

17th May 2024



Mayfield School  
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# Mayfield Messenger

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## A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

It was a very exciting week this week. Firstly, it has been a full on week with exams in Year 6 and Year 11. I have been so impressed with how both groups of pupils have approached these – a time that can be very scary but one which sees resilience, support, and ambition.

On Wednesday 15th May, out of over 17,000 applications, Mayfield was one of the schools selected for a school visit from The Body Coach and 'Lockdown Legend', Joe Wicks! During his visit, he wished the Y6s luck and motivated them to do their best in their SATs. He also hosted a 20-minute workout with primary pupils and a select group of senior students and a Q&A session. The children and teachers had great fun! I would like to say a special thank you to Miss Cornwell for applying for Mayfield to be part of this exciting opportunity.

You may remember that I shared with you that we were keeping 2 ducklings which hatched in the Year R classes 4 and half weeks ago. The ducks are having a great time and growing fast. Pupils across the school – primary and senior – have enjoyed seeing the ducks, holding the ducks and giving them time in the paddling pool!

Fingers crossed that the weekend is not duck weather. Have a fantastic weekend!

## Exam notices for the week ahead

The exams are in full swing once again this year, and we're here to provide with up-to-date details and information of any exams happening in the week ahead.



Next week, we have the following Senior exams taking place:

- Monday 20th May;  
English Literature Paper 2 - 9AM
- Tuesday 14th May;  
Computer Science - 1.30PM  
Urdu - 1.30PM
- Wednesday 15th May;  
Combined Science - Physics Paper 1 - 9AM  
Chinese - 1.30PM
- Thursday 16th May  
English Language Paper 2 - 9AM
- Friday 17th May  
French Writing - 9AM

## A Workout Class from Joe Wicks!

On Wednesday morning, we were so excited to have a visit from the amazing Joe Wicks! A couple of months ago Miss Cornwell applied for Mayfield to be part of his Joe and PE school tour and 15,000 other schools applied too. Out of these 15,000 10 were selected and Mayfield being one of them! Joe Wicks came and completed an energising warm-up and workout with years R-5 and the senior sports ambassadors. The children then had the opportunity to ask him any questions they wanted. It was an inspiring visit for all the children and staff involved.



Also this week, our Year 6s have officially completed their SATs tests, giving them a well-earned rest of the May half-term which is coming up very soon. We are so proud of you all!



Friends of Mayfield

Year 1 & 2 Disco 22nd May 5-6pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE TUESDAY 14H AT 5PM  
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/DMOT](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/dmot)

INFORMATION/QUERIES/BOOKING ISSUES  
 PLEASE CONTACT FRIENDS OF MAYFIELD  
 FOM@MAYFIELD.PORTSMOUTH.SCH.UK

FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING  
 POLICY, ONCE THE BOOKING TIME HAS CLOSED  
 (21ST AT 5PM) WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE  
 ANY MORE TICKETS.

THIS EVENT IS NOT A SCHOOL EVENT  
 (HOWEVER WE DO HAVE TO COMPLY WITH  
 SCHOOL POLICIES) - PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT  
 SCHOOL STAFF OR GO INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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## Year 1 & 2 Disco

Friends of Mayfield are holding another Year 1 and 2 disco on Wednesday 22nd May from 5 - 6pm. Tickets go on Tuesday 14th May at 5pm, using the website [www.trybooking.com/uk/dmot](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/dmot). For information, queries or booking issues, please contact Friends of Mayfield at [FOM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:FOM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

**Ready to embark on an exciting journey to become a primary teacher?**

Look no further than Portsmouth Primary SCITT, an outstanding provider of School Centred Initial Teacher Training based in the vibrant city of Portsmouth.

If you have an honours degree, and GCSEs in Maths, English and Science (grade 4/C or above) you can apply today. Our one-year PGCE with QTS course delivers expert subject and pedagogical knowledge. The purposefully designed programme allows you to gain practical experience through school placements with mentor support after our evidence-based workshops.

