



March 2025

MAPLE RIDGE NEWS

What's going on in school and in our community?

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BUILDING WORKS HAVE STARTED

We are now well underway with the very exciting building project at the school. In September we will welcome two new classrooms and a new therapy room. Our current modular buildings will be refurbished, including the therapy space in the main building.



This photo shows the foundation points for the new therapy space.

Here we see our trampoline removed and the builders marking out the areas that are next up for the digger.



EASTER DISCO & CRAFTS

This Friday (28 March) is another chance for your children to have some fun on the dance floor or create an Easter-themed masterpiece.

Please refer to the flyer for more information and we hope to see there!

Friends of Maple Ridge (FMR)



27 March: Parent Information Session - Behaviour (13:00-14:55)
27 March: Parent Information Session - Behaviour (17:00-18:55)
28 March: FMR Disco
7 –21 April: Easter Holidays
22 April: Inset Day
5 May: Bank Holiday



READING CHALLENGE

In conjunction with World Book Day, Friends of Maple Ridge (FMR) are running the annual Reading Challenge.

This is a great opportunity to promote reading and listening with your children, while raising funds for school improvements.

Please return the reading log, sponsorship form and any monies raised by 28 March 2025.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.



RUNWAYS END RESIDENTIAL

The Runways residential was a huge success this year seeing a total of 23 pupils attend. It was lovely to see the children thrive in an unfamiliar environment and to try different activities such as climbing and caving. We were well looked after with our own personal chef on hand, which was a real treat for the children and adults!

We would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who worked hard to ensure their children had everything they needed for their time away, making it easier for us to support them. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff team who gave up their free time to support the children on the trip - without them this experience couldn't have happened.



WELLBEING AFTERNOONS

We have enjoyed two amazing wellbeing afternoons. In Spring 1 we celebrated Children's Mental Health week with the theme 'know yourself, grow yourself' and in Spring 2 we focused on 'Relaxing Sounds', including completing a sound walk. In both afternoons we have particularly focused on creating some beautiful art for you to see at the upcoming Art Galleries.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We enjoyed lots of activities throughout the week with a focus on enjoying reading. We hope you manage to find a good book with your £1 World Book Day vouchers.



FINKLEY DOWN FARM VISITS

Our Team 1 children have all enjoyed a trip to Finkley Down Farm this half term as part of our 'On The Farm' topic.

We all had an amazing time and got to see lots of different animals, as you can see from the pictures below. The children also spent some time in the soft play area, where they had a huge amount of fun.

