

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

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Wood Wharf Primary

Outstanding
and good in
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Outstanding in
Behaviour and
Attitudes

Good in Quality
of Education

Good in
Leadership and
Management

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Early Year
Provision

Friday 7th
November 2025

Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

It has been wonderful to welcome families back this week and to hear the children excitedly telling me all about their half-term adventures. They are all so happy to be back, and the school is full of energy once again!

Next week is a busy one. We'll be starting with Anti-Bullying Week, and on Monday children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks, a simple but powerful symbol that celebrates difference and individuality.

This year's theme is "The Power of Good", and each class will be reflecting on three key values: kindness, being active and making change, and respect.

Of course, anti-bullying is not something we focus on for just one week, it's part of who we are every day. It's about culture, values, challenging each other when needed, speaking out, developing self-identity, and building a community rooted in respect and kindness. As Ofsted said, "there is no place for bullying at Mulberry Wood Wharf."

All classes will also be working on their Jigsaw PSHE unit, Celebrating Difference, which explores topics such as diversity, similarities and differences, friendship, and how we can stand up for one another. This complements Anti-Bullying Week beautifully and helps to deepen children's understanding of empathy, respect, and inclusion.

With our younger children, we explore what kindness means, how small acts of unkindness can make others feel and what it looks like to show care. With our older pupils, we take this further by discussing real-life scenarios and how to respond if they witness unkind behaviour, especially the importance of not being a bystander.

Throughout the week, classes will be reading books linked to these themes, you can see the full list on the Anti-Bullying Alliance website if you'd like to explore them at home <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>.

On Tuesday, we will mark Remembrance Day. Over the past week, children have been learning about remembrance in age-appropriate ways, and we've been selling poppies and related items. If we still have some available, these will continue to be sold at the gate on Monday and Tuesday.

On Wednesday, I'll be taking our Year 3 class to their rehearsal for the Festival of Arts, followed by their performance on Thursday. It's a particularly special moment for us, as this class were our very first cohort, now performing for the fourth year in a row!

It's been such mild weather recently, hopefully, a lovely opportunity to get outdoors again this weekend. I'll be taking my little one to a bonfire and fireworks display to mark Bonfire Night. There's something about the smell of sparklers and the crackle of a fire that takes me right back to my own childhood.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone – see you Monday for Odd Socks Day!

Roald Dahl

"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Tiger Class

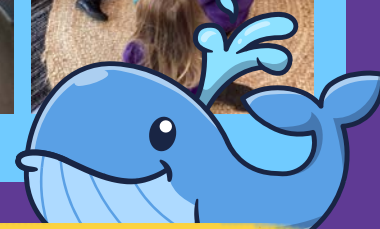


The Tigers have had a fantastic first week back after the half term break! The children have settled quickly into our routines and were excited to share their holiday news with friends. It was fantastic to share so many 'all about me' projects with the class. We have been exploring our new topic 'To infinity and beyond' with lots of enthusiasm, taking part in hands-on activities that encourage curiosity and teamwork. The children have particularly enjoyed exploring our new Space station in the classroom! Our focus this week has been Bonfire Night. We have shared our experiences of seeing fireworks and celebrating bonfire night and created beautiful firework patterns. We have been revising our initial sounds in phonics before we move into our new phonics groups. In Maths, we have enjoyed exploring patterns with circles and triangles. We have even started learning some songs for our Nativity - it's never too early! It's been a busy and fun-filled week back at school!



Blue Whale Class

This week, the children have been learning about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. They discovered that this special event marks the failed Gunpowder Plot and that fireworks are a way to remember the night of November 5th. The children were very excited to talk about the fireworks they saw at home, describing the bright colours and loud bangs with great enthusiasm. To celebrate in class, we made firework toast, a fun and creative way to explore colour and pattern while learning about the tradition behind the celebrations. We've had a lovely week, full of excitement and learning, and we're looking forward to discussing the wonderful progress the children have made over the autumn term at Parents' Evening.



Lion Class



A very warm welcome back to the start of the new term. Lion class have transitioned back into learning really well. In English, we have been exploring a new story called 'In Every House On Every Street.' We have been busy constructing our own sentences about our favourite parts of the story. We have also looked closely at the illustrations, writing captions to describe what was happening in different pictures. Reading over our writing is a good way to check it makes sense and we have included a capital letter and full stop.



During our Maths lessons we have been finding all the number bonds to 10 using different strategies such as unifix cubes, our fingers, and counting on. Keep practising your quick recall of number bonds to 10.

