Meole Brace
C of E Primary School
and Nursery

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

December 2025

FOND FAREWELL & THANK YOU

After a total of 23 years working here at Meole Brace Primary, and at the old Junior school before that, as School Business Manager and more recently as CFO of the Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust, Mrs Holloway is retiring at the end of term.

Throughout her time at the school, Mrs Holloway has worked tirelessly to support our children, families and staff and in leading the school as a member of the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Board.

Mrs Holloway will be sorely missed by the whole school community and I want to thank her for everything she has done for the school over such a long period of time.

She has been instrumental in so many school improvements and developments over the years, including the amalgamation of the infant and junior schools, the building of additional classrooms as we have grown and the enhancement of our outdoor areas with the additions of our Multi-use Games Area and the Trim Trail. She has also been such a trusted, valued and respected colleague and friend to so many of us and we wish her all the very best in her well-earned retirement. Thank you and good luck Mrs Holloway!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Thank you again to everyone who came out to support us at our annual Christmas Fair and to each of The Friends and staff who helped to plan, organise and run the always popular event. It was also great to see so many of you at our Christmas performances – well done to each of every one of the children who were fantastic! Thank you again to the staff team for all of their efforts in putting them together.

On the Wednesday of the final week of term, we look forward to our Christmas lunch and class Christmas parties in the afternoon. To help them get into the spirit, **the children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers or accessories with their uniforms if they would like to on that day.** The next day we will welcome back the West Midland's Children's Theatre into school and they will perform their pantomime for each of the children from Reception to Year 6. If for any reason you do not wish for your child to watch the performance, please just let us know via the office.

ACTIVE LIVING - JUNIOR PARKRUN TAKEOVER

Well done to all of the children who completed Junior Parkrun last weekend and thank you to everyone who came out to support us in our takeover of the event. There's always a fantastic, supportive atmosphere at Parkrun and Junior Parkrun and it was lovely to see so many members of our school community getting involved and being active, which is what it's all about. Thank you also for the donations of cakes and mince pies, which we sold for donations to the NSPCC.

We hope to hold another takeover event again in the not too distant future but in the meantime, Junior Parkrun is held each and every week and it's free to enter so we hope that some children who ran it for the first time felt inspired and that this might become part of your weekend routines!

Thank you to Mr. Ostermeyer and Mr. Nodder for getting us all involved!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we reach the end of the calendar year and another busy term, I would like to take this opportunity the say a big thank you to each of the staff team for all their hard work and dedication in providing the best for the children. Thank you also to each of you, the parents/carers, and to our Governors for your ongoing support and finally to the children, who continue to display our school values of Community, Respect and Perseverance and let their lights shine each and every day.

Please see the termly calendar and some key dates for the first half of the Spring term below. Merry Christmas everyone; we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see below for a list of upcoming events and the termly calendar:

- **Last day of Autumn term** – Friday 19th December 2025 (Please note, After School Care closes at 4.30pm on this day)
- **PD Day (School closed to all pupils)** – Monday 5th January 2026
- **Children return to School** – Tuesday 6th January 2026
- **Year 4 Residential Visit Parent/Carer Information meeting** – Thursday 8th January 2026 at 5.30pm (letter with full details to come next week)
- **After School Clubs start** – Week beginning Monday 12th January 2026
- **Children's Mental Health Week 2026** – Week beginning Monday 9th February 2026
- **Safer Internet Day 2026** – Tuesday 10th February 2026
- **February Half Term break** – Week beginning Monday 16th February 2026

September 2025						
M		1	8	15	22	29
T		2	9	16	23	30
W		3	10	17	24	
Th		4	11	18	25	
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S		6	13	20	27	
Su		7	14	21	28	

October 2025						
M		6	13	20	27	
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Th	2	9	16	23	30	
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Su	5	12	19	26		

November 2025						
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December 2025						
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January 2026						
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February 2026						
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Th		5	12	19	26	
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Su	1	8	15	22		

March 2026						
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Th		5	12	19	26	
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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June 2026						
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July 2026						
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August 2026						
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2025/2026

Maple Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery

	School Day	190
	School Holiday	68
	Bank Holiday	8
	PD Days	5

Autumn 1st Half	39	days
Autumn 2nd Half	34	days
Spring 1st Half	29	days
Spring 2nd Half	25	days
Summer 1st Half	28	days
Summer 2nd Half	35	days
Staff Total	195	days
Pupil Total	190	days

(Pupils are required to attend for 190 days)