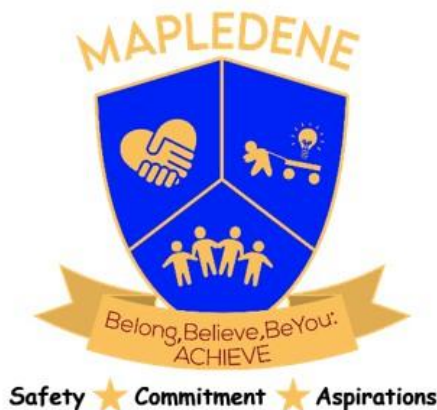


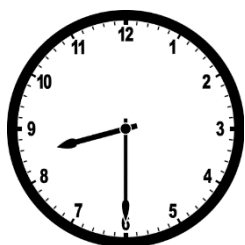
Attendance Newsletter

February 2026



Thank you, as always, to our families for partnering with us to ensure every child has the best possible attendance.

Attendance Reminders



Gates open at 8:30am.

Children can access our free Breakfast Bistro and play with their friends.



The school day begins at 9:00am.

This is when the gates are closed. Once the gates are closed, children must be brought to the main office by an accompanying adult who must inform a member of the office staff.

Children must not be sent to the office alone (except children in Year 6 who have permission to walk).

Attendance for 2025 - 2026

Overall attendance from beginning of the academic year up to February half-term

94.3% 

(up from 93.1% for the same period in 2024 - 2025)

Days of learning lost due to holidays, unauthorised absence and illness during the autumn term 2025:

Holidays:

121

Unauthorised absences:

469

Illness:

889.5

Unauthorised absences and holidays during term time

Since the start of this academic year, Birmingham City Council has issued 17 Fixed Penalty Notices to parents and carers at Mapledene for high levels of unauthorised absence or holidays taken during term time.

A Fixed Penalty Notice is £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if unpaid after 21 days. If not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority may prosecute under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996, which can result in a fine of up to £1,000 per parent per child, plus prosecution costs, a victim surcharge, and/or a Parenting Order.

Upcoming events for March 2026:

Thursday 5th March:

- World Book Day - children can come dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate reading (non-uniform)

Monday 9th March:

- Science Day - Curiosity, what's your question?

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th March:

- Year 6 residential to Boreatton Park

Friday 20th March:

- BBC Comic Relief - children can attend school in non-uniform as we raise money for the BBC's Comic Relief (non-niform)

Friday 27th March:

- INSET day - school is closed for children

Reminders about absence procedures:

- Please inform the school office on 0121 464 2881 before 9:00am if your child is going to be absent
- You may be asked to provide medical evidence such as an appointment letter/text
- Please arrange appointments outside of school time where possible
- If you do not contact school, a member of the office team will contact you to discuss your child's absence
- You will continue to be contacted each day whilst your child is absent to check on their progress and offer support where possible
- A 'safe and well' visit will take place where appropriate, if we are unable to make contact or if your child is off for a prolonged period of time

Support from Mapledene

- Where possible school will offer support to you and your child around attendance difficulties.
- Class teachers, Miss Faulkner, Miss Johnson or Mr Hyde may contact you or invite you to a meeting to discuss your child's attendance and any challenges you or your child may be experiencing. These conversations are intended to be supportive, and we encourage families to work with us so that every child can achieve the best possible attendance.