



MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

Summer Term

Changes to previous newsletters are in green

| April | |
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| 20th | Start of after-school clubs Year 4 swimming Shakespeare Week KS2 Macbeth Workshop |
| 22nd | Midsummer Night Dream workshop |
| 23rd | 8.40am Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop in Hall St George's Day – St Georges house wear red William Shakespeare Day Mini Marathon (in-school) – sponsored event more info to come |
| 24th | Earth Own Clothes Day and Seed Sale (Year 2 Fundraiser) |
| 25th | London Mini Marathon |
| 27th | African Drumming Workshop – paid for by PTA Year 4 swimming |
| 29th | Junior Mathematics Challenge |
| 30th | Councillor Diane White visiting |
| May | |
| 1st | Year 5 Trip to Buddhpadipa Temple |
| 4th | Bank Holiday - no school |
| 6th | Archdeacon of Wandsworth Collective Worship visit |
| 8th | Surrey Cricket Foundation's SEN/Disability Day 2026 – by invitation |
| 11th – 15th | SATS Week National Tests for all Year 6 children |
| 11th | No Rock Steady - will be a different day |
| 11th | Year 5 Relationships, Sex Education (Session 1) Year 4 swimming |
| 12th | Year 1 and 2 Trip to Wisley Gardens |
| 18th | Year 5 Relationships, Sex Education (Session 2) Year 4 swimming |
| 22nd | Rainbow Own Clothes Day School ends at 3.15/3.20pm |
| 25th to 29th May - Half Term | |

Class Photos

Children will be bringing home class photos for those who have ordered. If you ordered a glass/acrylic frame, this will be available from the office for you to collect.

Netball Club

Please be advised that Netball Club for KS2 children will be running for the Summer Term on Friday mornings from 8am – 8.30am. Sessions are running at a cost of £6.00 each, with places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure a spot, please email the school office as soon as possible to request a place, as spaces are limited and likely to fill up quickly.

Mini Marathon: Our Journey Around the World! Thursday 24th April

This year, we are challenging our children to see how far across the map they can get through the power of running/jogging/walking.

Every lap completed brings our runners closer to a new continent. We've mapped out the milestones as follows:

- **2 Laps:** Starting Line (Leaving home!)
- **4 Laps:** Arriving in Europe
- **6 Laps:** Trekking through Asia
- **8 Laps:** Touching down in Oceania
- **10 Laps:** Exploring Africa
- **12 Laps:** Crossing into The Americas



To keep things simple and secure, we are collecting all sponsorship donations via ParentMail, with a minimum of £2.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children active and helping us reach our fundraising goals.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the KS1 and 2 children who took part in football and street dance events on Thursday 16th April.

Year 3 and 4 boys championed their football matches and played well against Corpus Christi. Well done!

Children from Years 1 – 5 who attend Street Dance Club participated in the Malden and Coombe Cluster Concert and performed at the Rose Theatre. Great everyone! Councillor Diane White was so impressed she's going to visit our school.



Educational Excellence at Malden Parochial What is happening in schools these days?

OLEX

Precise, bespoke feedback in written work

When parents attended our share my learning opportunity you may have spotted our trialling of marking children's work using a programme called OLEX. This provides near-instant feedback, allowing pupils to celebrate their success and identify their next steps. Children have really enjoyed getting such detailed and personal feedback and it is already having an impact on our writing outcomes-one of our school development plan priorities.

Here are some examples

Feedback example one

What went well:

Great effort You showed 1st person and strong senses: "seaweed flavoured water", "rusty railing".

Even better if Try adding a fronted adverbial with a comma, and one simile. **Your task:** Add one sentence for each sense, like April in The Last Bear. What a good one looks like: Later, icy spray slapped my face like needles.

Feedback example two

What went well:

Great effort editing. You showed senses and a simile ("as loud as a car alarm"), like April in The Last Bear.

Even better if Add adverbials of time with commas.

Your task: Write "Later," and "After that," sentences. Split into ship, journey, arrival, cabin.

