



Have a fabulous Summer holiday.

Important Dates

Sept 1st—Non-pupil day

Sept 2nd—KS1 children return to school

Sept 7th— First 45 of new EYFS intake

Sept 9th— Second 45 of the new EYFS intake

Sept 10th— Year 1 meet the teacher (3.30-4 pm)

Sept 11th— Year 2 meet the teacher (3.30-4 pm)

Sept 23rd – Individual photographs

Oct 2nd— Harvest Assembly

Oct 20th – Parents' evening 5– 8 pm

Oct 22nd— Parents' evening 4-7 pm

Oct 26th – 1st Nov Half Term break

2nd Nov—School returns

End of school years are always very emotional, and this one is no different.

The Year 2 children have come to the end of their time with us at MIS and it seems hard to believe—how have those 3 years gone so quickly. Good luck to each and everyone of the children in Holly, Willow and Hazel classes—it has been a pleasure to have had you all in MIS and we are all extremely proud of you all. Our EYFS and Year 1 children are poised to take their next step up the school and then there this a group of new EYFS children ready to start their journey through school. Every September, as teachers we create a new family that we work with and care about, to then say goodbye to in July.

End of years are always sad when we say goodbye to children but it is just as hard when we have to say goodbye to staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the following members of staff who are moving on. Mrs Amy Mobbs and Mrs Amy Robinson who has worked with us for several years now, they are moving on to another local school to job share in their EYFS class—what a fantastic team they will make; Margaretting Primary School are very lucky to have you joining them. Mrs Katie Jones, our learning mentor (and amazing cake maker) is leaving—but she is not going far—just over the way to Moulsham Juniors to join their pastoral team. Mrs Marie Innes and Mrs Kelly Smith have come to the end of their fixed term contracts, both have been a valuable asset to our LSA team and we are sorry that we are unable to offer them further work. Mr Fagg, our sports coach is also leaving, unfortunately due to the Sports Premium funding ceasing we are no longer able to sustain this role. We would all like to wish all these fantastic members of staff all the best and we hope that they will keep in touch. You will all be missed.

In September we will be welcoming Miss Ciara Hartley who will be joining our EYFS team, teaching in Tulip Class and I am delighted that Mrs Nicola Kell will be remaining with us, having covered a maternity leave this year, she will continue teaching in Year 2. (Willow class). Mrs Chapman, who has returned from maternity leave this week, will be teaching in Year 1 (Sycamore class).

To our parent community, thank you for all your continued support. For those of you returning in September we look forward to seeing you then, for those of you moving on to different settings we wish you well.

Finally, my last newsletter— it has been a privilege to work here for the past 36 years—it really is the end of an era. I will miss being part of this wonderful family, but the time has come to hand the 'baton' over. I know you are all in safe hands as Mrs Claire Palmer, takes up the interim post for the Autumn Term—I wish her all the luck in the world.

I would also like to say a great big THANK YOU to all our staff who work extremely hard every day. MIS would not be the place it is without such a dedicated, hard working staff and we are exceptionally lucky to have such an amazing team.

Together Everyone Achieves More



Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the school book fair earlier in the term. This helped to raise £238 in book rewards which have gone towards purchasing new books for the school to be added to our treasure book collection for children to take home and share.

Mrs Livingstone

This year our **Health and Fitness week** was another success! During the week all children took part in a variety of fun and exciting sports such as kung-fu, dance, rugby, tennis, sitting volleyball, yoga, gymnastics, pony cycles and a VR experience. The children also learnt the importance of staying healthy and ways to do so, as well as tasting a range of fruits.

A special thank you goes to all the sports coaches who gave up their time to run these fantastic experiences for the children - Marc Pluck who ran the rugby session, Gordon Day who ran the sitting volleyball session and Tom Donnellan who ran the kung-fu session.

Mrs Robinson

A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson who organised the week, selecting activities that the children clearly enjoyed and fitting it into what is always a very busy working week.

Thank you SMILE

SMILE has gone from strength to strength this year. Thank you to all the parents and staff who have been involved and for all your hard work. The Christmas market was a huge success, the children had a fantastic time doing their Christmas shopping. The Circus Skills workshop gave the children the opportunity to learn and develop new skills. Challenge 26 was a new activity that involved the children challenging themselves to do new things. Family Day was a huge success—thank you to everyone who supported. An owl experience in the final week has rounded the academic year off brilliantly. Alongside all the events SMILE has organised they have also purchased equipment and resources for each year group. As well as all this SMILE have also taken the time to spruce up the fish tank.

Thank you so much for all your hard work—you have been amazing!!



Attendance Matters



As you will no doubt be aware one of our areas for development from our last OFSTED inspection was to improve our attendance. There has also been a national / government drive to improve attendance. This is an area we have worked extremely hard on and this hard work is paying off.

So thank you to parents for supporting the school in this area.

Our whole school attendance this year is **95.5%**, rounded up to **96%** therefore **meeting our target** set at the start of the academic year. This is amazing and we are very proud to have achieved this.

This grid shows the class attendance data for each class, showing that 5 out of the 9 classes were above the 96% target that was set.

EYFS	Oak class	97.4%
	Cherry class	92.7%
	Tulip class	97.2%
Year 1	Sycamore class	92.3%
	Chestnut class	94.9%
	Hawthorn class	96.4%
Year 2	Holly class	96.7%
	Willow class	95.3%
	Hazel class	96.8%