

December 2024

We hope this message finds you well and in good spirits as we approach the festive season.

As we reach the end of the autumn term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy period filled with learning and new experiences.

Throughout the term, staff at MPET have worked diligently to ensure our children remain at the heart of everything we do. We are immensely proud of how our pupils have embraced their learning with positive attitudes, managing distractions and adapting to changes with resilience and grace. Your continued encouragement at home has played a significant role in fostering this environment, and we sincerely appreciate your feedback and support.

As the winter break approaches, we encourage you all to take the time to relax and enjoy this special season with your families. Our team wishes you a safe and joyful time over the holidays, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on 6th January 2025

Christmas Dinner



A huge thank you to Yata for cooking a delicious Christmas dinner for the children and to Kasia for helping to serve all of the children and adults. A definite highlight of the term, enjoyed by so many! 😊

Winter Hampers

We would like to thank all families who kindly contributed to our Christmas hampers, we are incredibly grateful for your support. We raised the fantastic total of £325 for the school. We will update you once we have decided how this money will be used.

On Wednesday afternoon, children from each class helped draw the winning tickets. We are pleased to announce the following winners of our Christmas hampers:

Hamper 1: Mya - Tigers	Hamper 5: Jacob – Sea Turtles
Hamper 2: Alana – Arctic Foxes	Hamper 6: Grace - Tigers
Hamper 3: Eleanor – Hedgehogs/Nathalie - Sea Turtles	Hamper 7: Barney – Sea Turtles
Hamper 4: Henry - Arctic Foxes	Additional prize: Faris – Sea Turtles/Aaliya - Tigers

We appreciate the continued support from our school community, and your contributions help us foster a sense of togetherness and joy during this special time of year.

Thank you!

- A special thank you to Archers Marquees for generously lending us the stage for our recent Winter Concert.
- Thank you to all parent and community reading volunteers; your commitment to our children's love for reading is invaluable.
- A big thank you to parents who helped with the Christmas jumper swap and to the families who lent us Christmas lights for the disco.
- Thank you to all the families who provided positive feedback and shared suggestions. Your insights are crucial for us as we strive to improve.

Volunteering

If you're interested in volunteering at MPET, please speak to our office staff for more information. We would love to have you on board!

Regular roles may include listening to readers or helping in the library. For those interested in one-off events, please let the office staff know, these could be for things such as helping to plant/clear areas of playground, supporting on school trips or coming in to share a skill or talk about your job with a class.

We are also hoping to set up a Friends of Mulberry Park group. We are holding an initial meeting on Thursday 16th January at 8:50am in the school hall. Our apologies if this time of day isn't convenient for you - it is difficult to find a time which is convenient for everyone. However, if you are interested and are unable to make this date, please let the office staff know and we will make sure you are kept informed.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6 th January	First day of term 3
Thursday 9 th January	Year 6 Life Skills Trip
Thursday 16 th January	Friends of Mulberry Park meeting 8.50 am
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of term 3 for children
Friday 14 th February	INSET Day – school closed for children
Monday 24 th February	First day of term 4

Parking and Road Safety

As our school community continues to grow, it is essential that we all remain mindful of our surroundings, particularly when it comes to the safety of our children who walk to and from school. We have noticed an increasing number of parents and carers stopping on double yellow lines, in the bus stop, or pulling over very close to junctions. This raises significant safety concerns for our children and other pedestrians.

We kindly ask that you allow ample time to park in safe and sensible locations, respecting the road rules in place. This consideration not only ensures the safety of our students but also contributes to a more pleasant environment for everyone arriving at school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Thrive Festive Chain of Cheer Challenge

You may have noticed when visiting for the concerts, that we created some festive bunting to decorate the hall.

This was actually part of a challenge created by Thrive: Festive chain of cheer.

For every school or setting that took part, they've donated to Action for Children's Secret Santa appeal. In addition, every time the collective chain reached 100 metres, they added a bonus donation to spread even more cheer!

MPET's chain length was 1,582cm!

What a lovely way to spread festive cheer!

For more info visit: <https://www.thriveapproach.com/news/join-our-festive-chain-of-cheer>



Keeping Our Children Safe Online

An important reminder for all parents and carers:

Platforms such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, and Discord have age restrictions, requiring users to be at least 13 years old (most social media platforms are not intended for children under 13 years old).

