The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

## Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

This week at Wood Wharf, we've been focusing on one of our core values – kindness. (Spoiler alert: it's my favourite!) Why? Because it's completely free, yet its impact is immense. It's such a simple self-reflection we can all do: Have I been kind to others? Have I been kind to myself? What small act could I do to spread a little more kindness today?

One of our wonderful Year 2 pupils even brought in a beautiful section from a magazine all about spreading kindness – I'll be sharing it with everyone in next week's assembly. Our pupils truly understand that if they see someone without a smile, they can offer one of their own.

I've also been incredibly proud of our Year 1 pupils this week as they completed their phonics screening. They approached it with such determination and gave it their absolute best – a real testament to their hard work and resilience. Well done, Year 1!

In other exciting news, we've all been captivated by a very special visitor – a moorhen who has decided to build her nest right on the deck in front of our Reception playground! She's laid four eggs, and, after our recent chick-hatching experience, the children are eagerly watching and waiting for the next stage of this magical process. What a treat to have nature unfolding so closely in our school environment.

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This week also saw us complete the admissions process for our new Reception pupils. It was such a joy to meet so many kind, curious, and engaging families. Our school is growing, and I am so excited to welcome new members into the Wood Wharf community. I know they will feel right at home here.

In this week's newsletter we have taken a trip down memory lane and included some old photos of the children for you enjoy! We had some difficulty retrieving photos this week from our devices!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you back at school on

Monday!







#### Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

This week blue whale and tiger class have been thoroughly enjoying our new topic book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. They've been captivated by the imaginative tale and have spent time exploring the characters, setting, and the fun-filled tea party that takes place in the story. Inspired by the tiger's surprise visit, the children have been busy planning their very own tea party! As part of this, they've been learning how to write invitations, discussing who they might invite and what information needs to be included—an exciting way to practise writing.

In our literacy lessons, we've taken a deeper look into the foods mentioned in the story. The children have been sorting these into healthy and unhealthy categories, using their growing understanding of nutrition to reflect on the choices made by the characters. We've also broken down the five main food groups and explored how they contribute to a balanced meal. This has sparked thoughtful conversations about what we eat each day and how we can make healthy choices. We're really looking forward to seeing the children's own *healthy food plates* next week, showcasing their understanding of balanced meals.

We're equally excited to read the tea party invitations they will be creating as part of their home learning.

Lastly, the children have been busy making something very special—a Father's Day card for their someone special. They took great care and pride in their creations and are full of excitement to give their handmade cards to someone they love.



#### Elephant Class have been learning...

In Year 2 Elephant Class, we made fish models using scrap paper, inspired by the artworks The Creation of Life and The Big Fish. First, we looked carefully at the colours, shapes, and patterns in these pieces to gather ideas. Then, we tore and cut different pieces of scrap paper to create the body of our fish. We layered and glued the paper to add texture and make our fish look 3D. This unit of work has helped us explore how artists use different materials to bring their creations to life, while also encouraging our creativity and fine motor skills. The children will complete this next week so we will share some pictures then.

This week in Maths, the children have consolidated their fractions knowledge. I am very proud of how much they regained and built upon their understanding, confidently identifying and working with fractions in a variety of contexts. Their ability to compare, order, and simplify fractions has improved greatly, and they are now applying these skills more independently in problem-solving activities. It's wonderful to see their growing confidence and enthusiasm for this topic! This also helped them with number patterns jumping in 2's and 3's.

# Panda and Lion Class have been learning...

Our Panda Class pupils have been diving into the fascinating world of plants! They've consolidated their knowledge about the different parts of a plant, including roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and seeds. Through hands-on activities, they discovered how each part plays a crucial role in a plant's life cycle. From planting seeds to observing growth, our young botanists are now well-versed in the essentials of plant biology.

In English, our pupils have been making predictions based on the delightful book "We're Going to Find a Monster" by Dapo Adeola. This engaging story has sparked their imaginations and helped them develop critical thinking skills. By examining the text and illustrations, they made educated guesses about what might happen next in the story. This exercise not only enhanced their comprehension but also made reading an exciting adventure.

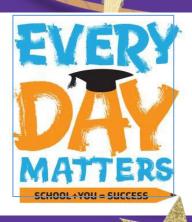
Math lessons have been equally thrilling as pupils mastered counting to 100 by tens. Using a variety of fun activities, they practiced grouping and skip counting, which are foundational skills for understanding larger numbers. From counting blocks to interactive games, our young mathematicians have shown great enthusiasm and progress in their numerical journey.

This week in English Lion class have been doing lots of shared reading of our new story called "we're going to find a monster." We are getting good at spotting special friends, Fred talking and chunking longer words to read. We have been predicting what we think the story is about just by looking at the front cover and then the first few pages. We drew and wrote about what we though the monster might look like before finding out what it really looked like and who it was! It is really important to understand what certain vocabulary mean in the story, so we spent time talking about words. We noticed lots of the words we unpicked had 'ed' suffixes meaning they were in the past tense such as floated, whispered, walked. Next week we will be look more closely at the sequence of the story.

In Science we have been creating our own Nonfiction information books all about flowers and plants. The first page in our book is all about the parts of a plant and their function. In a few weeks we will have a completed book which will show all the information we have learnt from this unit of learning.

Well done to everyone for being so resilient as we had an unexpected school closure, and for all of the home learning you have completed. Have a good weekend I hope to see you all very soon.







Our GOLD Class Attendance are our classes who have 97+ attendance for a whole week

Our SILVER Class Attendance are our classes who have 95-97% attendance for a whole week

Our BRONZE Class Attendance are our classes who have 90-95% attendance for a whole week.

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Blue Whale – Keep trying! Panda – 90% Tiger – 93% Elephant Class – 92% Lion Class – keep trying!



### Dates for your diary ..

09.06.25 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check begins 18.06.25 – Book Fayre begins (families can buy books before and after school) 30.06.25 – School closed for INSET day 01.07.25 – Reception offsite visit 02.07.25 – Preesha leading musical instrument concert at 9:15am 07.07.25 – Conor leading musical instrument concert at 9:15am 08.07.25 – Sports Day (see flyers

reception – am and KS1 PM)) 14.07.25 - End of year school reports sent to families

15.07.25 – KS1 Summer Show (two performances: 9:30am and 2:30pm) 16.07.25 – Meet the New Teacher and 17.07.25 – Reception Graduation (morning) 18.07.25 –

School Fete – school will close at 2:00pm (no clubs and no wraparound care)

22.07.25 – School closes at 1:00pm for the summer holidays

#### To Be Confirmed:

Year 1 and Year 2 summer trips Family celebration/party Looking ahead:

01–02.09.25 – INSET days for staff (school closed to pupils) 03.09.25 – Pupils return to school; wraparound care resumes

September – Meet the Teacher sessions for parents (dates and times to be confirmed)

22.09.25 – School clubs begin

We'll continue to send reminders and share further details as they are confirmed. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement.





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Raffle prizes so far:

- 1. A week of summer camp with Premier Education
  - 2. An adult or child dance class with Effy from connect with yourself
- 3. In2Sports voucher
- 4. A toasted sandwich maker
- 5. A 30 pound voucher from Farmer Js
  - + many more....