



What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.

T.S. ELIOT

Another year completed—as always there

have been highs and lows.

One thing that continues to be a low is our overall attendance. If you look back over the years this is something I mention every year and there is no improvement again. We appreciate if your child is sick that you should be keeping them off, but there are many excuses that we get on a daily basis.

These children deserve a 'shout out' as they have attended 100% this year

- Amariah (Merlin) , Pip (Moorhen) Isla Grace (Magpie) Mathilda (Crow) Salome (Crow) Aaron (Goldcrest) Daniel (Goldcrest) Hugo (Buzzard) Aleks G (Blackbird) Nuuh (Blackbird) Ruby (Skylark) Patrick (Skylark) Jacob (Wren) Rialdo (Kestrel) Sonia (Kestrel) Muhammad Syed (Kingfisher) –16 children out of 750, this needs to improve.

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| Crow | 94.81% |
| Wren | 94.58% |
| Buzzard | 94.23% |
| Chiff Chaff | 93.38% |
| Merlin | 93.37% |
| Mandarin | 93.32% |
| Goldcrest | 93.20% |
| Sparrow | 93.16% |
| Swallow | 92.82% |
| Cuckoo | 92.80% |
| Moorhen | 92.76% |
| Swan | 92.57% |
| Grouse | 92.57% |
| Goldfinch | 92.52% |
| Mallard | 92.51% |
| Magpie | 92.48% |
| Kinglet | 92.43% |
| Skylark | 92.27% |
| Barn Owl | 92.13% |
| Chaffinch | 92.05% |
| Kestrel | 91.99% |
| Wagtail | 91.28% |
| Blackbird | 91.16% |
| Goose | 90.73% |
| Waxwing | 89.87% |
| Woodpecker | 89.20% |
| Kingfisher | 89.09% |
| Kittiwake | 88.45% |

Friday 21st July 2023

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| R | 90.78% |
| Year 1 | 91.47% |
| Year 2 | 92.92% |
| Year 3 | 92.53% |
| Year 4 | 92.33% |
| Year 5 | 93.24% |
| Year 6 | 93.11% |



Thank you all for the kind words and gifts at the end of the year. I have been at the school 10 years now and the generosity of you all never fails to astound me.

I hope you all have a peaceful summer whatever you are doing.

Katie Jennings
Head Teacher



I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all back and healthy on the 7th September.

SPECIAL DATES IN JULY & SEPTEMBER

Millionaire Readers

What a year it has been for our millionaire readers, 29 in total and some of them are multi millionaire readers! Paulina is in the lead with 4,221,276, closely followed by Mathilda W & Muhammed shah.

But well done to the other millionaires

Louis Y, Yasin A, Haris A, Usman B, Fatima B, Cormac C, Lennie E, Uzair F, Ciara G, Aisha H, Luna J, Senna K, Arsalan K, Isa K, Aliya K, Kristian T, Ariel R, Celeste R, Veselin S, Atteesh K, Hubert L, Felix L, Mohammed Noor M, Samina M, Sitharth P, Anas R. Ms.Ismail.

Remember to sign up to the library reading challenge and choose AR books to help you have a kick start in September!.

Find out more [here](#)

24th July—18th August summer school

September

Thursday 7th September Children return to school

7th 1/2 of Reception children start

8th 1/2 of Reception children start

11th All Reception children in

13th Club sign up on app

14th Full Governing Body

18th Clubs and enrichment starts

21st World Peace day

22nd Jeans for Genes—on uniform

22nd Family summer party's after school

24th McMillan Coffee mornings to meet your teacher

WK. B 24th Parent council meeting

Gate times

There is some confusion with the morning gate times and when the children should be in class. Children should be in class on south at 8.45 am—the gates close at that time to let parents out. On the north children should be in class at 9am and again the gates close at that time to let parents out.

8.45 and 9am should not be seen as the time to get your children in through the gates they should already be in class and reading. The gates are open at 8.30 South and 8.45 North—that is the time that you should be aiming to get your children to school.



Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term (74 Days)

***Inset days** – Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th September 2023*

School starts for children: Thursday 7th September

***Half Term Holiday** - Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October*

Ends: Thursday 21st December

Spring Term (54 Days)

***Inset day** – Monday 8th January 2024*

School starts for children: Tuesday 9th January

***Half Term Holiday** – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024*

Ends: Friday 28th March

Summer Term (67 days)

***Inset day** – Monday 15th April*

School starts for children: Tuesday 16th April

***Half Term Holiday** - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st 2024*

Bank Holiday : Monday 6th May

Ends : Wednesday 24th July

| CLASSES | TEACHER/supervisor | SUPPORT |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Deputy Head | Mrs Atwal | |
| Assistant Heads | Miss Khan & Mr Darlin | |
| 2 year olds | Aneesa Iqbal Shazia Parveen | Elvira Sam McCabe |
| Nursery—South | Nicola Richard | Gemma Varney |
| Nursery—North | Louise Morgan | Keeley Fadime Sylvia cecilia |
| Reception—Moorhen | Mrs Klonowska | <u>Reception—Support</u> Emma Ingham Danielle Winwright, Jamilla Abuubakar Sarah Freeman |
| Reception– Magpie | Mss Acheampong | |
| Reception– Merlin | Miss Mozir | |
| Reception – Mallard | Mrs Choudhary | |
| 1 – Kinglet | Mrs Cartwright | <u>Year 1 support</u> Karima Madiah Claire Shoemith Becky Hacet Conor Stevens Deanna Henshaw |
| 1 – Kittiwake | Mrs Kazim | |
| 1 – Kestrel | Miss Hussain | |
| 1 – Kingfisher | Mrs Brash | |
| 2 – Wren | Miss Rashid | <u>Year 2 support</u> Tahira Hussain Markida Roberts Wright Samia T Meryem Mutisya |
| 2— Waxwing | Mrs Goodchild–wood | |
| 2 – Wagtail | Mrs Hussain | |
| 2 – Woodpecker | Miss Hakeem | |
| 3– Swallow | Miss Mikkides | <u>Year 3 Support</u> Uzma Faruick Shaiwana Ali Deen Simpson (S) |
| 3– Sparrow | Mr Lester | |
| 3– Swan | Miss Harper | |
| 3— Skylark | Miss Conroy | |

