



# MUDEFORD COMMUNITY INFANTS SCHOOL

Happy Confident Learners

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## Our Community Rules

	<b>Be kind</b> Use kind words, hands and feet.
	<b>Be helpful</b> Help each other.
	<b>Be lawful</b> Make good choices.
	<b>Be fair</b> Be fair with each other.
	<b>Be honest</b> Be honest in all we do.
	<b>Be respectful</b> Respect what people say, believe and think.

## Our Expectations

## How to Learn

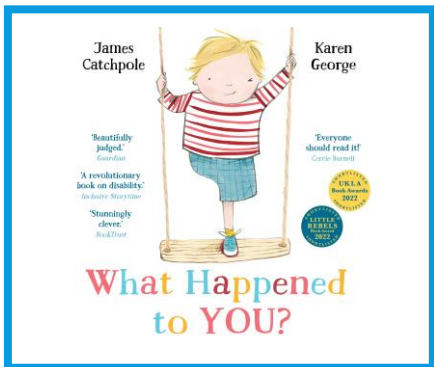
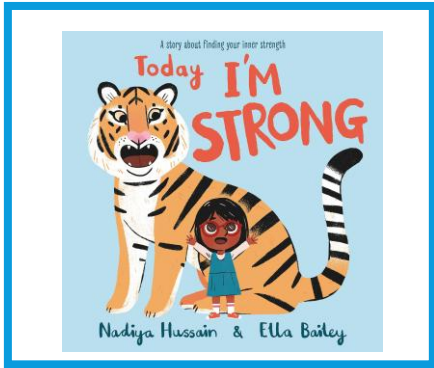
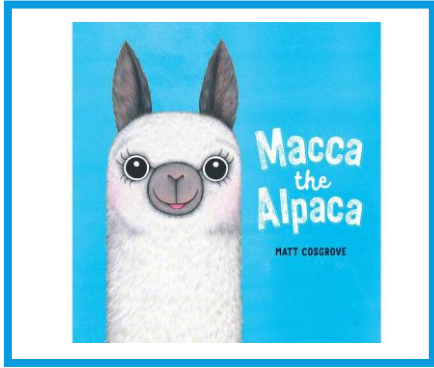


	EYFS	Year One	Year Two
<b>Danny Dog</b> I am ready	I sit, look and listen.	I get my equipment ready.	I get everything I need to be successful.
<b>Tommy Tortoise</b> I keep trying	I have a go and try again.	I try to get better.	I want to practise to improve.
<b>Frankie Fox</b> I am curious and creative	I ask questions and I explore to find things out.	I think about and try different possibilities.	I make choices from what inspires me.
<b>Michelle Meerkat</b> I work with others	I share ideas and listen to others.	I use my ideas and those of others.	I explain how working together improves my learning.
<b>Olly Owl</b> I improve to get better	I can say what is good and what I will change.	I improve by thinking about my and others learning.	I can explain how I improved my learning.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 30 January</b>	INSET Day - school closed
<b>Tuesday 10 &amp; Wednesday 11 February</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Monday 16 - Friday 20 February</b>	Half-Term
<b>Thursday 5 March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	Year 1 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum
<b>Friday 27 March</b>	Reception trip to Longdown Activity Farm
<b>Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>Friday 24 April</b>	Mini Marathon (throughout the morning – fundraising event)
<b>Friday 15 May</b>	Science Fair
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	Non-Uniform Day (bring in bottle for tombola for Summer Fair)
<b>Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May</b>	Half-Term
<b>Thursday 11 June</b>	Sports Day (Thursday 18 June – back up day if weather bad)
<b>Friday 12 June</b>	INSET Day – school closed
<b>Friday 19 June</b>	Non-Uniform Day (bring in chocolate for Summer Fair)
<b>Friday 3 July</b>	Summer Fair
<b>Thursday 16 July</b>	Year 2 trip to Monkey World
<b>Monday 20 July</b>	Break the Rules Day
<b>Wednesday 23 July</b>	Last day of term



## MESSAGE FROM MR POPE

Hello everyone

Mrs Ainsworth and Miss Cook have been blown away by the castles children have been making at home for their Medieval Mayhem topic – some of them are nearly life size! Brilliant work children (and the parents look like they've had fun too). It's always good to engage with our curriculum learning at home, even if it's just a chat or looking online together. Your efforts really help motivate and engage the children with their learning at school.

On that note, there is lots of fantastic progress being made in reading across the school and lots of children are saying how much they read at home. That little and often approach is paying off and helping children to gain this crucial life skill and hopefully a lifelong love of reading too.

Have a great weekend and jump in lots of muddy puddles – there's plenty of them!

Best wishes  
Mr Pope

This week's books

# SPORTS EVENTS

- Our Year 2 children take part in an after school sports club each week and some children across Year 1 and 2 have been chosen to go to after school events too.
  - Mrs Rippon was very proud of the children who attended the gymnastics festival on Tuesday this week as well as a recent multiskills events.
  - Each half-term at the end of a sequence of PE lessons the children have a colour team competition that goes towards an overall points total for the year. This includes Sports Day and a trophy will be presented and displayed in our main entrance.
  - If your child has had a sporting achievement outside of school then they can bring it in on Friday to share at VIP assembly.
- We love PE & Sport here at Mundeford Infants!



Sports Teams  
Competition



# ONLINE SAFETY

At school we use Purple Mash to deliver our computing curriculum in Years 1 and 2. We teach children how to be safe online and to speak to an adult if they see anything that worries them. We also supervise their use of the internet and have filtering and monitoring for if they ever carry out research or look at other websites as directed by the teacher.

What do you do at home to make sure your child is as safe as possible online?

Do you supervise their time online and what they view?

If you would like advice and support with this then click on the link below for Hamwic Education Trust who have a dedicated hub for this.

[Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

Please be aware of age restrictions for online gaming and other content that might not be appropriate for infant aged children.



# ATTENDANCE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Whole school for the Year: 95.7% (national average 94.6%)

Top 26% of schools nationally



**Total children in school: 176**

**Number of children with good attendance (95%+)**

122

**Number of children with excellent attendance (99%+)**

48

**Number of children with 100% attendance**

38

**Please note:** holidays are not to be booked during the 190 days of term time.

0-2 Days	99-100%	<b>Excellent</b> – children are accessing all learning opportunities
4-8 days off	95-98%	<b>Good</b> – very few learning opportunities are missed
10 – 14 days off	93 – 95%	<b>Risk</b> of underachievement
15 – 19 days off	90 – 93%	<b>High risk</b> of underachievement There may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Difficulty transitioning back to school</li><li>• Difficulty engaging in lessons and following the Community Rules</li><li>• Friendship issues</li><li>• Anxiety about attending school</li></ul>
20+ days off	Under 90%	<b>Severe risk</b> of underachievement
28+ days off	Under 85%	<b>Extreme risk</b> of underachievement

For your child's attendance report please click on the link and follow the instructions:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/203856191-Attendance-on-the-Parent-Portal-and-Parent-App>



## GET INTO TEACHING IN DORSET

We are holding two information events:

**Secondary event:**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Highcliffe School

**Primary event:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at Highcliffe St Mark Primary School

Both events run from 9:15am-2:30pm

Please sign up here, or drop in!



whatever is easiest for you

If you are unable to attend, then please contact us at: [teachertraining@hispmat.org](mailto:teachertraining@hispmat.org)

# Thinking about a Career in Teaching?

Curious about teaching? Join us for one of these free events!

Whether you've been thinking about teaching for a while or are just starting to explore the idea, Inspiring Future Teachers HISP invites you to a relaxed, in-person event designed to help you take the next step.

This event is ideal for:

- Parents, Learning Support Assistants (LSAs), and anyone passionate about working with children
- Anyone interested in Primary or Secondary teaching routes

What's happening on the day:

- An opportunity to see a Primary or Secondary school in action (depending on which day you attend)
- A friendly presentation followed by a Q&A with experienced teachers and programme leads — ask anything!
- Information about qualifications such as QTS and PGCE, and how to get started
- Support with writing your application

We are flexible, so you can attend for part or all of the day.

Whether you're ready to apply or just want to find out more, we'd love to see you.