



Welcome to Falcons

Year 5 & 6



Mr MacNicol
Mrs Chrusciel

Class Routines

- ▶ Different classroom roles and responsibilities are given out weekly.
- ▶ PE on Wednesdays and Fridays
- ▶ Swimming on Fridays
 - ▶ Y5 - T1, T3, T5
 - ▶ Y6 - T2, T4, T6

Curriculum Overview

TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3	
Africa		Adventure		Courage	
					
The White Giraffe – Lauren St John	African Tales: A Barefoot Collection – Gcina Mhlaphe	Armistice Runner – Tom Palmer	Shackleton's Journey – William Grill	When the Sky Falls – Phil Earle	Bandoola – William Grill

TERM 4		TERM 5		TERM 6	
Travel Through Time		Coasts		Oceans	
					
The Viewer – Gary Crew & Shaun Tan	Ruin – film unit + clips from <i>Back to the Future</i>	Orphans of the Tide – Struan Murray	Flotsam – David Wiesner	Orphans of the Tide cont.	The Tempest – William Shakespeare

Independence

- ▶ In Upper Key Stage 2, the children are encouraged to be more independent.
- ▶ Self assess their learning.
- ▶ Check and correct their own spellings (first 3 letters provided if needed).
- ▶ Lead sports groups at lunchtimes.
- ▶ Buddies.

Progress

- ▶ We will inform you of your child's progress at the following times during the year:

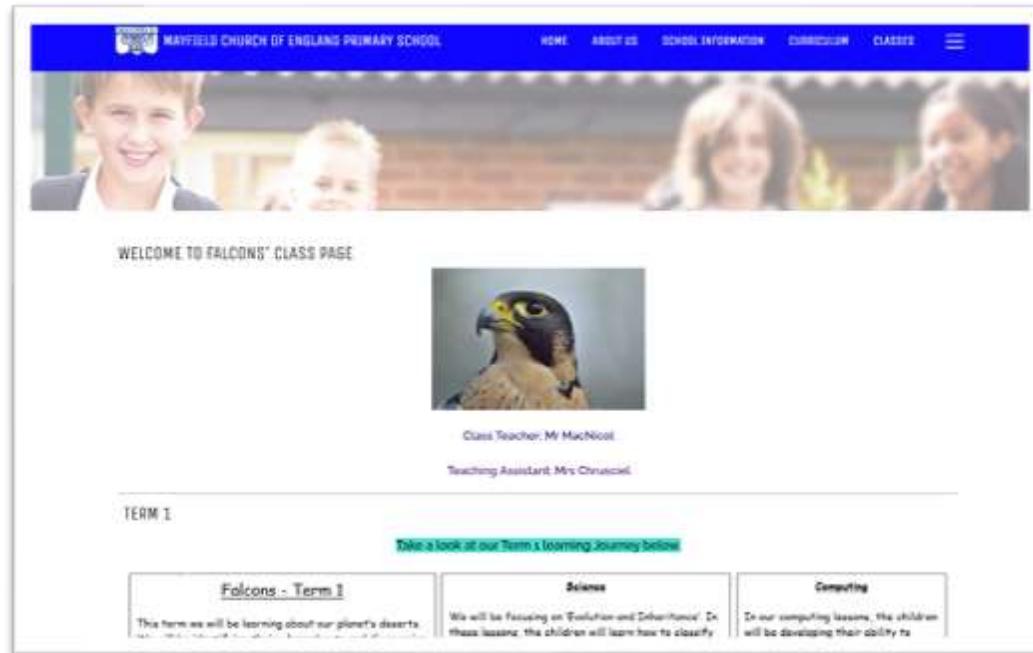
Term	Information
Term 1	Meet the Teacher
Term 2	Parents Evening
Term 4	Parents Evening
Term 6	End of Year Report and Assessment Results (July)

Homework

- ▶ Homework will be set on Google Classroom on Fridays and is due in on the following Wednesday.
- ▶ Please let us know if you have any issues logging in to access any of the websites we use.
- ▶ Each term will start with a piece of homework that celebrates our Christian Values.
- ▶ Following weeks will contain an English task, a Maths task and a topic task.
- ▶ It would also be great if you could continue to support your child with regular reading and learning/practicing rapid recall of their times table facts.

Website

- ▶ Please check in on our website for lots more information about the school.
- ▶ There are links to our school subscriptions on the classes home page.
- ▶ We will be updating our class pages with learning and events that are taking place during the term.



Summer Uniform

Summer Uniform can be worn in Terms 1, 5 and 6

- ▶ Grey shorts and socks or
- ▶ light blue checked dress with white socks or
- ▶ winter uniform with a white short sleeved shirt and a tie (white socks should be worn with dresses)
- ▶ In extremely hot weather the class teacher will give permission for children to remove their ties.
- ▶ School baseball cap for outside (optional)
- ▶ No sunglasses unless linked to a specific need
- ▶ Jewellery (other than a small pair of stud earrings) and nail varnish is not allowed. It is expected that earrings are removed for PE sessions.