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## Portsmouth Primary SCITT - Train to Teach

Do you have a degree in any subject? Would you like to become a qualified teacher, with a PGCE, in just 1 year? Would you like to be part of an 'Outstanding' provision with bespoke support? Would you like to start in September 2024? If so, give Portsmouth Primary SCITT a call on 02392 373432 or email them at [admin@portsmouthscitt.co.uk](mailto:admin@portsmouthscitt.co.uk).

**COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE** Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

**Family Learning**

Would like to invite our community families to come and spend some time with their children during May half-term - making, playing and doing.  
 (suitable for children in year R to year 6; 2 children per adult)

Come along to a **Free!** D Day workshop

**At: The Learning Place**  
**On: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Morning session start time: 9.45am Finish time: 12.15pm**  
**Afternoon session start time: 1.15pm Finish time: 3.45pm**

Find out about D-Day and the upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a variety of D-Day themed arts & crafts activities with your children!

**To book your place come in or call:**  
 The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH  
 02392 621860 [thelearningplace@portsmouthhcc.gov.uk](mailto:thelearningplace@portsmouthhcc.gov.uk)  
**Places are very limited - make sure you book early!**

Learn.portsmouth.gov.uk | www.portsmouth.gov.uk

## Community Learning Service - FREE D-Day Workshops

The Community Learning Service would like to invite our community families to come and spend some time with their children during May half-term - making playing and doing.

They are offering a free D-Day workshop, where you can discover more about this historical event and the upcoming 80th anniversary with a variety of D-Day themed arts and crafts activities with your children!

This will be happening at The Learning Place on Wednesday 29th May, with two sessions running, one starting at 9.45AM and the other starting at 1.15PM.

To book your place, please contact 02392 621860 or email [thelearningplace@portsmouthhcc.gov.uk](mailto:thelearningplace@portsmouthhcc.gov.uk).

## Lost Property

We have a number of lost property items in Pupil Services especially blazers and coats. Please could you remind your child/ren if they have lost a piece of clothing, to check our 'Lost Property' situated in Pupil Services.



Please name all items of clothing, so we can determine the owner more easily.

## INSET DAYS

The remaining INSET day will be; Friday 21st June 2024 - The school will be closed for pupils on these days.



## Africa Week - 20th - 24th May

Commencing Monday 20th May, we are having a week full of cultural activities to celebrate the diverse heritage of our African pupils.

- Tuesday 21st May - Jollof rice cooking workshop (After school from 3 - 4PM)
- Wednesday 22nd May - African Party! (After school between 3 - 4PM)
- Friday 24th May - African Drum Workshop (Period 4 - 1.50 - 3PM)

Have a look on our Facebook post for more information.



## MAY HALF TERM AT PORTSMOUTH MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Explore the museum and commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day with the Prized Pigeon museum trail and D-Day themed craft activities over May half term.

### Prized Pigeon Trail

Take the Prized Pigeon trail and find some of the feathered heroes hidden around the displays.

Cost: £2  
(or 50p with Leisure Card)

### Craft Activities

Join us for drop-in D-Day themed craft sessions 28th - 31st May.

Morning session: 10:30am - 12:00pm  
Afternoon session: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Cost: £2.50  
(or £1 with Leisure Card)

## Portsmouth City Council Leisure Card

There are many events happening over the holiday period, including events for D-Day 80, where the museum will be offering discounts on activities with those with a Leisure card.

Click this link — to see the discounts available and take a look on the next page for to see if your child/ren is eligible for free swimming.

# MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

## MAY HALF TERM

### FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 13 YEARS

@WESTOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL, BAFFINS

**FUN FILLED DAYS WITH ACTIVITIES, SPORT, ART AND CRAFTS AND MORE! THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

**BOOK NOW:**  
[TINYURL.COM/S4KPOMPEY](https://tinyurl.com/s4kpompey)

## S4K Hampshire - Multi-Activity Holiday Camp in May Half-term

We are pleased to announce that all of S4K Hampshire's May holiday camps are now live and available to book. They hope to see the sun shining so we can get outside for lots of games and activities over the Half term break.