What a good one looks like: Later, I stepped onto white snow, cold as ice.

Homework update

- Half termly project-style homework may be set for the whole school, coming up we will have an Earth Day assignment.
- Year 6 and Year 5 work will be sent home to complete for SATs practice, alongside reading and spelling practice.
- Year 1-4 Spellings, arithmetic, number bots and times table rock stars and reading every night to an adult, with a note in the planner.
- Reception phonics sheet will be available on google classroom and read every night with your child and access numbots via your login for mathematics practice.



Do you understand what ADHD really means for both you and your child?

Do you struggle to know what is best for your ADHD child?

Do you sometimes feel like the battle to understand your ADHD child is endless and exhausting?

If you feel your child is navigating challenges at school, please know that you are not alone. Research indicates that 90% of children with ADHD encounter significant obstacles regarding both academic performance and emotional well-being. It is important to remember that ADHD presents uniquely in every child, and your child's specific challenges may look different from others.

If you are interested in learning more and being involved in the workshop, please [click here](#) to complete the Google Form and register.



A big thank you to Mr Herbert for lending us this incredible 3D floor illusion! The children were amazed to see the ground 'crumble' away to reveal an Ancient Egyptian temple complete with a guest appearance of Cleopatra herself!"

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY YEAR 2 FUNDRAISER



Friday 24th April

Own clothes day - £1 donation
at drop off

AND

Sunflower seed kits for sale at
pick up - 3.15pm

Buy a kit for only £2 - send us
pictures of your sunflowers, the
tallest will win a fantastic prize!

Good Work Bags given out last week and this week

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| | Year 4 |
| Year 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cjey Jianne |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eleanor | |
| Year 2 | Year 5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reggie |
| | Year 6 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edan |

25, 50, 100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 Reads Completed!

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| Erin (4) | Maia (2) |
| Shanaya (4) | Sophie (2) |
| Lennon (4) | Heaven (2) |
| Cjey (4) | Joseph (1) |
| Reggie (5) | Grayson (1) |
| Penelope (R) | Zayd (1) |
| Nora (R) | Misha (1) |
| Clara (R) | Joshua (1) |
| Elise (R) | Ida (3) |
| Siheon (R) | Leah (3) |
| Owen (3) | Laith (3) |
| George (2) | Soren (3) |
| Roman (2) | Hugh (3) |
| Georgia (2) | Finnian (3) |
| Isla (2) | Ethan (3) |
| Teddy (2) | Jan (3) |
| | Isla (3) |

Celebration Station

Congratulations this week's Class Stars! (Y6) Amelia (Y5) Reuben (4) Shanaya (3) Laith (Y2) Zayne (1) Musa (R) Luca

We also had children receive Values and Bee A Blessing certificates. Alexander, Otto, Max, Mieke, Mabli, Ethan, Alissiana.

Well done everyone!



MPS Feedback Form – [click here](#) if you would like to give any feedback or comments to share with Mrs McMullan. If you would like a response, please leave your name so we can get back to you.



Healthy, thriving children and families

Everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do as a parent as they grow up. That's where HENRY comes in.

The *Healthy Families: Growing Up* programme is free to join and helps your family develop a healthier lifestyle that works for you.



"This programme changed my life."

www.henry.org.uk

Is the HENRY programme for me?

The HENRY programme can help everyone with a primary-school aged child. Every parent who joins learns something new and useful.



If you have at least one child of primary school age and can answer yes to any of the questions below then HENRY is for you:

- Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
- Would you like support and ideas for helping your family be healthier?
- Do you wish your child would eat a wider range of foods or more fruit and vegetables?
- Would you like to reduce mealtime stress?
- Would you like your children or family to be more active more often?
- Are you interested in some ideas to get children away from screens?

About the programme

The programme is for parents or carers who would like support and ideas to develop a healthier family lifestyle which parents and children can both enjoy. It is free to join.

Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent.



HENRY's Healthy Families: Growing Up programme is running locally. Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefited from the support and tips HENRY programmes provide.

