity 3: How can you make a floating magnetic compass?

Children used everyday objects (bowl of water, sewing needle, cork and magnet) to test whether they could make a floating magnetic compass. This activity was a fun way to introduce the children to the concepts of magnetism and the Earth's magnetic field!



## Year 4 Memorable Experience



In art, Year 4 has been looking at flowers in detail, sketching and then enlarging them. They developed painting techniques including mixing secondary and tertiary colours. All the colours on these pictures were made with just red, blue and yellow!

## Year 5 Memorable Experience

Year 5 have experienced the Hepworth Museum this half term. This trip was based around our art project regarding an artist that is famous for sculptures. We made a version of Barbara Hepworth's clay model sculpture with great success.



## Nursery Memorable Experience

Nursery started off this half term with some exciting visitors. We looked after our eggs and managed to hatch 9/10 of them. The children loved taking care of them and learning about their life cycles.



Nursery also enjoyed their science day. We learnt how to make bubble snakes; what happens when you mix oil and milk; and how to magically blow up a balloon. We all had a brilliant time.



Nursery children were also very excited to have a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Singing the sleeping bunnies song!

## Blue & White Day



The Club's Official Charity

The Huddersfield Town Foundation Charity supports Breakfast Clubs across Kirklees, including ours here at Mount Pleasant. Every year they ask schools to support them by raising money on 'Blue & White Day'. In our school pupils paid £1 to come to school wearing something blue & white instead of school uniform. The Foundation donated a signed football for us to raffle and, as a very special treat, we had a visit from Terry The Terrier. **In total we raised a fantastic £482 for the charity.** Thank you to parents for supporting this worthwhile cause.



# Eid Parties

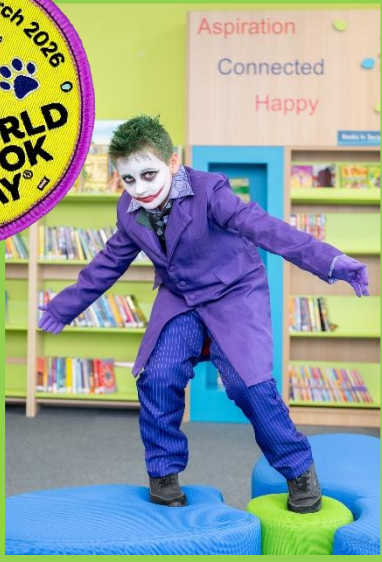
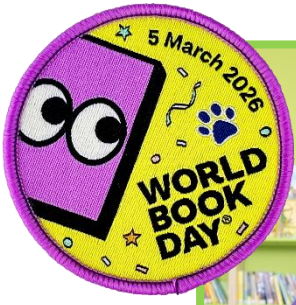


## JJ Arcanjo Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome a well-known children's author, JJ Arcanjo, to visit our school. His books, which have inspired a new BBC children's series about a secret school for thieves, immediately captured the pupils' interest and excitement. During his visit, he shared insights into his writing journey, sparking curiosity and motivating children to develop their own storytelling skills. The experience brought books to life in a meaningful way, encouraging even reluctant readers to engage with reading and creative writing.

The visit helped children to see reading and writing as exciting and creative activities, rather than just part of their schoolwork, and encouraged a deeper love of books that will continue to grow.















## Attendance



A massive congratulations to all our children who achieved 99-100% attendance over the Spring Term 2026. We held a special assembly and parents were invited to celebrate their children's fantastic achievement.

We had an impressive 45% of pupils achieving this (261 pupils). Each child received a special certificate and either a pencil or a badge.

Thank you to parents for your continued support of the school and encouraging your children to attend every day.

Our latest Attendance Figures are as follows:

Current Attendance: 94.8%

Authorised absence: 4.2%

Unauthorised absence (including unauthorised leave of absence): 1.6%

### Diary Dates

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

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|                               |   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Last day in school. School closes for Easter holidays.        |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Children return to school.                                    |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May    | May Day Bank Holiday.   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Last day in school. School closes for May half term holidays. |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June   | Children return to school.                                    |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Last day in school. School closes for Summer holidays.        |

Please see 2026 – 2027 Term Dates overleaf.



*Happy Easter*



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## 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**