

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 6th February 2026



Half Term Break

We hope everyone has a restful half term in preparation for the second half of this academic year! School reopens at normal times on Monday 16th February 2026.

World Book Day - 5th March

Thursday 5th March 2026 is World Book Day! We will be celebrating in school by dressing up as your favourite book character for the day. Pupils will also be doing lots of fun book and reading related activities in class. All to promote and celebrate the power of reading!



Scholastic Book Fair

A massive thank you to all those children and their parents who purchased books from the scholastic book fair this week. We hope the children love reading them and the small amount of commission that the school gets will be used to purchase new books for the classrooms.



Netball News

Another massive well done to our netballers, who recently took part in the next stage of the school league. Even though they didn't win any games, they played some wonderful netball, and as always did the school proud! They had a great time representing the school. Thanks to Miss Scott and to our parent helpers who transported the girls and supported them from the sideline, we are very grateful!



Little Princess Trust

We are incredibly proud to share that one of our pupils, Emilie Massey, is doing something truly special for charity! Over half term, Emilie will be cutting off her long hair to donate it to the Little Princess Trust. This amazing charity provides free, real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. (Emilie's hair will be made into a beautiful wig and fitted to a child from Northern Ireland!).

It takes a lot of bravery and kindness to make such a big change to help others, and we are sure you will join us in celebrating this fantastic act of generosity. If you would like to support Emilie in reaching her fundraising goal, you can make a donation via the online link below. Every penny goes toward the cost of making and fitting these vital wigs.

Please consider donating by tapping or clicking here:

https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/emilies-fundraising-page2896?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-WA&utm_content=MPC



DIARY DATES

Fri 6 February

School finishes at 12:30pm for half term

Mon 16 February

School opens after half term

Thurs 5 March

World Book Day.
Dress up as a book character

Tues 10 March

P6 Post Primary Information Session 2:30pm in school

Tues 17 March

School closed St Patricks Day - EA non-operational day

Fri 27 March

School closes at 12noon for Easter

Mon 13 April

School reopens for the summer term

Mon 4 May

School closed for the bank holiday

Mon 25 May and Tues 26 May

School closed for the bank holiday weekend



LET'S CELEBRATE

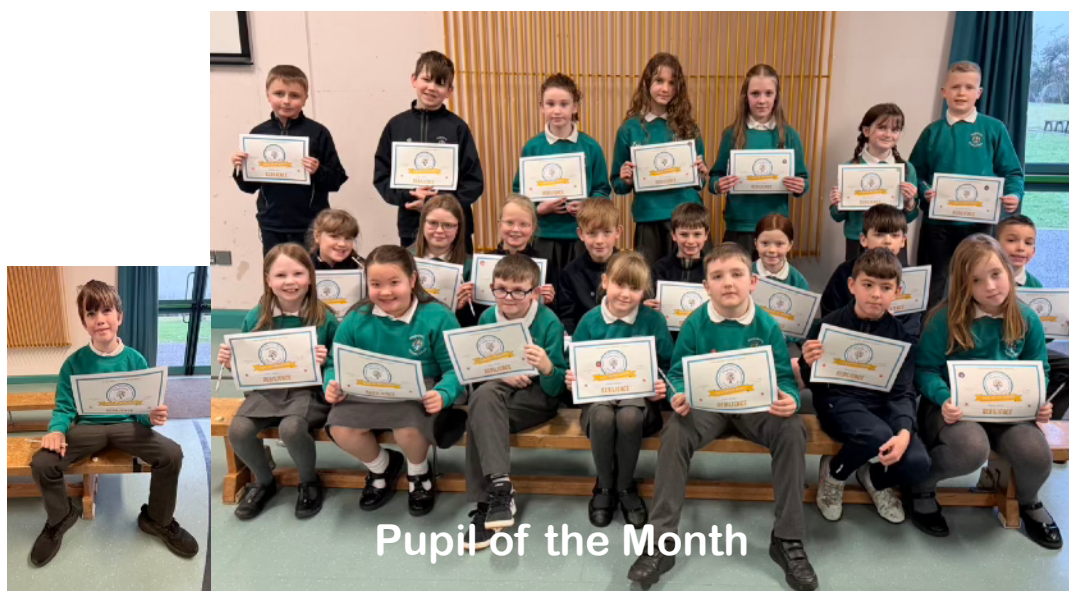


**P1 to P4 Pupil
of the Month
"Resilience"**



Pupil of the Month

**P5 to P7
Pupil of the
Month
"Resilience"**



Pupil of the Month



**Accelerated Reader
Million Words Winners!**



Accelerated Reader Target Winners!



Accelerated Reader Stars
of the Month!



Lexia Achievement
Superstars



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PTA Break The Rules Day

There was lots of fun and excitement in school today for our break the rules day! The boys and girls all looked wonderful dressed in pink and red - there were also a few interesting hairstyles in school today! This was all in good fun and together we have raised another almost £1000 for our PTA. Thank you from everyone on the team for your help and support!



