

November/October 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

This time of year is always a busy one not just in school but also in our homes. We have had lots of excited children with Halloween and Bonfire Night and coming soon will be the fair and dare I say it Christmas will be upon us!

Despite all of this our children continue to work hard and show great behaviour. I have shown a number of visitors around the school the past month and the comments have always been how polite and respectful our children are and their willingness to talk about their work and the school demonstrating our roots for learning (our ABC) - this makes me very proud of them.

Thank you to all those who supported the PSA buying samosas and taking part in our Bollywood Dancing.

We look forward this week to supporting Children in Need and our School Council have worked hard on the plan for the day.

Mrs Mock

Diary Dates

Children in Need

Friday 14th November

PSA Disco

Friday 21st November

End of Term Productions

Foundation Stage

Monday 8th December 2pm

Tuesday 9th December 2pm

Year 2

Wednesday 10th December 6pm

Thursday 11th December 2pm

Year 4

Wednesday 10th December 2pm

Thursday 11th December 6pm

House Points Total - October

Deer 1230

Badgers 1285

Foxes 1328

Hedgehogs 1468

Well done to October's winners
two months in a row!

Hedgehogs

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed an exciting trip to the New Walk Museum in Leicester as part of their Ancient Egypt topic.

During interactive workshops, the children discovered what life was like in Ancient Egyptian times — learning about food, jobs, and daily life. They even had the incredible opportunity to handle real Ancient Egyptian artefacts.

The second part of the session focused on the Egyptians' beliefs about the afterlife. The children learned how people prepared for it and examined many related artefacts. They also took part in a range of fun, hands-on activities — including dressing up as pharaohs!

After a well-earned picnic lunch, there was time to explore other areas of the museum, where the dinosaur exhibits proved especially popular.

It was a wonderful day of learning, discovery, and excitement for everyone involved!



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October marked the grand opening of our newly refurbished school library — a truly magical woodland wonderland! Hopefully many of you were able to see it when you attended the parent/teacher meetings.

This exciting project, driven by our PSA and generously supported by many local companies, has completely transformed our library into an inspiring space for our children to enjoy reading and learning.

The opening celebration was held in the library and attended by representatives from all the organisations who contributed to the project and they were presented beautiful thank-you cards created by our pupils. We were also joined by previous PSA members and staff and it was wonderful to see so many friendly faces there to share in the occasion.

With the reorganising of the library our volunteer librarians had sorted many books and we have given our older and unwanted books a second life by donating them to Better World Books, helping to support literacy in developing countries.



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Sporting Ambassadors Training Day

Our new Year 6 Sporting Ambassadors enjoyed attending a training day recently at Charnwood College. They joined 140 other children from 11 other local schools in some theory and practical sessions where they learned how to organise physical activities to:

- make them easier or harder
- include everybody
- make them safe
- accommodate different groupings

There was a big focus on communication and teamwork and our children engaged well with those from the other schools. Esme and Arthur were even awarded special T-shirts for their efforts on the day. Well done to everyone involved! We can't wait for the Sporting Ambassadors to now organise and lead some exciting events in school!



Year 5 and 6 Girls BEP Football League

Our girls football team were initially a bit disappointed when some of the other schools weren't able to attend this first League fixture and they had fewer teams to play than expected. However, this didn't deter them from giving their all and playing a number of 5-a-side friendly games before the one League game against Riverside, which they managed to win 1,0. The friendly games gave our team a brilliant opportunity to develop their football skills in a game situation, to try out playing in different positions and it was great to see the team's confidence grow throughout the afternoon. Well done to: Penelope, Grace, Maryam, Brahmi, Bea, Esme, Orly, Emiko and Nancy – what a team!

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Charnwood Cross Country League

Just before half term 42 KS2 children competed in the first of three cross country leagues at Charnwood College. Undeterred by the usual clash with parents evening, parents, friends and family rallied to transport the children to compete – thank you so much for this support!

Our children all fought brilliantly against the teams from the other 12 schools, every child scoring points for their finishing position which counted towards our overall team score. After this first of three League races, Mountfields Lodge are lying in 4th position – a great achievement against some very fierce competition.

Individually we had some amazing performances with wins from Ciada (Year 4 Girls), Vaila (Year 5 Girls), a silver medal for Ralph (Year 6 boys) and a bronze for Aoife (Year 4 Girls). It was lovely to witness the usual camaraderie and amazing team spirit that Mountfields children have, supporting each other magnificently. Well done to everyone that competed!



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Last week some of our Year 6 took part in Bikeability which equips children with the skills and confidence to ride safely on roads.

Daniel and Hadley have written this for our newsletter.

We have learned how to ride safely on roads. Each group completed three sessions to get to level 2/3 of bike ability. We will do level three later this year.

Day one was an assessment of our cycling skill. Day two was riding on a quiet road where we learnt basic skills for cycling on the roads in preparation for day three. Day three saw us riding on a very busy road where we had to put our skills to the test.

Overall, doing bike ability has been a great experience to teach everyone how to cycle safely in a fun way. Jack said, "It was really fun but it was quite scary on the busy road!"

We say that the instructors were kind and clear to understand.

A few reminders.....

School Day Start Time

The children need to be in their classroom for 8.50am.

Our school gates open at 8.40am to allow time for children to get to their classrooms.

Our school gates will be closed at 8.55am and any children arriving late will need to enter via the office.

Lost Property

We have lots (and we mean lots) of jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies in our Lost Property box. We will leave this out each day next and hopefully reunite clothing with their family!

Any named items have been returned to classes.

Please can you ensure all clothing is named.