



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

30th



2026

MPS – School Vision

Our vision is to develop and nurture, in a stimulating, safe and supportive environment the potential of every child to ensure that 'Tomorrows Success Begins Today'.

MPS – Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote excellence in child centred education in a safe, nurturing, inclusive, happy and caring school, where the dignity of all is valued and where everyone can aspire, achieve and experience success through the collaborative working of entire school community.

2025 – 2028



Rights Respecting Schools

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS FOCUS

April 2026

Article 14

(freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

May 2026

Article 28

(right to education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

MPS Monthly Values

Respect

September

Honesty

October

Well Mannered

November

Kindness

December

Enjoyment

January

Fairness

February

Empathy

March

Compassion

April

Creativity

May

Community

June

Our school website, along with the school app, school Facebook page and monthly newsletters will keep you updated on school activities. If there is an item you consider useful to include on the website or newsletter, please speak to one of the teachers or to myself.

If you have any queries or require clarification on any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please take a look at our school website and school Facebook page for photographs of school events and class activities: www.markethillps.co.uk

MEET OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Dr McLernon
Principal



Mr Wilson
Safeguarding Governor



Mrs McCool—
Designated teacher for
Child Protection.



Mr Qua—Deputy
designated teacher for
Child Protection.



Mrs Nicholson—Deputy
designated teacher for
Child Protection.

Child Protection / Safeguarding

If you have concerns regarding Child Protection, please contact Mrs McCool or a member of the Safeguarding Team. Children are made aware that there is always an adult in MPS who will listen to any worries they may have. Please remind your child of this. We are here to help and the sooner we know about a problem the sooner we can resolve this.

Markethill PS - School Development Plan: Summary for Parents and Pupils

The Learner and Learning Context

Play

In P1-P4, play isn't just fun – it helps us learn and grow!

While we're playing, we're also: Building new skills, exploring exciting ideas, and learning about the world around us.

Our play activities link to our World Around Us topics, so every game, role play, and adventure helps us understand more about people, places, and nature.

ICT - E -Safety

We use devices to learn and have fun - but it's important to be safe.

Pupils will learn how to: Use devices responsibly, Take care of their wellbeing, Respect the law, themselves, and others online.

History

Discovering about the past and learning about history is exciting!

We'll explore timelines, artefacts, and different stories from the past. With some topics we may even go on fun trips or have workshops in school!

Creative and Expressive

MPS pupils are full of talent! Over the next 3 years, we'll grow our skills in:

Music – using Charanga, joining festivals, and enjoying specialist lessons

Art & Craft – exploring colours, textures, and creativity

PE – building strength, teamwork, and confidence

Let's have fun while learning and creating!

The Environment

Friday clubs have refreshed, P6 – P7 pupils can look forward to embracing practical activities, involving the outside environment; Forest Schools and gardening.

A chicken coop is the newest addition to our Conservation area.

Our playground is getting a colourful upgrade with bright paths and trails – perfect for play and learning outdoors!

Wellbeing and Care

PATHS

Pastoral PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

We'll learn to:

- ♥ Treat others the way we want to be treated
- 😊 Understand our feelings and how to manage them
- 🌟 Celebrate the Pupil of the Day with compliments from friends and staff!

Let's grow kind hearts and strong minds together!

Principles of Nurture

Staff are learning about the 6 Principles of Nurture to support pupils' social, emotional and mental health.

Our staff are learning about the Six Principles of Nurture to help support every pupil's social, emotional, and mental health.

This helps us create a caring, safe, and supportive school for everyone.

Professional Learning Community

We are all learners in MPS. Our staff are taking part in training for:

- 🔄 PATHS ♥ Six Principles of Nurture
- 🌲 Forest Schools 🌟 SEN procedures

This helps us support every pupil's learning and wellbeing.



School Development Plan

What we are working on and how we are going to improve our school



Monthly Award

During April our monthly value was **Compassion**.