Their camps provide safe fun-filled all-day childcare every weekday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM for children between 5 to 13 years. You can book an individual day or a week at a time. Their enthusiastic and caring sports entertainers make sure every child is making new friends, trying different things, and learning new skills. enthusiastic and caring sports entertainers make sure every child is making new friends, trying different things, and learning new skills.



## Great work, Elsie!

We wanted to celebrate Elsie C and her amazing performance for her tap dancing and singing at the Razzle Dazzle show at the New Theatre Royal. She was amazing, remembering all her steps and performed alongside her little brother. Her family are so proud of her, as are we!

## Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the weekend or during the week, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger. Please send these to **general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk**

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

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Did you know that with Portsmouth City Council you could be entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card? It offers residents discounts of **up to 50%** at some Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as some other services and attractions.

The Leisure Card **is free** and available to residents who receive **means-tested benefits** within PO1 – PO6 areas (and some properties in PO7 qualify where these pay council tax to Portsmouth City Council).

You can enjoy BH Live sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre, discount on beach hut rental and allotments and much more. Please note discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent with your Leisure Card.

The Leisure Cards are valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

## \* **How to apply for a Leisure Card**

Visit the Portsmouth City Council website, search for Leisure Card and apply online – [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

You can also apply via your local library, community centre or housing office (*please bring along proof of the benefits to be checked*)

Once your application has been received, your Leisure Card will be posted to you within 10 working days.

If you have any questions, then please do call 02392 688797 or email [CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

### **Eligible benefits.**

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Working tax credit
- Housing benefit
- Council Tax Support (excludes statutory 25% single persons discount)
- Pension credit (guarantee credit element only)
- Foster carers with foster children (use the online application form and upload a signed letter from your supervising social worker as evidence)
- Asylum Seekers – Please note you will be asked to reference your Home Office Number supplied by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary

## Free swimming scheme for under 12s

Free swimming is a local, council supported scheme designed to extend opportunities to swim and maximise the health benefits of swimming. The scheme is for Portsmouth residents, 12 years old and under and gives free access to the following council-run pools in the city.

**Mountbatten Leisure Centre**  
**Charter Community Sports Centre**

About the scheme

You can apply to join the free-swimming scheme at any of the two swimming centres.

### To be eligible:

- You must be a Portsmouth resident (PO1-PO6). We'll ask to see proof of address (bring a recent utility bill / council tax bill for the current year) and official proof of age (a birth certificate or valid passport.)
- Have a valid Portsmouth Library Card. If you're not already a library member you can join for free at any of the nine library branches around the city, or the Mobile Library.

Successful applicants will be given a free-swimming membership card and a one-off administration charge of £3.50 applies. Please note there will be a charge of £3.50 for any replacement cards.

### Terms and conditions apply

The scheme enables residents 12 years old and under to apply for a card giving free access to swim at 2 council run pools in the city.

Free swimming will only be available during public swimming sessions.

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years will not be permitted access to any free swimming during the hours of 9am and 3pm during local authority school term terms.

In accordance with Health and Safety Executive guidance all children aged 5 to 8 years, must be always accompanied in the pool by a fee-paying adult to the ratio of 1 parent to 3 children. For children aged 4 and under a ratio of 1 fee paying adult to 2 children applies.

For children aged 9-12 there is not a requirement for the children to be accompanied in the pool, but the children must be accompanied by an adult who must remain at the centre during the visit. There is no fee for general adult entrance to the centre.

Admission to the swimming sessions will be subject to the pool's capacity.

The Free-Swimming Scheme does not include swimming lessons although these can be booked directly with our partner BH Live.