Parents Online Safety Evening - Save the Date!

We are delighted to be able to offer our parents an opportunity to attend a valuable workshop called "FACE TO FACEBOOK" on:

WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 2026

At 7pm in school

This interactive workshop will provide an up-to-date overview of what's happening online, exploring topics such as cyberbullying, social media, sexting and practical tips about boundaries that could be helpful in the home. Face to Facebook builds the confidence of parents & carers, equipping them to deal with the opportunities and

challenges online, and inspires them to use their unique influence as we all navigate our ever evolving digital world.

This session will be lead by a group called Love for Life who also run growing workshops with our P7 children.

Outdoor Developments

We are delighted to announce that during the half term break, there will be work on site to preparing the ground for some exciting developments. We are preparing the area beside our playground for an outdoor classroom area/gazebo - all in memory of James Collins.

This will also allow more opportunities for outdoor learning across the curriculum. We will keep you updated in the weeks ahead as it all comes together for an official opening in term 3. Watch this space!



Attendance

At Maghaberry Primary School we are committed to maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality. You will find a copy of the Department of Education's "[Miss School, Miss Out](https://maghaberryprimaryps.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Miss-School-Miss-Out-Leaflet.pdf)" leaflet via the link below. It makes interesting reading and highlights the advantages on maintaining your child's attendance at school. I would encourage all parents/ carers to read this document.

<https://maghaberryprimaryps.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Miss-School-Miss-Out-Leaflet.pdf>

100% attendance	Excellent	0 days missed
95% attendance	Satisfactory	9 days missed - 1 week 4 days of lost learning
90% attendance	Poor	19 days missed - 3 weeks 4 days of lost learning
85% attendance	Very poor/unacceptable	28 days missed - 5 weeks 3 days of lost learning
80% attendance	Unacceptable	38 days missed - 7 weeks 3 days of lost learning

Whilst there may be factors that can, from time to time, impact a child's attendance (such as sickness); regular, punctual attendance, ensures that your child gets the best possible outcomes in school. If there are any challenges or difficulties, that may be impacting your child's attendance at school, please speak to your class teacher as early as possible, so that we can try to resolve these together.

Please note that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school of the reason for this absence.

During the school year we may write to parents if their child's attendance drops below 90% and we in some circumstances may be obliged to inform the Education Welfare Officer if attendance falls below 85%.

Penny Wars

A massive thank you to everybody who has brought in pennies from drawers, the back of sofas etc. The winning group will be the one that has the highest cash total (not weight!). At Easter the jars will be totalled and the classes with the most collected will get a mystery prize!

You can see from the photo it's going to be close!



DON'T FORGET THE PTA NEWSLETTER BELOW!





**CHILD PROTECTION AND
SAFEGUARDING TEAM**
Designated Teacher for Child

Protection:
Mrs R Wilson

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child

Protection:
Mrs J Hamilton

**Principal and Deputy Designated
Teacher for Child Protection**

Mr D Spratt

Governors responsible for Child

Protection:
Mr J Watson
and Mr K McCarthy

Copies of the Child Protection Policy
are available from the school website.

CLICK HERE



**EXTRA DATE
ADDED**



Worry to Wonder

Tuesday 17th February, 7pm-8.30pm

Online via ZOOM

A workshop for parents of primary school aged
children exploring why our children worry and
ways we can support them.

CALL NOW TO BOOK

YOUR PLACE

0808 8020 400





Big Smiles, New Toys

The Nursery class has recently received funding from the PTA to buy some new play resources.

A particular focus of this funding has been on sensory toys and equipment, chosen carefully to support children with additional needs as well as to enrich play for all pupils. Sensory play is a vital part of early years learning, helping children to explore the world around them, regulate their emotions, develop fine motor skills, and build confidence through hands-on experiences.

The new resources include items that encourage tactile exploration, calming sensory tools, and open-ended toys that promote imagination, communication, and social interaction. These toys will be used throughout the nursery day, supporting inclusive play and ensuring every child can engage at their own pace and in a way that suits their individual needs.



MAGHABERRY PS PTA

Valen-time to Break the Rules

On Friday 6th February, pupils had the opportunity to break some rules during the school day.

All pupils had great fun and at the last count, a fantastic £950 was raised.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting our 'Valen-time' to Break the Rules Day.

Penny Wars

The PTA has launched an exciting new initiative to raise money in a fun way to fund more much-needed resources

Children are being asked to bring in any coins they can, to put in large jars in the reception area of school.

The jars will be collected by the following classes:

JAR 1 - P1, P2, P2/3

JAR 2 - P3, P4, P5

JAR 3 - P5/6, P6/7, P7

At Easter, the jars will be totalled and the classes with the most money collected will get a mystery prize.



Upcoming events

► Monday 16th February 2026 - PTA meeting @ 730PM



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