Classes	Endeavour Award	Compassion
P1KG	Isla Donaldson	Jonah McNiece
P1/P2SN	Harvey Dempsey Cummins	George McCall
P2KS	Ellianna Dalzell	Sofija Uzulina
P3KT	Eden McClure	Daniel McCammon
P3/P4RC	Ellis Parker	Lily Shanks
P4EE	Hudson Diffin	Harry Wilson
P5HS&RS	Harley Nesbitt	Harry McKinn
P6PMcC	Toby Morgan	Joey Cain
P6AA/LP	Nathan Shaw	Annabelle Moffett
P7KQ	Matthew Murphy	Eva Jennett
P7RCh	Caleb Diffin	Ruby Whiteside

Monthly Award for May... Creativity

 Well done!



...to everyone who received an
Endeavour or Compassion Award at our April Celebration Assembly.



Celebration Assembly

Our April Celebration Assembly on our monthly value, Compassion, was led by the boys and girls in Mrs George's class. What a great assembly that told us all about how we can be compassionate to others. Well done to P1KG for a supper assembly.



Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools (SPiMS)

Work has started on the SPiMS unit at MPS. We are all very excited about this and hope that it will be open for pupils in September 2026. Due to work at the lower part of the school next to the play park, there will be disruption to the entry and exit of pupils and I ask for your support with this. All pupils should enter school via the main entrance, the upper playground gate or the gate at Bunker Hill. These are the gates that should also be used at home time.

Tattoo at MPS

MPS is running a Tattoo on Thursday 21 May 2026. The event will commence at 6.30pm and end at 8.30pm. We will have marching bands, our school choir, local musicians, drum major demonstrations, scottish dancing and much more at this event. A food stall and ice-cream van will be available. Our Hub will be selling tea, coffee and sweet treats, as well as running a tuck shop. Please put this event into your diary as we hope it will be a great community event. Tickets cost £10.00 for adults and free for children who attend MPS. All children 4 and under go free.

We would be grateful if parents could provide a dozen tray bakes, buns, shortbread or scones for this event. The Hub is having a tea / coffee stall and we kindly ask for donations of scones, cakes and pastries, to be left in the school on Thursday 21st May 2026, which we can sell. All Hub money will go towards resources and activities for the children. This year, the Hub has kindly agreed to pay for new climbing bars for the Hall, which can be used by all classes during PE lessons. As soon as we get these installed, we will publish some pictures.



WE NEED YOUR HELP



We're kindly asking for donations of traybakes, buns, scones, shortbread etc. which will be served by the HUB at our 'HUB HANGOUT' tea and coffee marquee during the school Tattoo.

Donations can be left into school on the morning of the tattoo - Thursday 21st May.

Thank you SO much for your support!!





Active Wednesday Challenge

Be part of our Active Wednesday Challenge. Starting 1 October and every Wednesday during the year, we are keeping a record of the number of children who walk, cycle or scoot to school.



Walking Bus Day

BE COOL
WALK TO SCHOOL



Wednesday 6 May 2026

The car park at
Rainbow Stop



Staff will meet the children at 8.45am to supervise them on their journey to school.

The Walking Bus will provide a valuable opportunity to reinforce the importance of road safety. We ask that children do not bring scooters or bicycles as the emphasis is on walking to school.

Parents / carers are welcome to walk with the children to school.

If you are late and miss the Walking Bus, it is the parent's/carer's responsibility to ensure children arrive at school safely.

An Easy Way To Raise Funds

Do you shop online? Did you know that every time you buy something you could be raising money for MPS?



Over 2400 well known retailers including Amazon, M&S, Tesco, House of Fraser, Expedia and many more, will donate a percentage of what you spend to Markethill Primary School when you shop with them, via [Easyfundraising's Page](#) Each purchase generates a donation.

Instead of going directly to a retailer's website, go to [easyfundraising](#) first and choose the retailer you want to shop with - then everything you spend with that retailer earns a free donation for Markethill Primary School. It's completely free to use. On average, each retailer will donate 5% of the cost of your shopping - and those donations soon mount up.

Whatever you need to buy, groceries, clothes, travel, mobile phones, buy it via [easyfundraising](#) and raise money for MPS at no extra cost to you!

Please register to support us when you shop online.