Winter Uniform

- ▶ Grey skirt, pinafore dress or grey school trousers
- ▶ White polo shirt (KS1) or white shirt (KS2)
- ▶ Royal blue and gold tie (Key Stage 2 only. Y3 and Y4 may wear an elasticated tie)
- ▶ Royal blue 'V' necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- ▶ Grey tights with skirts/dresses or grey socks with trousers
- ▶ Black shoes (boots, trainers, heeled or slip on shoes are unsuitable)
- ▶ Blue, black or brown hair ties or hair clips. Plain designs only please.
- ▶ Jewellery (other than a small pair of stud earrings) and nail varnish is not allowed.

Uniform - PE

PE Kit

- ▶ Drawstring bag which can be hung from a peg.
- ▶ Plain white T shirt (T-shirts with a school logo can be ordered)
- ▶ Navy shorts or skorts.
- ▶ Plimsolls (Reception and KS1) or sports trainers with secure fastenings
- ▶ Optional navy blue jogging bottoms for outdoor winter use.
- ▶ Stud earrings must be removed or covered for PE sessions.

Swimming (KS2 only)

- ▶ Swimming cap (preferably blue - can be purchased from the school office)
- ▶ One piece costume or swimming trunks (not Bermuda style shorts)
- ▶ Pair of goggles
- ▶ Towel
- ▶ Waterproof bag



Uniform

- ▶ Children are encouraged to take pride in wearing their uniform and in representing our school.
- ▶ Please ensure that all items of uniform are named as children are responsible for looking after their own belongings.
- ▶ We have limited the number of branded items in our uniform expectations
- ▶ Second hand uniform items are available to view via. Friends
- ▶ Ties, swimming hats and bookbags can be purchased from the school office
- ▶ Items with the school logo can be purchased from our uniform suppliers
- ▶ <http://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/mayfield>
- ▶ The full uniform policy can be found on the **About Us** tab on our website.

Attendance and Punctuality

- ▶ For a child to reach their full educational achievement, a high level of school attendance is essential.
- ▶ We promote 100% attendance for our pupils and closely track attendance below 96%.
- ▶ We are committed to providing an education of the highest quality for all our pupils and endeavour to provide an environment where all pupils feel valued and welcome.
- ▶ We have a strong culture of working together to improve attendance and are committed to removing barriers to attendance, at home and in school, and work collaboratively in partnership with families.
- ▶ Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting and promoting excellent school attendance and punctuality.
- ▶ For our children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered at Mayfield, it is vital that children are at school, on time, every day unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

Celebrating Good Attendance

- ▶ Each week we celebrate the class with the highest attendance and present this in our Friday Celebration Assembly. The children look after Dunstan, our attendance ape, for the week!
- ▶ The class with the highest attendance will also be shared in our newsletters.
- ▶ At the end of each term, children who have 100% will be celebrated and awarded with an attendance certificate.



The Impact of Good Attendance

Good attendance is important because:

- ▶ statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and absence below 95%
- ▶ pupils with good attendance make better social and academic progress which has a positive impact on their emotional wellbeing, attitudes to learning and aspirations
- ▶ good attendance supports children to successfully manage school routines, learning opportunities and relationships with others
- ▶ pupils with good attendance are more successful in transferring between key stages, to secondary school and future employment

Attendance and Punctuality

- ▶ The school gates open at **8.35am** and close at **8:45am**. A member of staff will be on duty.
- ▶ Registration is from **8:45-8:50am** and **8.45am** for KS1.
- ▶ When children arrive, they must come straight into the building and to their own classrooms.
- ▶ Children who arrive at school **after 8.45am** are officially late and must enter through the main office so the Office Staff can record the reason for lateness in the register which is retained for attendance monitoring.
- ▶ **Registration closes at 9:15am**. If your child arrives after this time it will be recorded as a **U code** (unauthorised absence) on the attendance register.

Responsibilities of Parents/Carers:

- ▶ support the school in aiming for 100% attendance each academic year
- ▶ inform the school office by 9am on the first day and subsequent days of your child's absence (by telephone or email)
- ▶ <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> - This website provides guidance on whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell and avoid taking their child out of school for non-urgent medical or dental appointments
- ▶ only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, using the school's Withdrawal from Learning form (available from the school office or the school's website). Withdrawal from Learning forms should be completed at least 14 days in advance of the requested absence
- ▶ register the reason for their child's lateness and sign their child out, at the office, if taken

How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

- ▶ We will provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.
- ▶ All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.
- ▶ From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**
- ▶ In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.
- ▶ Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Year 6



Secondary Applications

- ▶ Please make sure that you have completed your applications for secondary schools by 31st October.
- ▶ It is important to make sure that you have provided more than one school preference.

SATs

- ▶ As I am sure that you are aware, the children in Year 6 will be sitting their end of KS2 SATs tests in May 2025 (12th-15th).
- ▶ These will consist of 3 Maths tests, 1 Reading test and a SPAG test.
- ▶ Writing will be teacher assessed and moderated based upon the evidence in their books.
- ▶ The children will have the opportunity to practise a set of past papers so that they are familiar with the content and structure of the tests.

Events

- ▶ Bikeability Week (Year 6) - 7th - 11th October
- ▶ One Voice (Glyndebourne) - Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th December
- ▶ The Big Dance - Spring Term
- ▶ Hindleap Warren Residential Week - 2nd - 6th June 2025
- ▶ Safety in Action - Summer Term
- ▶ Year 6 Leavers Services
- ▶ Year 5 & 6 Production

Any other questions?

- ▶ Feel free to ask now or catch me whenever you need to. I will always be happy to listen and help.

Thank You!