

Term Dates 2011-12

Autumn term 2011

Last day of half term: Friday 21st October
Back to school: Monday 31st October
Last day of term: Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2012

First day of spring term: Tuesday 3rd January
Last day of half term: Friday 10th February
Back to school: Monday 20th February
Last day of term: Friday 30th March

Summer Term 2012

First day of summer term: Monday 16th April
Last day of half term: Friday 1st June
Back to school: Monday 11th June
Last day of term: Friday 20th July

Staff Training/School closure:

Occasional Day Monday 7th November
Assessment for Learning Inset
Friday 9th December
1 further training day tbc

Attendance

Our attendance has been very good so far this term. For the first time ever in one week we had three classes, Hockney, O'Keeffe and Matisse reaching 100% attendance, this is fantastic! We are also pleased to see that the vast majority of children are arriving early for school.

We are aiming to beat our best annual attendance record of 96% this year. Last year we were 32nd in the Borough for attendance! We know we can do better than that.

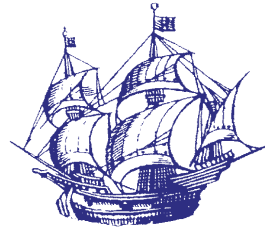
Please check our holiday dates so that all family holidays take place during school holidays. If your child is unwell in the morning but feels better by lunchtime do bring them to school for the afternoon. Every day of learning counts.

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Mayflower News

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Set sail for success

Thank you for all your parental support this half term, particularly for attending welcome meetings which are important for your child's learning. We continue to find ways to work in partnership together.

The National Gallery



Both Matisse and Ray Classes enjoyed a day out at The National Gallery last week. They looked at paintings, visited Trafalgar Square and travelled on the number 15 bus. It was quite an adventure and they had lots of things to write about when they arrived back at school. Staff were very proud to receive many compliments about the children's excellent behaviour.

Hokusai Class



Hokusai Class have been learning about their class artist, Katsushika Hokusai. They visited The Victoria and Albert Museum and learnt about Japan and the Japanese people through the Japanese collection. You can ask them questions about what they know about Japan.

Our Learning Focus

Our learning focus this year is, **Talk for Learning**. Our staff have just had training in storytelling by Pie Corbett, who is inspirational. We will be teaching children to use storytelling techniques to improve their talking and writing. This will help to build on the improvements we have made in Literacy over the past two years. Keep asking your children if they know any new stories, because we're sure they will be delighted to share them with you. When we talk about things it helps us make sense of them, so we will be making sure children have time to talk in all areas of their learning.

Can you tell the story of The Little Red Hen?



Some parents asked about counselling for children. If you want this for your child please talk to Farzana, our Social Worker, who works at Mayflower every Wednesday.

Our New Uniform



Mayflower pupils are looking very smart in our new school uniform. We have a display in the ground floor corridor about our uniform, where new information is being added as new things come up. If you have any questions or queries about uniform please come and see Dee.



New Governor

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Parent Governors are representative parents who work with our team of Governors. Our current Parent Governors include Nurjahan, Fatima, Shanchita and Zakir. You can see the photographs of all our Governors on the ground floor display.

Our Local Authority provides training for Governors so that Governors can learn about and fully understand the role of the Governing Body. If you are interested in learning more about the role please come and see Dee, Sarah or Sandra for more information.