| CLASSES | TEACHER/supervisor | SUPPORT |
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| 4- Blackbird | Miss O'Brian | <u>Year 4 support</u> Farzana Shafiq Mariam Modan Misbah Chaudry |
| 4 - Barn Owl | Mrs Ahmed | |
| 4 - Buzzard | Mr Redding | |
| 5- new Grouse | Miss Yasin | <u>Year 5 Support</u> Brenda McDonald Mytti Gamain Roushka - Aqeela Raja |
| 5 - new Goldfinch | Mr Craddock | |
| 5 - Goldcrest | Mr Harrington | |
| 5- new Goose | Mrs Osborne | |
| 6 - Crow | Mrs Lambert | <u>Year 6 Support</u> Claudia Bolanos Zehra Hacet Sharman Barnes Sajida Hussain |
| 6- new Cuckoo | Mrs Chetty | |
| 6- new Chiff Chaff | Mr Gwynn-Jones | |
| 6- new Chaffinch | Miss Poptani | |
| Inclusion | Ms. Foxcroft | Annette Collier & Filsan Ismail - Learning Mentors |
| PPA | Coach Praise Artis - | Mrs Islam Mrs Hussein Madame Coralie Zanon— French |

MEET THE HEADS OF YEAR

Hello, I am Miss Mozir and I am the Year Group Lead for Reception.

I'm sure you have seen me around as I have been here at Mission Grove for a while now. I am really excited to take on this new and exciting roll this year. Teaching has always been my passion, and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to guide and inspire young minds every day. I enjoy meeting new people and building strong relationships with students, parents, and colleagues. This allows me to effectively collaborate and communicate with everyone; ensuring that each student receives the support and guidance they need to succeed. As a Reception teacher of 10 years, I have gained a solid understanding of the academic, social and emotional needs of young students. I believe in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment that encourages children to develop their full potential. In addition to my teaching skills, I bring a sense of fun and creativity to the classroom. I believe that learning should be an enjoyable experience and strive to make lessons engaging, interactive, and tailored to meet the diverse needs of my students. By incorporating a variety of teaching strategies, I aim to foster a love for learning within each child and create a positive classroom atmosphere. I hope that I am able to make a positive impact this year.



I am Mrs Brash and next year will be my 9th year working at Mission Grove! I truly love working at the school and couldn't imagine teaching anywhere else. My favourite subjects to teach are art, literacy and phonics. I just love seeing how much all of the children grow during their time with us at Mission Grove. I'm looking forward to my new role as year group leader next year and getting to know all of the wonderful children moving up to us from Reception.

Hi I am Miss Hakeem. I started working at Mission Grove in April 2022. I have currently been a Year 2 teacher for the past 5 years. I love working at Mission Grove as it is such a vibrant school with inspirational, hardworking and creative pupils. Year 2 will definitely be a year to remember for your child, we have fun exciting activities planned based around our termly topics such as building a real fire, making films, baking bread and learning how to swim!

Alongside delivering a diversity-led, knowledge-rich creative curriculum through fostering a love of reading with our core text approach. As well as being a year 2 teacher, I also lead the Creative and Expressive Arts curriculum here at Mission Grove so will build in opportunities for the whole school to take part in Music and Art related events.

If there are any queries or questions you may have, please feel free to come and speak to me.



Hello, I am Miss Harper and I am very much looking forward to being head of year 3. I have taught at Mission Grove for nine years now and have enjoyed every minute of it. For the last 8 years, I have also been Maths lead at the school. Next academic year, I will be Swan class teacher on the south site. I can't wait for all the exciting things to come next year.



My name is Cynthia O'Brien, and I am excited to be the Year 4 Group Leader in 2023. I have been a teacher for over 11 years, including teaching in the United States, Spain and England. Most recently, I have been teaching Year 4 at Mission Grove for the past 5 years, which has allowed me to gain a great understanding of the curriculum that can help the other teachers and students navigate the year ahead. Year 4 is an exciting year filled with interesting history and geography topics such as Ancient Egypt, Anglo Saxons and Brazil. We will also be enjoying trips, film week, swimming, STEM week and much more. I wish everyone a nice and relaxing summer break and I look forward seeing you all in September.

Hello, I am Mrs Osborne and I am proud to be the new year 5 lead. I am a firm believer of giving children every opportunity to nurture their development and academic skills in an environment that they feel safe and secure in. I want next year to be a year where every child fulfils their potential and really understands their importance within Mission Grove Primary School.



Hi, I'm Miss Poptani. I am a second Year ECT excited to continue my journey in Year as the Year Group Lead. I aim to push all the children to reach their full potential by providing the best support I know I can. If you see me around, please do come and say hi!