Health

If a child has been ill during the night, it is in the child's best interest to stay at home. If your child requires medication during the school day, the form *Procedure for the*

Administration of Medication must be completed by the parent/guardian. Please note, medication e.g. antibiotics, cough bottles etc will not be given to your child unless this form has been completed. Forms can be obtained at the School Office. Inhalers and all medication must be clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child is absent from school, a note or the Absence Notification Form (see school website) must be sent to the teacher when he/she returns. It is also essential that you inform the school beforehand if a child has to leave school early or may be in late due to attendance at medical or other appointment.

Please do not send your child to school if he/she is unwell with cold/flu symptoms.

Nut Free School and Birthday Cakes /Treats

Please remember that Markethill PS strives to be a NUT FREE ZONE. We are very grateful for your support in helping us keep our children safe and well. Should your child have an EpiPen for an allergy, please keep a note of the expiry date so that a replacement can be obtained from your G.P. and sent into school. Due to some children having nut and gluten allergies, cakes, buns and biscuits are not permitted in school to celebrate birthdays or special events.



Early Bird Club and 123 Club

Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am in the School Hall and costs £2.00 for supervision and breakfast.



Parents should collect their child / children from the 123 Room. Please wait outside the room for Mrs Whiteside.

PLEASE NOTE: CANCELLING A SESSION AT 123 CLUB MUST BE DONE THE DAY BEFORE IN ORDER TO GET A REFUND.

Parents must book places for these clubs on the school app. The school is no longer receiving cash for the provision of clubs.

Children should not attend these clubs without pre booking on the school app or contacting the secretary to enquire if spaces are available.

Breakfast Club and 123 Club places for the week must be booked by 12 mid-night each Sunday. If you require a place during the week you must contact the school office to check for availability. Spaces are limited so we advise booking early.

If you have booked a slot at either club and your child does not avail of this, for example, due to sickness, you will be refunded via the app. It is not possible to carry over sessions.

Thank you to our breakfast and 123 club staff, Mrs McKelvey, Miss Stewart, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Whiteside

PLEASE NOTE

PARKING IN THE BUS BAYS IS NOT PERMITTED. THESE MUST BE KEPT CLEAR AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE KEEP ENTRANCES TO ESTATES AND ROADS CLEAR TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO ACCESS THEIR HOMES AND TO HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

We ask that caution is exercised in the car park when reversing out of spaces. Children who come by bike or scooter should dismount at the school gates and walk along the path to enter

the playground areas.

Parents should not drive into the staff car park to drop their child off. This car park is for staff use only. There is ample parking available in the bottom car park and we would appreciate if parents used this area.



Dates to Remember

MAY 2026	
Mon 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank Holiday 1
Tue 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessments commence
Wed 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking Bus
Mon 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports Day P1 – P4 9.30am MUGA
Tue 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports Day P5 – P7 MHS 9.45am• P7 Parent Information Session for London trip-2.30pm in the Hall
Wed 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration Assembly Creativity HMCL• P1 Induction 10.45am & 1.30pm
Thur 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tattoo at MPS 6.30pm – 8.30pm – special school event
Fri 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School closed – Transformed Staff Day
Mon 25 – Fri 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank Holiday 2
JUNE 2026	
Mon 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School reopens
Wed 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking Bus @ 8.45am
Fri 5, 12, 19 & 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Hub – Lollipop Fridays
Mon 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P7 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am in the Hall• P7 pupils going on the London trip can leave after the assembly. Children not going to London can also leave early.• Final week of homework
Tue 9 – Fri 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P7 trip to London
Mon 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Pupil Reports, PLPs, Education Plans and pupil targets sent home• Annual House Team event
Tue 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Hub – fun day for the children
Wed 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole school trip to Gosford TBC
Thur 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration Assembly – Community P2KS• P7 – final day
Fri 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving On Morning 9.30 – 11.30am - pupils will be visiting their new classroom and meeting their new teacher
Mon 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-uniform Day - £1.00 per child for both days
Tuesday 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-uniform Day• School closes for the summer holidays• P1 – P3 @ 11.50am• P4 – P7 @ 12 noon

If you require any information or would like clarification on any issue, please contact me via email or phone.

Dr H McLernon