In DT, our new unit of learning is all about structures. We experimented with different types of construction to build towers in groups. We discovered that a wider base makes a structure more stable and balanced.



Panda Class

REMINDER

Don't forget to book your slot for parents Evening on Arbor

It has been so lovely welcoming everyone back from their holidays. The children have settled in beautifully, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn.

In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and learning to add more using numbers up to ten. The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their efforts. We have been using practical objects to support our counting, making sure that each item is counted only once - a key skill known as one-to-one correspondence. It has been wonderful to see the children's growing confidence as they begin to spot number patterns and talk about their mathematical thinking.

In Design and Technology, we have started our new topic on structures. We began by exploring the ideas of stability and balance. The children enjoyed practising how to balance by standing on one leg before moving on to investigating what helps a structure stay upright. Using a variety of materials, they then designed and built their own towers, experimenting with different shapes and bases to make them as strong as possible. There was plenty of excitement (and a few wobbly towers) as they tested and refined their designs.



It has been a fantastic start to the half term - well done, Panda Class!



Elephant Class

What an exciting week we've had in Elephants Class! We have embarked on a brand-new storytelling adventure with *The Magic Paintbrush* by Julia Donaldson, and the children have been absolutely captivated by the tale. The magical storyline and beautifully illustrated characters have sparked imagination and thoughtful conversations all week.

As we explore the story, we have been introduced to some ambitious new vocabulary such as seized, bellowed, folk, scowl, and emperor. The children have enjoyed using these words in their speaking and writing, helping to build confidence and descriptive skills. Our focus in English has been developing extended sentences, and we have seen some brilliant independent work. A standout example came from Lea, who wrote: "Shen is kind because she painted for the poor people." Her fantastic use of the conjunction because shows just how much progress the children are making!

In maths, we have been working very hard on developing our addition skills. The children have been practising partitioning numbers, bridging ten, and discussing which strategies help them find answers efficiently. We have been encouraging pupils to choose and explain the method that works best for them – a key step in building confident, independent mathematicians. It is really important that children continue to revise and recall number bonds to 10 at home, as strong fluency here will support them in all areas of addition.



Penguin Class



What a lovely first week back we've had in Year 2! It's been wonderful to see everyone return from the half-term break with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm for our new topics.

In English, we've started our new story *The Magic Paintbrush*, and the children have really enjoyed getting to know the characters. We've had some brilliant discussions about what the characters are like and how they might feel in different parts of the story. The children have also been practising using conjunctions and adjectives to make their sentences more interesting.

In History, we've begun our new topic on *The Great Fire of London*. This week, we focused on comparing London in 1666 to London today. The children were fascinated to learn that houses back then were made mostly from wood and built very close together, which made it much easier for fires to spread. They were also surprised to discover that there were no proper sewage systems or electricity. We talked about how much safer and cleaner London is now, and the children had lots of thoughtful ideas about how the city has changed over time. We've also taken some time this week to learn about *Bonfire Night*. The children were very interested in the story behind it and enjoyed sharing their own memories of fireworks and bonfires. We also discussed how to enjoy the celebrations safely – lots of sensible ideas were shared!

It's been a fantastic start to the half term, and we're so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been.



Koala Class

What a wonderful first week back we've had! Koala Class have worked incredibly hard to settle back into their routines and have shown great focus and enthusiasm in all areas of learning.

In English, we recapped our non-chronological reports and explored some fascinating facts about rocks. The children are now using these ideas to begin writing their very own reports, with a key focus on using formal language and conjunctions to extend and link their ideas effectively.

In Maths, we've been learning about the column method for addition and subtraction, including exchanging where needed. It has been a great challenge, and it's been fantastic to see the children using mathematical vocabulary confidently and showing real resilience as they worked through tricky problems.

We also had a dance rehearsal for the upcoming Festival of Lights! The children showed fantastic enthusiasm and energy, we can't wait to see their performance next week and watch their learning and confidence continue to shine.



LORNA'S UPDATE



REMINDER

Year 3 will be performing at the Festival of Arts on Thursday 13th November
Purchase tickets here:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mulberry-schools-trust>

I hope all our families had a well-earned and restful break. It has been wonderful hearing from the children about what they got up to during the October holidays - from family adventures to quiet days at home, it sounds like everyone made the most of their time off. What a great first week back it has been! The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, settling quickly back into their learning and classroom routines.