Research shows that the key ingredients for a healthy family lifestyle are:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and families eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

The programme covers these 5 themes and provides everything you need to help your children thrive.

What do other parents say about it?

- 97% of parents would recommend it
- 89% feel more confident as a parent

"I'm so glad I did this programme. Do it!"

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"

Who is supporting this programme?

This programme is offered locally, funded by Kingston Council. HENRY is working with local partners to be able to offer this service to families.



"This was so much more and so much better than I expected. I would encourage every parent to do it."

What is HENRY?

HENRY is a UK charity working to give children a healthy, happy childhood so they thrive now and in the future. There are loads of useful ideas and resources for parents on the HENRY website.

Sessions

Each week helps you provide a healthy, happy, supportive environment for the whole family.

Session 1 – Exploring what changes you want to make. Thinking about a healthy family and what we can do as parents to help

Session 2 – How to juggle life with growing children so you all get what you need. Thinking about healthier meals and snacks

Session 3 – What we can do as parents to help children grow up feeling good about themselves. Looking at portions and portion sizes

Session 4 – Responding to children's needs without giving in to all their demands. Enjoying getting active as a family

Session 5 – Food groups, labels, portion sizes for the whole family, and healthy food swaps

Session 6 – Positive mealtime tips for a happy family and reducing mealtime stress for everyone

Session 7 – Negotiating agreements as a family, including around food, screen time and sleep

Session 8 – Supporting your children as they grow older. Exploring body image and peer pressure. Planning your family's future



"I highly recommend it. It was brilliant."

How can I join a programme?

HENRY programmes are running locally. Talk to your health practitioner or local Family Support Service to find out more, help you decide if you would enjoy it, and help book you a place.

Programmes run throughout the year. Contact the team to discuss.

Get in touch to book your place email HENRY@yourhealthcare.org or scan the QR code



For more information about HENRY go to:

- www.henry.org.uk
- @HENRYHealthy
- facebook.com/HENRY.HealthyFamilies



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Looking after ourselves

Free online workshops



Find out ways to
look after
yourself and stay
calm



Family life can be stressful. This workshop helps you to find ways to look after yourself and stay calm so you can juggle everything better.

Come along and:

- Understand the benefits of recharging our batteries for emotional and physical health
- Share feelings and develop realistic expectations and coping strategies
- Overcome feelings of guilt and failure
- Gain practical strategies to reduce the stresses of family life



More information:

The next workshop is on
**Wednesday 22nd April
2026 @:
10-11.30am**

Get in touch to book
your place email:
[HENRY@yourhealthcare
.org](mailto:HENRY@yourhealthcare.org) or scan the QR
code.

Applications are now open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.

We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May**.

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



Young Voices (Ages 8-9)

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding and vocal skills, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

Current members say:

"It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!"

— **2025 Youth Opera Company member**

"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel."

— **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May. If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at youthopera@roh.org.uk.

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University
LondonDeveloping
Minds
Exploring Cognitive Diversity

Calling all young minds!



YOUNG SCIENTISTS EVENT

2026



27th-28th May

We invite you and your children (ages 6–16) to join us at Kingston University for an exciting half-day of hands-on activities and a glimpse into the world of developmental psychology.



For further information and to book - please scan:



or visit:

<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/about/events/young-scientists-2026>



Ahead of Earth Day next week, Urban Wild in Worcester Park is inviting local children to take part in a nature-themed colouring competition celebrating the beauty and biodiversity of our planet.

Children can collect a colouring sheet in-store, colour it at home, and return their finished entry to Urban Wild by 6pm on Friday 22nd May.

There are two age groups: Little Wildlings (ages 2–5) and Earth Explorers (ages 5–13). Sheets are available with a small donation, helping support independent conservation efforts.

Three winning entries will be selected on the 22nd of May to celebrate International Day for Biological Diversity, with artwork displayed in-store to celebrate the creativity of our local community. Urban Wild is at the bottom of Worcester Park High Street, opposite Boots.

