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"Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do." (1 Corinthians 16:14)



Welcome to the Mundy CE Junior School September 2026 Newsletter

What a great start to the year! ... Be Happy, Safe, Proud and Respectful!

Welcome back - let's look forward to the year ahead for Mundy CE Junior School... Be Happy!

What an incredible start we have had to the academic year! It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school and see our children embracing new challenges with such enthusiasm. Across the school, pupils have settled quickly into their classes, formed positive routines and demonstrated the kindness, respect and determination that make our school community so special. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Year 3 children, who have joined us with confidence and plenty of smiles. They are already a valued part of the Mundy CE family, and it has been wonderful to see new friendships forming and familiar faces helping them settle in.

We are grateful for the many encouraging comments and messages we have received from parents and carers. Your support and partnership play such an important role in helping our children thrive, and we truly appreciate it. The term is already full of exciting learning opportunities, events and experiences, and we look forward to sharing many of these with you over the coming months. Here's to another successful year together! 😊

Website Update... Be Safe and Prepared!

You may notice that our school website is currently undergoing a significant update and migration process. While we are excited about the improvements being made, there may be a few temporary hiccups along the way, including pages that are unavailable, information that is being updated, or minor technical issues. We appreciate your patience and understanding while this work is completed. Our aim is to provide an improved website experience for our families, with easier access to information and a refreshed look. Thank you for bearing with us during this transition period. If you cannot find something you need, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning..... Be Happy!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and friends join us for coffee, cake and a chat.

We are incredibly grateful for all the cake donations, raffle entries and support from our PTA team, which helped make the event such a success. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£700 for Macmillan Cancer Support**. Congratulations to our raffle winners, whose prizes should now be with you!



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Our upcoming PTA Bingo Night..... Be Happy!

Don't forget our first PTA evening of the year on **Thursday 8th October at 6.00pm**. Join us for our popular **Mundy Bingo Night**, with games, raffles and plenty of fun. We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

Our swimming lessons.... Be Safe!

Our swimming programme is now in full swing, and **Willow Class** have certainly been making waves! The children have thrown themselves into their lessons with enthusiasm and determination, already making great progress in the pool. We have also been delighted with the way they have represented Mundy, showing our 'Bee' statements every step of the way when travelling to and from the Leisure Centre. Don't worry, **Sycamore Class**... your chance to dive in is just around the corner! Information about swimming dates and arrangements for **ALL** classes will continue to be shared via Weduc, so keep an eye out for updates. 😊🐝

Our new roles within school!... Be Proud!

We have been incredibly proud to see so many children put themselves forward for our pupil leadership roles this year. After a fantastic response and some thoughtful applications, we were delighted to announce our new **ECO CATs, Librarians, Sports Leaders, Busy Bees, RE Ambassadors and School Parliament representatives**. These roles give children the opportunity to share their ideas, make a positive difference and help shape life at Mundy. Whether they are caring for our environment, promoting a love of reading, leading sporting activities, supporting worship or representing the views of their classmates, they all have an important part to play. Congratulations to everyone who applied and a special well done to those who were successful. We can't wait to see the enthusiasm, energy and leadership they bring to their roles this year!

Our upcoming Curriculum Day!... Be Prepared and Happy!

We are looking forward to our upcoming **Curriculum Day on Thursday 1st October**, when children across the school will be taking part in a range of exciting activities focused on **Mathematics and Computing**. From problem-solving challenges to creative technology tasks, there will be plenty of opportunities for hands-on learning and fun. Be sure to ask your child all about their day when they come home, as we're sure they'll have lots to share! 😊

Clubs Galore!... Be Determined!

It has been wonderful to see such a fantastic start to both our **Breakfast Club** and **After-School Clubs** this term. The children have embraced the wide range of opportunities on offer with enthusiasm, energy and plenty of smiles. Whether they're trying something new, developing a talent or spending time with friends, our clubs provide a great way to extend learning and have fun beyond the classroom. Our after-school club offer is refreshed each term, so keep an eye on **Weduc** for details of upcoming clubs and booking information. There is always something exciting to get involved in! 😊

A Taste of Secondary School... Be Proud and Prepared!

Our Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed a visit to Heanor Gate Spencer Academy for a taster day. The children had a fantastic time experiencing life in a secondary school, taking part in a variety of activities and exploring a different learning environment.

Regardless of which secondary school they choose for Year 7, opportunities like these are invaluable in helping children gain confidence and understand what secondary school life is all about. The pupils represented Mundy brilliantly, and we are proud of the enthusiasm and maturity they showed throughout the day. We look forward to supporting them as they continue their transition journey over the coming year.

