



School Newsletter

Towards a better life



Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another academic year and what a year it has been! It has been a challenging time for us all. As a school, we have worked hard to make your children feel safe and happy as well as making their learning fun.

As well as all the transition events this half term, we have been on some great woodland walks, held sports day events and just this week, a dance workshop for the whole school. Children wearing their PE kit on their PE day has been such a success that we have decided to continue with this in September.

As a school, we have been pleased to see the return of our extra-curricular activities including tennis and music and in September Singstars and Hotshots will begin. There are plans for new activities too.

We also welcome back our full wrap around care provider, Dawn til Dusk, who will relocate back in to our school hall and library. Please contact them directly if you would like to book a place for your child. Further details below.

It's at this time of year we say goodbye to our Year 4 children. This year we have successfully held all our leaving events and our Year 4 children have been lucky enough to attend their Kingswood residential trip this week. We look forward to their return on Friday. I would like to thank the MSA and all the Year 4 parents for supporting us with this. We wish all our Year 4 children well as they move on to their new schools.

As the country moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, the government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people. From September, we will be resuming our normal start and finish times as detailed in this newsletter. To support you with this, we will write a more detailed letter and send it out to you just before the beginning of term.

I wish you all a wonderful summer. Have fun and spend quality time with your family and friends.

Best Wishes

Kathy Dwyer

Facebook Page

Please do continue to support our school Facebook page by liking, commenting or sharing our posts. This boosts the algorithm in our favour and makes sure more people see our posts!

Weduc

Please check your Weduc newsfeed on a weekly basis to see regular updates from your child's class teacher.

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ONLINE SAFETY

[Maulden Lower - Online Safety](#)

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IT DEVICES

[How to set up parental controls.](#)

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Breakfast & After School Club

The Dawn Til Dusk Breakfast and After School Club will be starting again from September.

Please press Ctrl and Click on the link below for more information.

<https://kidsdowntildusk.co.uk/school-school-holiday-clubs-bedfordshire/maulden-lower-school/>



Parent Communication

Want to know more about what your child is learning at school?

We have started to use the WEDUC Newsfeeds to share photos and updates for each class. We will continue to do this on a weekly basis from September. There are no notifications when something new has been added so do check the Newsfeed section regularly and please like or comment so that we know you have seen it! Many of you have already done this but here's a quick reminder to log in to your child's Google Classroom account to see a Meet the Teacher video and find lots of information about their new class. We will continue to add to these during the year so it is important that you are able to log in. Please check your WEDUC messages or contact your child's current teacher if you are unable to log in.

Thank you for your support for the school Facebook account. We will continue to post about special events and to celebrate children's work next year.

Holiday Activities

Bug Lab 2021 at Centenary Wood & Flitwick Wood

The popular Bug Lab event returns to Centenary Wood near Pulloxhill and Flitwick Wood this summer - a chance for you and your children to hunt for mini-beasts with experts on hand and do a fun bug-related craft activity.

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- **Not suitable for under 4s**
- Please wear long sleeves, trousers and suitable footwear
- Outdoor event with little shelter
- No dogs please
- Stay for as long as you like during session

Places are limited (please make sure you've read and accept our booking Terms & Conditions) - accompanying adults are free of charge with tickets available one per participating child at £3 each.

This event is kindly supported by Central Bedfordshire Council and the Bedfordshire Natural History Society.

Please click on the links below for dates and times.

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/bug-lab-2021-at-flitwick-wood>

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/bug-lab-2021-at-centenary-wood>

School Dinners

As you are all aware we have new catering suppliers from September.

Unfortunately the link was not sent with the letter you received last week. We have contacted Alliance in Partnership and as soon as we receive the link we will send it out.

Music at Maulden 2021/22

We are delighted to say that instrumental lessons will be resuming in school in September, as we have really missed hearing the children play. Maulden Lower has



a very strong musical tradition and we are great believers in the power of music to improve wellbeing, build confidence, to aid memory, develop co-ordination and boost creativity.

