



**Mulberry Park**  
Educate Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a positive start of term at MPET, our new reception children are settling in beautifully! It has been lovely to see their smiles and enthusiasm as they start their journey of learning and exploration.

We have also welcomed some fantastic new staff members to our team who have integrated seamlessly into our school community. Their passion and dedication to supporting our children's growth has already made a positive impact, and I am confident that they will contribute greatly to the nurturing environment we strive to maintain.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay engaged with your child's learning. Simple activities, such as reading together each evening or discussing their day at school, can greatly enhance their confidence and develop a love for learning. We appreciate your support in fostering this collaborative spirit.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a wonderful and productive school.

Senior Leadership Team 😊

## **Importance of Good Attendance**

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. Each school day is filled with valuable opportunities for your child to engage with their teachers and peers, learn new concepts, and explore exciting topics. When students miss school, they often find it challenging to catch up on what they've missed, which can hinder their progress.

It is important to note that BANES local authority has the power to impose fines on parents who take their children out of school during term time without valid reason. This can be an unwelcome surprise for families and can add additional strain, so we urge you to consider the long-term impact of such absences on your child's education.

We truly appreciate your support in this matter. Together, we can ensure that our children make the most of their time at school. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Mulberry Park Educate Together Team

A reminder of the staff who make up the Mulberry Park staff team:

<b>Office Staff</b>	<b>Becky</b> Administrator	<b>Ina</b> Admin Assistant		
<b>Site Staff</b>	<b>John</b> Caretaker	<b>Roxy</b> Cleaning Supervisor & Playworker	<b>Sherrie</b> Cleaner	
<b>Kitchen staff</b>	<b>Yata</b> Chef	<b>Katie</b> Kitchen Assistant		
<b>Playworkers</b>	<b>Kasia</b> Playworker	<b>Katherine</b> Playworker	<b>Liz</b> Playworker	<b>Maria</b> Playworker
<b>Additional staff</b>	<b>Thomas</b> Piano/singing	<b>Charlotte</b> Music	<b>Dan</b> Music	<b>Josh</b> PE (Mon)
	<b>Harrison</b> PE (Tues)	<b>Claire</b> Play therapy		
<b>Learning Support Assistants</b>	<b>Angela</b> LSA	<b>Beata</b> LSA	<b>Bonnie</b> LSA	<b>Brooke</b> LSA
	<b>Candy</b> LSA	<b>Jen</b> LSA	<b>Lena</b> LSA	<b>Nia</b> LSA
	<b>Omnia</b> LSA	<b>Sarah M</b> LSA	<b>Tilly</b> LSA	<b>Tracy</b> LSA
<b>Higher Level Teaching Assistants</b>	<b>Eleanna</b> HLTA	<b>Peter</b> HLTA		
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Aimee</b> Reception	<b>Sandy</b> Year 1 (Mon – Weds)	<b>Natasha</b> Year 1 (Thurs – Fri)	<b>Anna</b> Year 2
	<b>Georgia</b> Year 3	<b>Lucy</b> Year 4	<b>Alison</b> Year 5	<b>Rachel</b> Year 6
<b>Senior Leaders</b>	<b>Sarah</b> Executive Headteacher	<b>Laura</b> Head of School & SENCO	<b>Tash</b> Assistant Head	

### Charges this academic year

#### Breakfast Club:

From 7:45am £5:00

From 8:00am £4.50

#### After School Club

Until 4:15pm £6.00

Until 5:15pm £8.50

**School Lunches** Unless entitled to a free school meal (Reception to Year 2 or Pupil Premium) £2.60

**Replacement Book Bags** - £5.50

Please note from September refunds for breakfast club or after school club will only be provided for sessions cancelled by parents/carers if two school days notice or more has been provided by the parent/carer.

## Important Parent Update: Keeping Our Children Safe Online

It appears that some of the children at MPET are using apps on their mobile phones and devices that are not age appropriate. Specifically, platforms such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, and Discord have age restrictions, requiring users to be at least 13 years old (in fact most social media platforms are not intended for children under 13 years old). Some children we have spoken to about this report that parents are giving consent for them to use these platform; we wish to raise our concerns about this.

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.

To further assist you in navigating these discussions, here are a selection of useful e-safety resources that offer guidance for parents:

- Internet Matters: [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)
- Parent Zone: [www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)

You can find top tips about online safety and specific games/apps here on the National College site <https://nationalcollege.com/guides>

Our main priority is the safety and well-being of all our students. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in ensuring our children have a healthy relationship with technology.

## Dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual photos (MPET pupils only)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear it Blue World Mental Health Day
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Evenings this week
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu vaccinations
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET day – school closed for children
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Start of term 2 for children</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December **	1:15pm finish for all children (Trust staff training for the afternoon)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET day – school closed for children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Holiday
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Star of term 3</b>

*\*\* On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December there will be no after school childcare provision, it is crucial arrangements are made for your child to be collected at the earlier time of 1:15pm.*

## Harvest Collection – Bath Foodbank

This year we are supporting the Bath Foodbank, a group who are working to tackle food poverty and hunger in local communities including Bath.

If you would like to help by providing a donation there will be a box in the lobby area by the office until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Please only donate non-perishable food items (tinned & dried goods) which do not spoil or decay, all items donated should be unopened and in date.

Suggestions for donations:

Tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetarian meals, tea bags, tinned fruit, instant mash, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, long life juice, milk (UHT), pasta sauce (jars) and instant coffee.



## Wear it Blue for World Mental Health Day!

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# Wear It Blue for World Mental Health Day!

We're joining the fight for mental health  
by wearing blue on Thursday 10th October



- Wear your favourite blue item on Thursday 10th October. It could be a blue shirt, socks, hat, or even a fun accessory!
- Share your photos on social media using #WearItBlue.
- Make a donation to Bath Mind. The suggested contribution is £1 per person.



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<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mulberry-park-wear-it-blue>

## SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2024 - 2025

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August 2025						
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 Bank Holiday

 School Holiday

 Inset Day

 Term Time