Our Attendance at school...Be Responsible!

A huge thank you to all families for your continued support with attendance. Our school attendance target is **98%**, and our current attendance stands at **97.1%**. Every day in school counts, and regular attendance plays an important role in helping children achieve their full potential, build friendships and enjoy all aspects of school life. We would also like to remind parents and carers that requests for term-time leave must be submitted using an **Exceptional Circumstances Leave of Absence Form** at least two weeks before the proposed absence. In line with our Attendance Policy and Derbyshire County Council guidance, holiday requests during term time will normally be unauthorised unless exceptional circumstances apply. Unauthorised absences may be referred to the Local Authority and could result in a penalty notice and fine being issued. Any unauthorised absence will also be recorded on your child's attendance record. Thank you for working in partnership with us to give every child the best possible opportunity to thrive and succeed at school.

Our School Parliament message...Be Happy, Safe and Responsible!

We are delighted to introduce our newly elected School Cabinet for the year. Following a fantastic election process, **Cohen** has been voted in as our new **Prime Minister**, supported by our two **Deputy Prime Ministers, Cody and Hattie**. There are a number of members of the Parliament, all with a special task at hand.

These important roles give children the opportunity to represent their classmates, share ideas and help make a positive difference across our school community. We are incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward and demonstrated such enthusiasm for serving the school.

Our new Prime Minister would like to share a message with everyone:

"Hello, my name is Cohen and I am the new Prime Minister for the 26/27 year. Mundy Junior School is an amazing place. The staff are kind and helpful and they help you learn as best as possible. We are a caring and responsible school, that is perfect to help people learn!" 😊

Our 'Home Learning'!... Be Trustworthy and Proud!

Our Year 3&4 Home Learning books have gone home now full of wonderful tasks to help everyone during this Autumn Half Term. We understand that during our website migration some of the resources may not have transferred over, so please be patient as we endeavour to solve this issue. In the meantime, if you would like a physical copy of the resource, please make your child's class teacher aware. Many thanks for your patience and understanding during this time!

Our 'Sports Update!... Be Determined!

It has been a fantastic start to the sporting year, with our girls' and mixed football teams already taking part in their first competitions. We are incredibly proud of all the children who have represented our school with enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. We would also like to thank our staff, families and everyone who has supported school sport throughout the year. Thanks to this collective effort, we are delighted to announce that Mundy C of E Junior School has once again achieved the School Games Gold Award, recognising our continued commitment to providing high-quality sporting opportunities for all pupils. Well done to everyone involved!

Our Harvest Festival Celebration - Wednesday 23rd October at 10am ... Be Caring and Respectful!

We would like to warmly invite parents and carers to join us for our **Harvest Festival Celebration** at **St Lawrence's Church, Heanor**, on **Wednesday 21st October at 2.00pm**.

The children have been busy preparing for this special service and are looking forward to sharing their reflections, songs and celebrations with you. Doors will open at **1.45pm**. As this is always a popular event, we kindly ask that you arrive in good time and be mindful that seating may be limited. Children should attend school as normal on the day and will travel to and from the church with staff. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together with our school community.

Our Curriculum Information...Be Prepared and Determined!

If you would like to learn more about what your child is learning at Mundy, including our curriculum expectations, progression across each year group, and the resources and schemes of work we use, please visit the Curriculum section of our website. You can explore subject overviews, long-term plans and information about how learning develops throughout your child's journey at school by visiting our <https://www.mundyjunior.org/curriculum/>. We hope you find it a useful insight into the exciting learning taking place across our school.

Our School Uniform... Be Prepared and Respectful!

Thank you to all our children and families for continuing to support our school uniform policy. It has been wonderful to see children arriving at school looking so smart and ready to learn, including wearing the correct PE kit and appropriate school uniform throughout the week.

We are also incredibly grateful to parents and carers for taking the time to label clothing and belongings. In a school of almost 200 children all wearing very similar items, this makes a huge difference and helps us return lost property to its rightful owner much more quickly! 😊

If your family ever needs support with uniform, please remember that we have a range of good-quality **pre-loved uniform** available free of charge. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if we can help. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children take pride in being part of the Mundy family.

Dangerous and Illegal Parking... Be Safe!

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints that there has been, and is, illegal parking near the school at drop-off and pick-up times, one particular place is in and around the junction to Stainsby Avenue making it dangerous for pedestrians to cross. We have also received reports that our neighbours' drives are regularly being blocked by cars – even when waiting for only a short time we ask that this does not take place, we also ask that you avoid parking within the traffic cones (we have supplied these, to keep our families safe, whilst we await the road markings being replaced) – please show consideration when you park (even if it is only for a few minutes...). May we also remind you to ensure the safety of your child by Crossing using the Allocated Crossing Patrol.