Next week we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week, and we are looking forward to a range of activities across the school designed to highlight the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion. Children learn so much at school - not just academically, but through developing the social and emotional skills that help them to grow into confident, caring individuals. That's why attending school every day matters so much. A special shout out to Blue Whale Class for their fantastic 99% attendance this week - well done and keep it up!

stars of the week

Value of
the week:

Creativity

Blue Whale Class: Iris and Maya

Tiger Class: Aydeen and Shivi

Panda Class: Nina and Zyon

Lion Class: Yusra and Dennis

Elephant Class: Evika and Lea

Penguin Class: Noah and Natalie

Koala Class: Fredrick and Noa

ATTENDANCE!

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

The attendance trophy this
week goes to:

Blue Whale Class - 99%



GOLD - 97+
SILVER - 95 - 97%
BRONZE - 90-95%

Anti-
BULLYING
Week

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ODD SOCKS DAY

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025

"We'll be wearing odd socks to show our support for Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day is all about celebrating what makes us unique and spreading kindness and respect. Let's stand together against bullying and celebrate the power of being ourselves!"





No afterschool clubs
from 12th - 19th Dec
(except JA6's)

CLICK HERE 

What snacks
should I pack?

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Daily snacks
Children at Reception through to Year 2 take part in the National Fruit
scheme, which means that a range of fruits and vegetables are provided
every day - here in Reception classes we also provide some bread too.
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School **CLOSES** at
1pm on
Friday 19th
December 2025
(NO JA6's)

School Closed on
Monday 23rd
February 2026
for School INSET

Good
Luck
you got
this!

Good luck to our Lucy who
will be representing Team
GB in Artistic Roller
Skating in Portugal next
week!



MENU week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains HAPPY TUMS	Penne Bolognaise Pasta Bake (G,Mk) With Garden Salad	Butchers Sausages with Caramelised Onion Gravy	Aziz,s Chicken Biryani (Mk,Mu)	Mucho Mexican Chicken Burrito Bowl (G,Mk,Mu)	Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) Crispy Chicken Tenders (G,Ce,Mk,Mu,Se)
Veggie MEAT FREE MAINS	Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne (G,Mk) with Garden Salad	Grilled Veggie Sausages with Caramelised Onion Gravy (G,Ce)	Chickpea & Vegetables Biryani (Mk,Mu)	Mucho Mexican Eat Curious Vegetable Burrito Bowl (G,Mk,Mu)	Crispy Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney (G,Mu)
veg EXTRA GOOD	Baked Potato Wedges Steamed Seasonal Greens	Broccoli	Roasted Cauliflower	Spicy Pinto Beans (G)	Garden Peas Baked Beans
carbs FUEL FOOD	Garlic Bread (G,Mk,So)	Creamy Mashed Potatoes	Onion Salad	Zesty Lime Rice Tortilla Chips	Chips
Dessert SOMETHING SWEET	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit

Jacket Potatoes, salad bar, cold desserts and fresh fruit available daily.

THE FRESH LITTLE ALL \$TMENT
SEASONALLY FRESH, PERFECTLY PICKED

SEPTEMBER PEARS

OCTOBER SQUASH

NOVEMBER APPLES

DECEMBER BRUSSEL SPROUTS

Look for this logo on the menu to try a yummy seasonal special!

Dates
Week 8th Sep, 29th Sep,
20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec, 22nd
Dec

Allergens

Ce = Celery	F = Fish	L = Lupin	Mu = Mustard	Se = Sesame Seeds
Cr = Crustacean	G = Cereals containing Gluten	Mk = Milk	N = Nuts	So = Soya
E = Eggs		Ma = Molluscs	P = Peanuts	Su = Sulphur Dioxide

Healthy Lives Families Newsletter

<https://signup.es-mail.co.uk/Signup/d7ef81e9f0a6a2760e48c3610959fb34>



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Link

Home Learning Opportunities

<https://www.mulberrywoodwharf.org/pupils/mulberry-learn-2/#tab-id-7>

At the Mulberry Schools Trust, we are proud to nurture ambition from the very start. Our newest publication, Going Places 2025, celebrates the incredible destinations achieved by our Sixth Form students – showing what’s possible for every Mulberry child in the future. Read more and be inspired here:

CLICK HERE

<https://bit.ly/48i3GqH>

GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WITH A FESTIVE
DAY OF JOY AND CHEER!

Christ Church WINTER FAYRE & SANTA'S GROTTO

GIFTS & GAMES | ARTISAN STALLS | KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD & DRINKS | LIVE MUSIC

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Saturday 29th
November**

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