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Welcome to Our Mundy CE Junior School January Newsletter 2026



Welcome back to 2026! ... Be Happy!

I cannot believe that we are at the end of January and only weeks away from the February half term. As expected, the weather remains very 'dreich' (as we would say in Scotland) and the dull skies and rainfall, as well as a little snow (but that didn't stop us!) have put a stop to some of our outdoor play – but we remain positive and hopeful, as we look forward to the weeks ahead as we see more sunlight and enjoy our time out in the fresh air.

New Collective Worship Friday Fun.... Be Proud!

We have had an idea! 😊 (You will (I hope!) have heard about our Friday 'mad' Collective Worships, where we celebrate all the wonderful achievements we have accomplished in school during the previous week. It is full of fun and laughter, singing and silliness! We want to invite you to enjoy and join celebration. We have an email address called – celebration@mundy.derbyshire.sch.uk, as you know where we ask if your child has achieved anything outside of school that you email in and tell us all about it. Each week (any emails received by 12noon on a Thursday) will be read out and celebrated as a whole school.)

But our idea is to invite you all along to come and see what it is like and for you to experience the madness! If you are at all interested in coming along to our collective worship, please do email on the above where we can let you know dates and times to suit 😊



Head Lice...Be Prepared and Safe! - Uninvited Guests ... Be Gone!!

Sadly, some parents have informed us that they have had to treat their child's hair due to Headlice. As caring as we are, these 'visitors' are not welcome in school. Thank you to everyone in advance for checking their child's hair and treating if required.

Curriculum Day -Thursday 5th February... Be Happy!

We look forward to our next Curriculum Day on Thursday 5th February, here we have a day all about looking at Problem Solving and Challenge skills – using our minds and skills to unpick scenarios and think about what we may need to do next. We look forward to a fun-filled day ahead, please look out on our school website for more details and hopefully some silly photos.



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Road Safety and Digital Footprint Training...Be Safe!

We have been lucky enough to welcome PCSO Colledge into school this month to talk to the classes in Y3 and 4 about keeping safe online and their digital footprint. We will also receive a visit from the Road Safety Development Team in Derbyshire Local Authority. We hope both of these will help contribute to awareness of personal safety we wish for all of children.



Online Safety! ... Be Safe and Responsible!

With that in mind, sadly we have been alerted to a number of concerns regarding online safety and incidents involving mobile phones and certain inappropriate app uses between our children. We continue to tackle these issues within our Computing and PSHE Curriculum, but remind parents of the support they can also have to monitor, filter and ultimately protect their child from the risks we all face online. May we also remind Parents of the ages restrictions of use for certain apps, e.g. **What's App is for over 13 years only, Tik Tok for over 13 years only**. In fact, many platforms are for 13+ years **only**, so this in itself is a concern, as we are of course a Junior setting.

If you would like to know more on the legality of the above, please see [What is social media? | NSPCC](#) for more information to help. Please also see the [Safe Support for our Parents and Carers](#) page on our website with useful links to help and support and advice on how to check your child's phone. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you do have any questions.

Smartwatches - Online Safety! ... Be Safe and Responsible

As all of the above, and I am sure no explanation is needed as to why - we ask that children do not wear any smartwatches in school and if so are put into the phone box if they are required to be worn on the way to and from school. Thank you for your understanding on this.

Our upcoming PTA event - Our Quiz Night on Thursday 12th February.... Be Happy!

We invite you all to join us in school on Thursday 12th February for our famous Quiz night in our school hall, starting at 6pm - please do come along for a giggle and enjoy. It is a family event so all are welcome! Thank you once again to our PTA for their hard work and commitment to supporting our school when organising these wonderful events. The evening ends around 7.30pm and refreshments are provided.

Year 6 Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who recently attended our Year 6 Information Evening. We discussed the upcoming Whitehall Day Trips for Y6 (x2 separate days) and some transition dates coming up, we also looked at how you can further support your children at home in the lead up to their end of Key Stage Assessments (otherwise known as SATS) in May. If you do require more information, please do come along to our next Parents Evening (more details below) or contact the school with any questions you may have. We also have a dedicated Year 6 page for more information.



Parents Evening ... Be Proud!

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our Parents' Evening this week, we are sure you were as proud of the children as we are, we could tell by all the smiling faces as they left 😊. Don't worry, if you couldn't get, and would like to have an opportunity to discuss your child's work with their teacher, please message in on our Weduc system and we will organize another opportunity. Remember you don't need to wait for Parents' Evening to talk to us. Thank you to all of you who filled in our questionnaire, your feedback is so valuable. If you didn't get the chance to fill one in, please ask at the office 😊

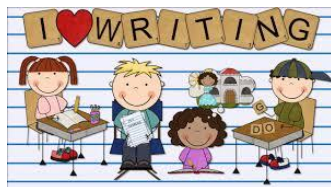


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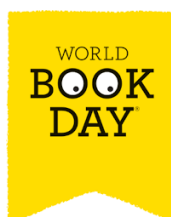
Our focus this term... Be Prepared.