Weduc

Just a gentle reminder that we use **Weduc** as our main way of sharing important information, exciting news, event details and school updates with families throughout the year.

To ensure you don't miss any messages, reminders or opportunities, we strongly encourage all parents and carers to have the Weduc app installed and notifications enabled. It is the quickest and easiest way to stay up to date with everything happening at Mundy. It is also helpful to keep any others up to date e.g. childminders or family members who complete pick up.

If you have not yet set up the app, or if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing it, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We will be more than happy to help get you up and running. Thank you for your support in helping us keep home and school connected.

Dates for your Diary ... Be Prepared!

Please find below some important dates and events for the coming weeks. We hope this helps with your planning and gives you plenty to look forward to! *Please note that dates may occasionally be subject to change. Any updates will be communicated via Weduc.*

We look forward to welcoming you to many of these events and sharing another busy and exciting term together.

Dates for your Diary ... Be Prepared!

<u>Autumn Term 1</u>	<u>Friday 4th September to Friday 23rd October (7-week term)</u>
Thursday 1 st Oct	Curriculum Day - Maths and Computing
Thurs 8th Oct	Individual photos (we start photos for siblings from 8am)
Thurs 8th Oct	PTA Event (Bingo) - 6pm
Wed 21 st Oct	Harvest Festival at St Lawrence Church - 2pm
Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of the term for children
<u>Autumn Term 2</u>	<u>Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December (7-week term)</u>
Mon 2nd Nov	First day back for children
Wed 11 th Nov	Remembrance Service - 11am (outside of school)
Wed 18th Nov	Parents' Open Evening - 4 to 7.00pm
Fri 20 th Nov	INSET Day # 2
Thurs 26 th Nov	Curriculum Day - MFL and Geography
Thu 3rd Dec	Christmas Disco - 5.30pm to 7pm
Tues 8 th Dec	Reindeer Dash
Thurs 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 10th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Thurs 10th Dec	Christmas Fair - 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Tues 15 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party - ends at 4pm
Thurs 17th Dec	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party - ends at 4pm
Fri 18th Dec	PTA Cinema Day Trip and Last day for children
<u>Spring Term 1</u>	<u>Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February (6-week term)</u>
Mon 4 th Jan	INSET Day # 3
Tues 5 th Jan	First day back for children
Wed 13th Jan	Year 6 Information Evening at 5pm
Wed 27th Jan	Parents' Evening - Appointments - 4 to 7.30pm
Thurs 4th Feb	Curriculum Day - Science and History
Thurs 11 th Feb	PTA Event (Quiz) at 6pm
Fri 12th Feb	Last day of the term for children
<u>Spring Term 2</u>	<u>Monday 22nd February to Thursday 25th March (5-week term)</u>
Mon 22 nd Feb	First day back for children
Thurs 4 th Mar	World Book Day
Thurs 4 th Mar	Curriculum Day - English and Creative Arts
Wed 17 th Mar	Spring Disco - 5.30 to 7.00pm
Fri 19 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Thurs 25 th Mar	Last day of the term for children
<u>Summer Term 1</u>	<u>Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May (7-week term)</u>
Mon 12 th Apr	First day back for children
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 10 th May	SATs week
Thu 20 th May	Curriculum Day - RE and PSHE
Fri 28 th May	PTA event - Sponsored Walk and Last day of the term for children
<u>Summer Term 2</u>	<u>Monday 7th June to Monday 26th July (8-week term)</u>



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Mon 7th June	First day back for children
Mon 14 th June	INSET Day # 4
Fri 18 th June	Curriculum Day - ECO
Sat 19 th June	Horticultural Show
Wed 30 th June	New Parents' Evening - 5.30pm (info) 6pm (presentations)
Wed 30 th June	Y6 out to HGSA
Thurs 1 st July	Y6 out to HGSA
Fri 2 nd July	Y6 out to HGSA
Fri 2 nd July	Transition Day
Mon 5 th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day at 9.30am
Tues 6 th July	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day at 9.30am
Wed 7 th July	Reports Out to Parents
Thurs 8 th July	Lea Green Trip for Y6
Thurs 8 th July	Transition Disco - 5.30 to 7.00pm
Fri 9 th July	Lea Green Trip for Y6
Wed 14 th July	Parents' Open Evening - 4 to 7pm
Wed 21 st July	Year Six Graduation Outdoor Disco - 6 to 8pm
Fri 23 rd July	Graduation Ceremony - 2pm and Last day of the term for children
Monday 26 th July	INSET Day # 5



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