

MPS Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026



Chair of Governors' End of Year Message

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on everything that has been achieved and to thank everyone who has played a part in making our school such a special place.

This year has seen some truly outstanding academic successes. Our Reception Good Level of Development has increased to an impressive 82.5%, taking us above last year's national average. Our Year 1 Phonics results have risen to 88%, 10% higher than last year's national average and our Multiplication Tables Check results have improved by 25% over the last two years. These achievements are not the result of luck; they are a testament to the exceptional commitment, skill and dedication of our staff, who work tirelessly every day to give every child the very best start in life. I know our pupils are equally proud of what they have achieved, and rightly so.

However, what makes our school truly special goes far beyond academic outcomes. The tremendous success of this year's Summer Fayre, organised by our fantastic PTA, was a wonderful reminder of the strength of our school community. It was heartwarming to see so many families come together to support the event, and our incredible 98% parental engagement rate shows that our school is genuinely at the heart of the community it serves. Thank you to every parent, volunteer and member of staff who has supported the school throughout the year.

One of the Governing Board's most important responsibilities is appointing the school's leadership, and we are delighted to be welcoming Hannah McConnell to the school in September as Headteacher alongside Mrs Hall. We are excited for the future and look forward to the experience, energy and leadership Hannah will bring as she joins our dedicated team.

It continues to be a genuine privilege to serve as Chair of Governors and to lead such a committed and supportive Governing Board. Our governors give their time voluntarily because they care deeply about the success of the school and the wellbeing of every child. I am incredibly grateful for their wisdom, dedication and unwavering commitment, and for the positive contribution they make to the life of our school.

Finally, I would like to wish all our pupils, families and staff a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday. Thank you for another memorable year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

A note from Mrs Hall:

Firstly, thank you for your support – we really appreciate your efforts from home to support us every day, as well as for our trips, WOW days and one-off events. A special thank you too, to those of you who volunteer for us. This not only supports our pupils to make academic progress, but to enrich their experiences. This, of course, is supplemented by the excellent work of our regular volunteers (many of whom do not have children at our school), reading champions, gardeners, orchestra leaders, PTA and Governing Board, – thank you so much – we couldn't do it without you!

Finally, I am sure you will want to join me in thanking all our school staff – both those who work behind the scenes; cooking, cleaning, supporting IT etc., and those more visible members of the team you see on a daily basis. We are very lucky to have a dedicated staff who very genuinely care about your children and our school. They go above and beyond to support the children to have the best outcomes – both academically and in other areas of their development.

Good luck too to all our Year 6 pupils, and other leavers, who we wish all the very best in their new schools – we hope you have enjoyed your time at MPS and look back to remember us fondly. We are very proud of you all!

Can I also take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, joyous and restful summer holiday.

See you in September!

Best wishes,
Mrs Hall



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Calendar Dates

20th July - 2nd Sept School closed

September

3rd - Term starts Thursday 3rd September 2026

21st– pupil individual and sibling photos

23rd - Whole School flu vaccinations

28th - Bikeability

29th - Bikeability

October

2nd - PTA AGM and Quiz night

5th - Bikeability

6th - Bikeability

12th - Year 6 School Nursing height and weight checks

- Bikeability

13th - Reception School Nursing height and weight checks

- Bikeability

19th - Bikeability

20th - Bikeability

23rd - 30th October Half Term school closed

21st December - 4th January Christmas Holiday School Closed

Family Gardening Club Dates:

- 29th July, 12.30-2.30pm
- 20th August, 10-12pm

Toilets will be available. Please bring your own refreshments. We have child-sized tools and gloves but if you think you may need something bigger, please bring it.

Parents/carers will need to stay and will be responsible for their own child/ren please.

Year 1 Time and Tide trip

On Tuesday Year 1 visited the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth. They learnt all about explorers through role play and story telling. The children had a wonderful day!



Department of Education: Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme. From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit:

[Find your family's summer offer — Summer Savings](#)

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MPS Friday Bulletin



Bulletin

Please note, that the school is closed from 4pm on Friday 17th July 2026; and will reopen on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

If you have any concerns or queries over the school holidays, please email the school office team on office@mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk and a member of the team will endeavour to respond throughout the holidays.

Reminders

- Extended Schools Applications for 2026 places - (information booklet has been sent home in the newsletter on Friday 10th July)

Coming Soon:

- June 2026 Extended Schools Invoices
- July 2026 Extended Schools Invoices

Attachments

- PTA Quiz AGM Poster—2nd October