In school this term we are focusing on our love of Writing and Spelling. We ask if there is anything at home that you are able to do to help support this we would be most grateful - asking your child to write the shopping list, writing a family story, encouraging writing letters to family, writing a persuasive letter to you about what they want for tea 😊 All will help show the importance of writing and add that sparkle of fun at the same time.



A Heads up about World Book Day! ... Be Prepared!

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day - we appreciate that this is a fun and exciting day for the children, but we are also mindful that this day may not quite have that same effect on you as parents and carers! 😊 To be as prepared as possible we thought we would mention it now; we ask that the children come to school on this day ready to share and talk about their favourite book(s). If your child wishes to come to school on this day dressed as a character from any book then they are indeed most welcome to do so, alternatively they can dress in bright colours or if they chose to do so come in their uniform, there is no requirement to dress up unless they wish to do so, just to celebrate the joy of reading 😊 A Heads Up - Mrs Trunchbull may be Headteacher that day as Miss Adair is having another day off!!! 😊 Look out all!



Our Community Links ... Be Proud and Respectful!

As always our Community is buzzing with exciting opportunities for you our families to enjoy. Please find a link to our own church, St Lawrence's, to see their upcoming events, [Events \(stlawrenceheanor.org\)](http://stlawrenceheanor.org). Also please find a link to the Infinite Wellbeing Centre in Heanor, [Community Centre | Infinite Wellbeing | Heanor, Derbyshire \(infinite-wellbeing.co.uk\)](http://infinite-wellbeing.co.uk) to see all the events and opening times for you all to enjoy. Please also see the [Safe Support for our Parents and Carers](#) page on our website with useful links to help and support and advice for all of our families, including HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Programme) and support for children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).



Our Sporting Events update ... Be Determined, Trustworthy and Proud!

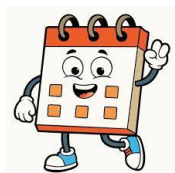
What an exciting start to 2026! Our sports teams have already been busy competing and Bee-rilliantly demonstrating our school's Bee statements. To begin the year, our school team competed in a Boccia event, an activity in which we have traditionally performed strongly. Against a large and competitive field, our team achieved an excellent third-place finish, a fantastic result to start the year.



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Later in the month, we attended two Futsal competitions. Our girls' team competed in a very tough field and consistently displayed our Bee statements, supporting one another as well as their opponents. Our boys' team enjoyed great success, recording three consecutive wins to progress to the playoff final, where they secured a 3-0 victory and went to become champions! What impressed staff the most was the team's sportsmanship and respect, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to celebrate their individual achievements. We are incredibly proud of all our students and thank them for their time and effort.



Dates for your Diary ... Be Prepared! Please find dates below that you may find useful:

Spring Term 1	Monday 5 th January -Friday 13 th February (6-week term)
Thursday 5 th February	Curriculum Day
Thursday 12 th February	PTA Quiz 6.00pm
Friday 13 th February	Break for half term
Spring Term 2	Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th March (5-week term)
Monday 23 rd February	First day back
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March	Curriculum Day
Monday 16 th March	Inset Day #3
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 19 th March	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 19 th March	Spring Disco 5.30-7.00pm
Friday 27 th March	Break for Easter Holidays

Summer Term 1	Monday 13 th April – Friday 22 nd May (6-week term)
Monday 13 th April	First day back
Wednesday 22 nd April	Y4 Bikeability Level 1
Thursday 23 rd April	PTA meeting 3.45pm
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	End of KS2 SATs for Year 6
Thursday 21 st May	Sponsored Walk
Friday 22 nd May	Break for half term

Summer Term 2	Monday 1 st June – Wednesday 22 nd July
Monday 1 st June	First day back
Thursday 4 th June	PTA meeting 3.45pm
Saturday 13 th June	Mundy's 9 th Horticultural Show



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Monday 15 th June	Inset Day #4
Thursday 18 th June	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 1 st July	New Year 3 Parent's Evening – 5.30pm (information) 6.00pm (Presentation)
Thursday 2 nd July	Whole School Trip (Years 3-4-5)
Friday 3 rd July	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 6 th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day at 9.30am
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day at 9.30am
Thursday 9 th July	Transition Disco - 5.30-7.00pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Parents' Open Evening 4.00-7.00pm
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Graduation Outdoor Disco – 6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 22 nd July	Graduation Ceremony Year 6 – 2.00pm and last day of term for all children
Thursday 23 rd July	Inset Day #5

We remind you that it is the last day for the children is on Friday 13th February 2026 for the half term holiday week and we look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 23rd February 2026.

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