



Year 3 Newsletter Autumn Term 2026



Routines and Expectations

- At the start of the school day children will enter through the gate between 8:40am and 8:45am. They are registered in their classroom. At the end of the school day, children being collected will exit from the school playground by the colourful poles/ table tennis tables.
- As safeguarding is so important, please ensure that you have informed the school office (before the end of the school day) of any unfamiliar adults who may not be recognised by the class teacher who may be picking up your child.
- P.E. days will be on Monday and Friday.** On both days children will need to wear their PE kit. Please ensure that **earrings are removed** and **no jewellery is present**. Earrings must be plain studs!
- Please ensure that ALL uniform, including PE clothes are clearly labelled (please check as sometimes labels wash out).
- Every child should be bringing a **water bottle** to school that is labelled and has been filled with water to keep them hydrated. Children can fill these bottles up during the day if empty. Squash is welcomed during lunch but not to be consumed in the classroom.
- Ensure to order school dinners for the following week.
- Please check School Spider for any messages.

Thank you for your support!

Reading at Mount Pleasant

Reading is at the heart of all we do. We endeavour to promote a love of reading throughout the school. 2026 is the National Year of Reading: this is a government-backed campaign to re-ignite passion and reading culture for EVERYONE. We all know that reading expands worlds, sharpens minds and fuels creativity but studies are showing that it is not being prioritised in day-to-day life.

At Mount Pleasant, we always strive to evaluate and in response to this, we are taking the opportunity to refocus upon Reading for Pleasure alongside our teaching of important reading skills. This year, we are keen to use pupils' passions – football, music, gaming, nature, fashion, anything! – as the spark that brings reading to life. When children see that reading connects to who they are and what they care about, we predict that a renewed motivation will follow naturally. Reading doesn't just mean books, it includes stories, ideas and information in print, digital and audio – from graphic novels and lyrics to articles, podcasts and games. This year, we want to continue to encourage the children to read widely through different genres and experiences and Whole Class Reading lessons too.

Children will be given a reading record to share and showcase their reading routine outside of school; it tracks your child's reading journey. We ask that parents (and where appropriate, children) write in these regularly. Our magic number with reading is **20** – 20 minutes as often as possible. These are our expectations to help us build our superpower. **Reading is a key skill, and we firmly believe that children who read well, do well.**

Our vision: Believe it, Achieve it

Our key values: Relationships, Respect, Resilience

Our rules: Kind words, Kind actions

Our expectations around school: Be Polite, Peaceful, Purposeful



The team in Year 3 this year are:



Miss Norgrove



Miss Tighe



Mrs Botts

Learning Adventures

We aim to provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum from Nursery to the end of Year 6. This includes ensuring our children have a wide range of experiences to enrich their learning both in and out of the classroom. Staff and curriculum leads have been working hard to ensure our evolving curriculum develops skills and knowledge needed to create passionate and excited life-long learners. Following on from the success from last academic year, the children will focus on two Learning Adventures per year. This will enable children to spend more time developing a deeper understanding of key topics. We have ensured that we cover all National Curriculum subjects and objectives, as well as offering visits and after school clubs to make learning even more memorable.

Maths - Rapid Recall

Our mathematics team have made some changes: maths challenges have now been replaced with a rapid recall programme, designed to help improve automaticity with key skills in mathematics across the curriculum. Please ensure that you have read the recent School Spider letter from Mrs Phillips & Mrs Poole regarding this important change.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

At Mount Pleasant we take the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils very seriously. Our Safeguarding team can also offer advice and support on a range of issues or give ideas on where you can access further support.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, please see a member of our Safeguarding Team or report it to the Children's Front Door on 0300 555 0050 (9am – 5pm) 0300 555 8574 (out of office hours) or in an emergency, dial 999.

Safeguarding Team

Mrs Grinsell Mrs Priest Mrs Jones



Home Learning

Home learning this term children will need to complete the following:

- Spelling Shed (10 minutes, 3/4 times a week)
- TT Rockstars (10 minutes, 3/4 times a week)
- Timetable challenges (to learn for the following week)
- Rapid Recall (skill to be practiced as often as possible)
- Reading (20 mins as often as possible)

Home learning is so beneficial in improving fluency and automaticity of learning. Let's try our best this term to be fantastic with it!

Nut Free School

We would like to remind you of the following points to help minimise the risks for our children with serious allergies:

- Avoid giving children peanuts/nuts in school packed lunches or as snacks.
- Avoid giving peanut butter sandwiches or other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars obviously containing nuts or labelled "may contain nuts" in school lunches.
- Children must not share their lunch or snacks.
- Year 3 may bring a healthy snack for breaktimes.