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# Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Newsletter 1

Friday 13th September 2024

## To all our families,

As we embark on the new academic year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and a heartfelt welcome back to those who have been with us before. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for the fresh start the new term brings. While a new beginning is filled with hope and excitement, it can also come with a few nerves. Please know that our staff understand this and are here to support you. There is always a senior leader on the playground before and after school, and teachers are available at the classroom doors for any assistance you may need.

As we conclude another busy week at Mousehold, I'm pleased to share how wonderfully the children have settled into their new routines. Despite the change in weather, they have embraced the outdoors with enthusiasm, making the most of every opportunity to explore and play.

Our Year 1 and 2 children have adapted beautifully to their new classes, made new friends, and are settling into their new routines. Our Reception and Nursery children are also adjusting wonderfully, and it's a joy to see them embark on their educational journey with such eagerness.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

**Mr. Tolson and the Mousehold Team**

## This Week's Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday afternoon to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. In Key Stage 1, the class with the highest attendance receives 'Top Dog' to keep in their classroom for the week, while the top class in Reception is awarded 'Top Cat.' Well done to **Barn Owl** this week, for having the highest attendance.

Goldfinch: 98.31%

Greenfinch: 94.74%

Chaffinch: 93.14%

Swift: 99.04%

Sparrow: 96.63%

Robin: 94.79%

**Barn Owl 100%**

Raven: 96.08%

**Whole School: 96.08%**

**Target: 96%**

## Safeguarding

### Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr. Tolson, Mr. Smith, Miss Balachandre, Mrs. Greenwood, and Miss Wood.

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

**CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020**

Please see our website for all our policies and more information about safeguarding

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding>

# CURRICULUM UPDATES

## Nursery

Nursery had a fantastic first week! Everyone has settled in extremely well. We look forward to seeing all your children grow and develop over the next academic year.

## Reception

After last week's home visits, we were thrilled to welcome our children to school on Monday. They've been fantastic at adapting to new routines, making friends, and most importantly, enjoying their time together. We've been reading one of our favourite books, 'Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes', and singing along as we explore new activities in school. All the children have also visited the school library to choose a book to read at home—please enjoy this with your child and return it in their Book Bag by next Friday to choose a new one.

A huge thank you to our Reception Super Stars! We couldn't be prouder of you in your first week!

## Year 1 & Year 2

We are so proud of all the children in Key Stage One as they settle into new routines and adjust to structured lessons. In English, the children have enjoyed talking and writing about their hobbies. Year 2 has been writing stories to accompany the short film [My Favourite Short Film: Bubbles From Gabby Zapata \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). In Maths, Year 1 has been learning to count and sort different objects, while Year 2 has focused on partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

In Science, we've been using scientific language to identify objects and the materials they're made from. In Art, the children have created a vibrant array of beautiful sketchbook covers— they're all so different and beautiful.

Your child has brought their reading book home, and it would be brilliant if they could read it every day. Their book will be changed on a weekly basis.

Year 1 enjoyed their first ukulele and capoeira lessons, while Year 2 had their first Samba drumming lesson.

A fantastic week in KS1!

## Reminders:

Please note that playground equipment is not to be used by children before or after school to ensure everyone's safety.

Additionally, we kindly remind all families that water bottles should only contain water. Please ensure bottles are clearly labeled and not placed in book bags to prevent leaks and protect our valuable school reading books.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## Staff News

We're sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs. Desouky at the end of this week, as she heads off to Aviva. After an incredible 12 years at Mousehold, during which she has worked across various year groups and supported countless children, Mrs. Desouky will be greatly missed. Her dedication and care have made a significant impact, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

## Phonics and Reading Events

We're excited to invite Reception parents/carers to join us on Monday 23rd September, in the school hall for an informative

session on how we teach reading to our children.

Year 1 and 2 parents/carers are also warmly invited to an event on Monday 7th October. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and discuss ways to support your child's reading and writing, with guidance from our English Leads, Holly Greenwood and Jodi Coathup. We look forward to seeing you there!

## High 5s

This year we have decided to celebrate children's achievements with High 5 postcards. Staff will write these for children each week that demonstrate our school values. Well done to all the children who have received a postcard this week.

### Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

<b>Monday 23rd September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:50am— Reception Phonics Information for Parents</li></ul>
<b>Monday 7th October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:50am—Year 1 and 2 Phonics &amp; Reading Drop ins</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School photographer</li></ul>