



MAGPIE CLASS

Autumn Term 2026 Newsletter



Was the effect of WW2 the most devastating disaster in British history?

The class team ...	Class teacher – Mrs Thursby Assistant teacher – Mrs Biggin PPA cover – Mrs Curry (Monday afternoon)	Diary Dates 11/9/26- Parent meeting @ 2:30
Timings of the day	Start time – 8:40 (doors open 8.35 and gates close 8.45) Home time – 3:10 It is very important that you drop off and collect your child on time. Please make sure your children line up ready to come into school. Please do not ride bikes/scooters on the yard or play on the equipment.	18/9/26- Jeans for Genes day 2/10/26- Flu vaccination 16/10/26- Parents online safety meeting with Clennell
Things to remember...	- Reading scheme books will be sent home each week. Please ensure your child returns their book the following Tuesday, along with a comment from the person they have read with. - Children should bring a named water bottle and a coat to school every day. - School uniform must be worn daily. This includes black shoes (no Crocs). A full list of the required uniform is available on the school website. Please also ensure that PE shorts are of an appropriate length. Jewellery is not permitted, although children may wear one pair of stud earrings if their ears have been recently pierced.	19/10/26- Harvest donations welcome this week 20/10/26- Halloween Disco 23/10/26- Children break up for October half term
P.E. days	Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Please make sure that your child comes into school in PE kit. No jewellery to be worn on PE days. This includes stud earrings.	2/11/26- Children return to school
Our project	This term, Year 5/6 will be exploring the question: Was the effect of WW2 the most devastating disaster in British history? Children will investigate the causes, events and lasting impact of World War II, considering how it changed the lives of people across Britain. Through historical enquiry, they will analyse different sources of evidence, compare the impact of WW2 with other significant events in British history, and use their findings to form and justify their own opinions.	6/11/26- Pantomime in school 16/11/26- Anti-bullying week & Road safety week 1/12/26 & 2/12/26- Parents Evening
How can we help you...	If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me on the yard. Alternatively, you can message on Seesaw or call the school office on 0191 222 0259 to book a telephone conversation.	9/12/26- KS2 Christmas Nativity @ St. John's Church
Behaviour System in school	Our school rules and behaviour system focuses around the three words 'Ready' 'Safe' 'Respectful' . Conversations with children will focus on our 3 words and children are expected to follow the rules in class, at break/lunch time and around school. When a child's behaviour is unacceptable, unsafe, hurtful or disrespectful they will be asked to reflect on their behaviour during the day with senior members of staff. Serious incidents will be dealt with by the Head or Deputy Head teacher and parents/carers will be informed. It is important as parents/carers that you support and reinforce how your child is expected to behave in school.	18/12/26- Christmas Assembly @1:30 Children break up for Christmas Break 4/1/27- Children return to school

Attendance	If your child is unwell please make sure that you call and leave a message on the absence line 0191 222 0259 option 1. Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours from the last time they are sick/have diarrhoea. This helps us to contain the spread. If your child requires any medicine in school this must be brought in to the school office not given to class teachers. School starts at 8:40, the main gates shut and the register closes at 8:45am. After this time your child will need to be signed in as late in the school office.	
How to help your child...	We kindly ask that you support your child by listening to them read regularly and helping them practise their times tables. Please remember to leave a comment in their reading journal each week. This term, our focus is on developing fluency, so it is important that children practise reading aloud as often as possible. Reading books should be returned to school by Tuesday. Thank you for your continued support.	