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Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Newsletter 5

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To all our families,

We have had a lovely week in school with samba, capoeira and ukulele lessons. As well as forest school and school photos.

Please take a look at our **website** and in particular the section on **Curriculum**. We have updated this recently and you will see lots of information and photos explaining what we teach, how we teach and why we teach certain lessons and how each lesson forms part of a sequence of lessons.

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

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 **Chaffinch** this week, for having the highest attendance.

Goldfinch: 99.26%
Greenfinch: 86.9%
Chaffinch: 99.62%
Swift: 99.36%
Sparrow: 93.61%
Robin: 98.26%
Barn Owl: 96.55%
Raven: 92.24%
Whole School: 95.78%
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

Spiders, scissor skills and slippers. Nursery have been really interested in all the spider cobwebs they are noticing on these colder days. We have been taking photographs of them using iPads and learning spider facts. How many legs, eyes and knees does a spider have? Then we have practising using scissors (with one hand only, the other one holds the paper) to make spiders. Remember *thumb on top, elbow in*. If your child needs a pair of left-handed scissors for home, please come and see us as we have a few spare pairs. Slippers are needed for all Nursery children inside, please bring them in next week if they don't have them yet so that we can all have cosy feet.

Reception

Reception learning this week; in Literacy we have started looking at the book, 'Oh No George!' In Maths we've been practicing matching objects and pictures – you could have a go at playing Snap at home or matching pictures to objects too! In Phonics we've learned the new sounds ck, e, u and r. We have also been enjoying exploring in the secret garden and looking for minibeasts and observing the seasonal changes.

Year 1 and Year 2

Music is a big part of all our learning at Mousehold. In Year 1 the children have been enjoying learning their first chords on a ukulele. Anna, our ukulele specialist teaches the children such wonderful songs. Ask your children to sing them for you. Our Year 2s are learning to be part of a class samba band. They are working on exploring different rhythms and how these rhythms fit together with other instruments to create a wonderful samba beat. Many of our year 2 children have also taken up the opportunity to learn to play the recorder. We can't wait for their performance later in the year. As part of our music listening curriculum, Mrs Allen selects classical tracks for us to explore every half term. We have been listening to Ravel's Bolero. [Wiener Philharmoniker - Maurice Ravel - Bolero - Regente Gustavo Dudamel \(HD\) \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UW1111111111)

REMINDERS

George White Junior School is holding two open mornings for Year 2. The dates are listed below. Anyone interested in booking to have a look around the school is welcome to call George White on 01603 425515 and speak to the school office.

Mousehold Parents evening will commence 11th November at varied times. Please speak with your child's teacher to book a time slot.

We now have poppies and stickers for sale. Please come to the school office to donate and collect a poppy if you would like to.

Please see below, a link to the NHS website with more information on chicken pox:

[Chickenpox - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

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	
Thursday 24th October	Last day of Autumn term 1
Open evenings for Nursery and Reception children starting 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monday 21st October at 4pm- Thursday 14th November at 4pm- Monday 2nd December at 4pm
w/b Monday 11th November	Mousehold parents evening. Please speak with your child's teacher to book a time slot.