As we know, the digital world offers fantastic opportunities for learning and communication; however, it also presents various risks... do you really know what your child is doing via these social media sites and who they are communicating with? It's crucial that we work together to ensure our children navigate the online environment safely and responsibly.

Here are a few suggestions that can help:

1. **Monitor Device Usage:** Engage with your child about the apps they are using. Are you checking their devices regularly? Having open conversations can help you understand what they are doing online and identify any potentially unsafe content.
2. **Set Boundaries:** Collaborate with your child to establish rules around their online activity. Discuss the importance of adhering to age restrictions and the reasons behind them.
3. **Educate Your Child:** It's vital for children to understand the importance of online privacy and the potential risks of sharing personal information. Encourage them to think critically about their interactions online.
4. **Utilise Parental Controls:** Most devices and platforms offer parental control features that allow you to monitor and limit access to certain apps and content.
5. **Stay Informed:** Make sure you are aware of the latest trends in social media and apps that your children might be interested in. This knowledge will help you provide appropriate guidance.



Mulberry Park Term 3

LUNCH MENU

EAT WELL - FEEL BETTER - LEARN MORE

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Hot Red

Homemade Vegetarian Burrito Bowl
Served with Rice and Side selection

Homemade Chicken and Leek Mash Topped Pie
Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy

Homemade Chicken Roast Dinner
Served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

Homemade Beef Bolognese
Served with Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Broccoli

Jumbo Fish Finger
Served with Oven Chips, Homemade Bread and Beans or Peas

Hot Green Vegetarian

Jacket Potato With a choice of Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo
Served with Fresh Salad

Homemade Leek and Bean Mash Topped Pie
Served with Seasonal Veg and Gravy

Homemade Cheese and Onion Quiche
Served with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Homemade Tomato and Basil Pasta
Served with Garlic Bread and Broccoli

Homemade Veggie Cottage Pie
Served with Beans or Peas and Homemade Bread

Halal Option

Homemade Vegetarian Burrito Bowl
Served with Rice and Side selection

Homemade Halal Chicken and Leek Mash Topped Pie
Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy

Homemade Halal Chicken Roast Dinner
Served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

Homemade Beef Bolognese
Served with Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Broccoli

Jumbo Fish Finger
Served with Oven Chips, Homemade Bread and Beans or Peas

Dessert

Homemade Jelly
Fresh Fruit Salad
Yoghurt

Homemade Vanilla Cheesecake
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

Homemade Chocolate Cornflake Crunch
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

Ice Cream Pot
Fresh fruit
Yoghurt



Tasty



Nutritious

Fresh Baguettes & Wraps Available Daily

Served with Sides from the Salad Bar

Fresh



Delicious

MPET Mains Allergy Matrix Term 3 24 25

Product	 Celery	 Cereals containing Gluten	 Crustaceans (Shellfish)	 Eggs	 Fish	 Lupin	 Milk	 Molluscs (Shellfish)	 Mustard	 Nuts	 Peanuts	 Sesame seeds	 Soya	 Sulphur Dioxide	DATE
Vegetarian Burrito Bowl	Yes	Yes					Yes		MC				Yes		05.12.24
Jacket Potato with cheese/beans							Yes								05.12.24
Jacket Potato with tuna mayo				Yes	Yes									MC	05.12.24
Chicken/Halal Chicken & Leek Mash Topped Pie & Gravy															05.12.24
Leek & Bean Mash Topped Pie & Gravy	Yes	Yes											MC		05.12.24
Chicken/Halal Chicken Roast Dinner		Yes													05.12.24
Cheese & Onion Quiche		Yes		Yes											05.12.24
Beef/ Halal Beef Bolognaise		Yes									MC				05.12.24
Tomato & Basil Pasta		Yes													05.12.24
Jumbo Fish Finger		Yes			Yes										05.12.24
Veggie Cottage Pie	Yes	Yes											Yes		05.12.24
Homemade Bread		Yes											Yes		05.12.24
Garlic Bread		Yes					Yes						Yes		05.12.24

Jelly															05.12.24
Vanilla Cheesecake		Yes		MC			Yes						MC		05.12.24
Chocolate Cornflake Crunch		Yes											MC	Yes	05.12.24
Sticky Toffee Pudding		Yes		Yes			Yes						MC		05.12.24
Ice Cream Pot							Yes								05.12.24
Yoghurt							Yes								05.12.24

Yes - Allergen is present in this dish MC - Allergen is a may contain in this dish

The following are available as a dairy free option: