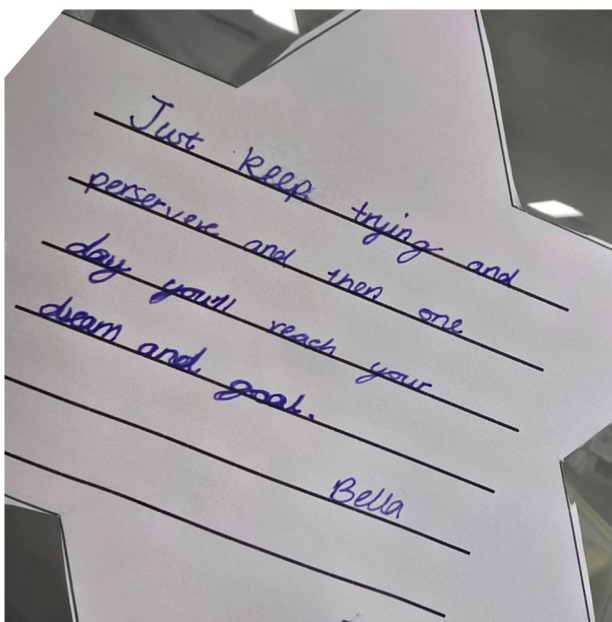
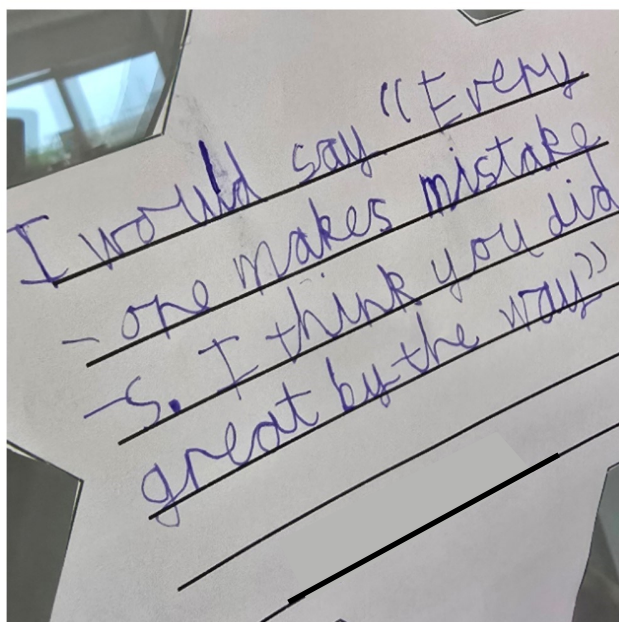
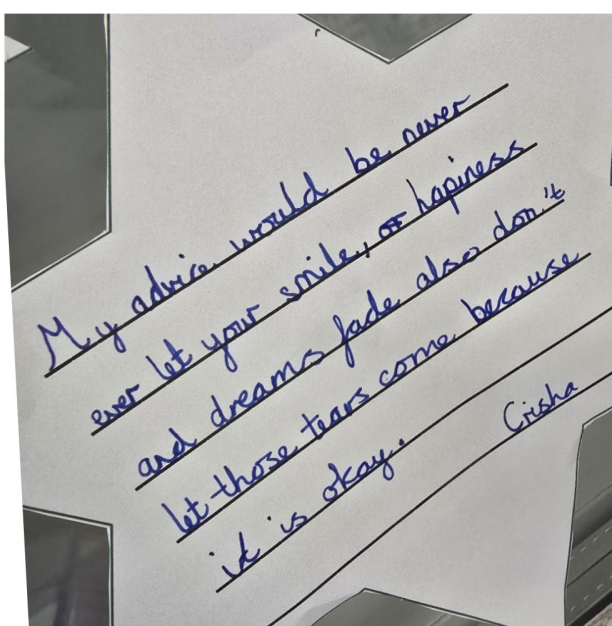
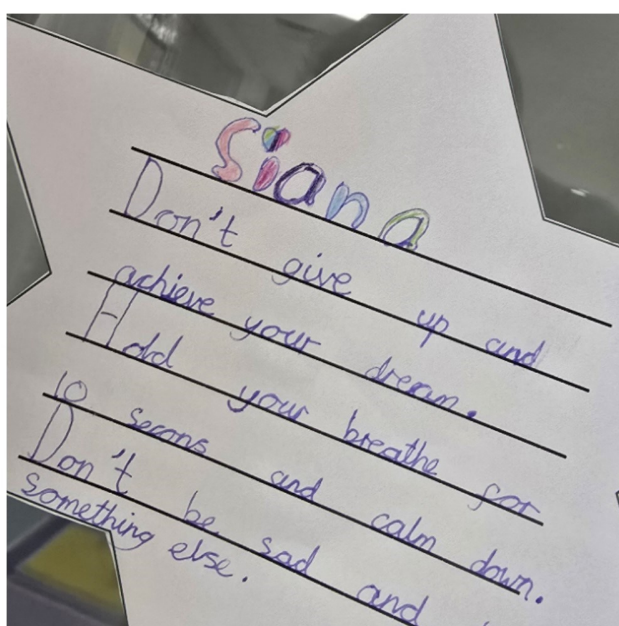


Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 4th Newsletter of 2025!

I am eager to share with you the PSHE work from our KS2 Orca class. I feel that this wonderfully thoughtful work, reflects the values we encourage through school and is a great example of the resilience and positive mindsets of our children. Well done Orcas!



## Stay and Play

Our first session of 'Stay and Play' was a great success. Thank you to the parents and children who attended and enjoyed a shared experience with each other. Our next thank you is for Ryan from BFBS who was present to talk to parents and staff and has helped promote our new venture across the air waves.

We look forward to welcoming you once again next week, at the same time to our Stay and Play.



## After School Club PE/circuit club - changes to venue and pick-up

Tuesday's PE club with Mrs Hill and Mr Dean, will take place next week in Tumbledown Gym. Mr Dean has plans to give club members new experiences, including the 'bleep test' and gentle weights.

Mrs Hill, Mr Dean and the children will leave school at 3:15pm to walk down the corridor to the gym, so please pick your children up from this location at 4:15pm - thank you.



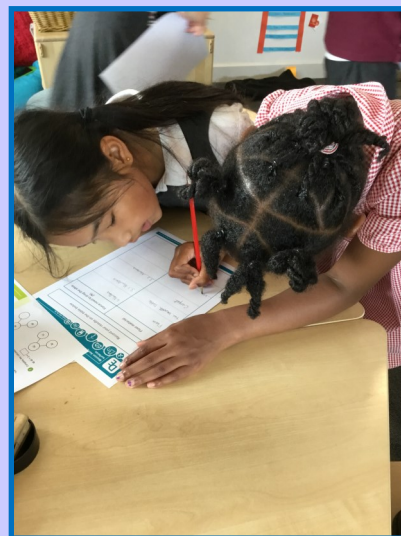
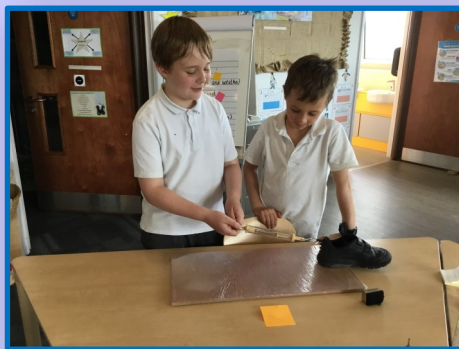


## Orcas

Lots of wonderful learning going on once again in Orca class - we have continued gathering ideas for our writing piece in English thinking carefully about expanded noun phrases, adverbials and using dashes in our work in place of brackets. In computing, we have pretty much completed our unit (ahead of schedule!) where we have been using a 'screen turtle' program to create shapes and patterns - we had to program it to follow a set of commands whilst also being efficient using 'procedures' and 'repeats'. More on that next week once we have all finished our final image.

Everyone continues to be very engaged with our science, demonstrating some great scientific enquiry skills - asking thoughtful questions as well as ensuring in our testing, we are completing things fairly and accurately. Our investigation this week was all about friction, investigating different surfaces and using Newton meters.

We are also demonstrating high levels of engagement with Jigsaw - our PSHE curriculum - where we have been discussing 'dreams and goals'. We thought of our own goals for the future first of all, coming up with lots of wonderful ideas. Following on from this, we recognised sometimes we can feel disappointed - we came up with our own advice that we could offer when disappointment arises - some of them are shown below.



## School Library

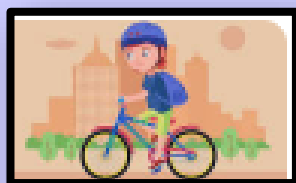
MPS library has had a stunning revamp, thanks to Mrs Bailey our librarian. It is extremely well organised into year groups, genres and topic areas, with purposeful spaces where children can read quietly, research or share books with each other.

Having a school library establishes the importance we place on reading at MPS. Our library surrounds pupils with books, helping pique their curiosity and inspire them. It also teaches them to browse and borrow, introducing them to real community/town library expectations.



## Road Safety

Please can you support us in our mission to instil in our children the importance of 'Road Safety' and encourage your children to ride their bikes safely on the path, at the front of the school? Thank you.



## Sports Day

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Tumbledown gym, on Friday 7th at 2pm for our annual Sports Day. We hope to hear you cheering your children on to be the best that they can be and simply enjoy their afternoon efforts. The children have had a pre-run this afternoon, it looked extremely good fun and there was definitely a sense of excitement in the air!

**Please pick your child/children up from the gym —  
thank you for your support.**



## Office Orcas

Thank you to all the children who applied for an 'Office Orca' position. We had the most fantastic, well thought about applications, which were a delight to read. Finer details like training and rotas will be put into place next week with Office Orcas being ready to start their exciting role week commencing 10th February.



## Educational Psychologist

We are in a fortunate position to be able to welcome our DCS Senior Educational Psychologist, Dr Jess Lovett, into Mount Pleasant School week commencing 10th March.

Dr Lovett has offered both a parent workshop and a personal drop-ins session for parents, giving you the valuable opportunity to discuss informally and confidentially any concerns that you may have regarding your child. This offer will be available up to and through Dr Lovett's visit.

If you are interested in either session, please contact Mrs Bailey in advance so that we can then organise a timetable. Thank you.

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# Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Term Dates School Year 2025 - 2026	
<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
First day of term	Monday 01 <sup>st</sup> September
Half term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Last day of term	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 13:00 - Finish
<b>Spring Term 2026</b>	
First day of term	Wednesday 07 <sup>th</sup> January
Half term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Last day of term	Thursday 09 <sup>th</sup> April 13:00 - Finish
<b>Summer Term 2026</b>	
First day of term	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term	Monday 08 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Last day of term	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 13:00 - Finish



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**Dates for your Diary**

*Further dates will be added to the newsletter as events are arranged.*

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- **Friday 07th February - 14:00 to 15:00 Sports Day to be held in Tumbledown Gym, all parents welcome.**
- **Tuesday 18th February - FS2 to Y6 visit HMS Forth time tbc**
- **Friday February 21st - Last day of half-term**
- **February 24th to 28th - School closed half-term break**
- **Monday March 03rd - School re-opens**
- **Monday 3rd March - DCS visit from our Rest of the World (ROW) Early Years Advisor Tricia Wood**
- **Wednesday 5th March - World Book Day**
- **Monday 10th March - Dr Jess Lovett (DCS Senior Educational Psychologist)**

*Term time and holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25 can be found on the school website.*

*~ The Mount Pleasant Team wish you a wonderful weekend ~*