If your child would like to learn a new instrument, there is a range for them to choose from and we are very lucky to have an excellent range of peripatetic tutors who will be visiting school to deliver lessons:

Piano, Keyboard, Percussion, Flute & Clarinet

We are delighted to say that our local music hub, Inspiring Music, are offering a range of instrumental lessons in school next term. Piano & Keyboard lessons are available from Year 1 upwards, percussion from Year 2 and woodwind lessons from KS2. To find out more about lessons, to investigate instrument hire and to enrol ready for September, please visit Inspiring Music directly at



<https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/overview>.

Violin & Viola

Mrs Perry has been teaching string instruments in local schools for many years and lots of Maulden pupils have benefited from her teaching. She would love to recruit more pupils aged Year 1 upwards. Lessons in a small group cost £77 per term and are arranged directly with Mrs Perry herself. However, in the first instance, please email Mrs Keane to register your interest. Please note that children do not



need their own instrument, as these can be provided. If you would like to find out more about learning a string instrument, please see this video for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgRbnEtVqYU&t=176s>.

Guitar

The fabulous Mr Patchings is this year working in partnership with Mr Farr to deliver Guitar lessons in our school. They will be visiting us on 15 September to deliver a special assembly to inspire our budding guitarists. Please do let us know in advance if your child is interested in lessons and we will be able to arrange a trial for them on that day and send home more information. Shared lessons cost £79 per term, with individual tuition available at £112. From Year 2 and above, if your child would like to take up the guitar, please email Mrs Keane as shown below.



KS2 Singstars

Mrs Keane is very excited to be recommencing Singstars after school club for children in Years 3 & 4. From September, this will be taking place on Wednesdays until 4:00. We will have fun taking part in singing games, vocal warm ups, singing some old favourites and also learning a range of new songs. Mrs Keane will be issuing permission slips for Singstars at the start of term and she hopes that these fun singing sessions can commence from Wednesday, 15 September.

To register your child's interest in Singstars, violin, viola or guitar lessons or to ask any more questions about learning an instrument at Maulden, please do not hesitate to email Mrs Keane, our Music Coordinator, on y2homework@mauldenlower.com. We looking forward to hearing our school corridors once again filled with the wonderful sound of instruments and singing.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Details
21/07	Last Day of Term
02/09	Inset Day
03/09	Inset Day
06/09	All children to start except Robins and Wrens



Term Dates

Please find below a link to the term dates for the next academic year:

<https://www.mauldenlower.com/parents/term-dates>

September Start and End Times

Gates Open	-	8.45am
Gates Close	-	8.55am
End of Day Early Years	-	3.15pm
End of Day Main School	-	3.20pm

COVID 19

Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. The school will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being in close contact.

Please DO NOT contact the school during the summer if you or a family member test positive for COVID 19.

MSA

We would like to thank the MSA for all of their hard work, fundraising and support over the last 12 months. It is very much appreciated, thank you.

Governors

Thank you to the Governors for all your hard work and support over the last year. It is very much appreciated.

Star of the Week Awards

Wrens:

Leo Yates
Remi Dawodu
Lily Barnes-Joiner
Isabelle Bird
Danielle Giles
Poppy Simms
Sienna Anker

Rabbits:

Theo Campbell
Mary Phipps
George Cheek
Liam Reberieux
Elliott Aitkenhead-Morris
Louisa Pestell

Hedgehogs:

Erin Lawson
Marcus Phillips
Leia Salmasi
Olivia Plummer

Woodpeckers:

Dexter Allen
Mia Hares
Alfie Nicholas
Gregory Smith

Kestrels:

Tommy Kerr
Jaxx Roberts
Sienna Hillson
Luke Penwright
Brayden Brett
Maisie Peprell-Clarke

Values Awards

Wrens:

George Ward
Lola Smith
Isabelle Bird
Scarlett Rogerson
Sean Terry
Remi Dawodu
George Minards

Rabbits:

Frankie Wyatt
Emma Voss
William Matthewson
Buddy Lambert
Rhys Williams
Evie Reeson
Beau Abbey
Kian Slowey

Hedgehogs:

Marshall Feeney
Jenson Hillson
Riley Hares
Sophia Meredith
Archie Yates
Kasper Talbot

Woodpeckers:

Amelia Moss
Adam Bacon

Kestrels:

Heston Holbrook
Noah Woods
Lincoln Tompkins
Harry Collard
Maisie Peprell-Clarke
Jaxx Roberts

