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As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate the many achievements of our children.

This year, we have been incredibly proud of our pupils. Every day, they have demonstrated dedication, determination and a love of learning. We have seen children work hard to achieve their goals, show resilience when faced with challenges, and persevere when learning has been difficult.

Just as importantly, they have amazed us with their creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm, bringing joy and imagination into classrooms across the school.

The year has been full of memorable moments that have enriched the experiences of our MPA children and created lasting memories.

When asked to reflect on their favourite experiences, many children shared highlights such as our International Fayre, exciting school trips, musical performances and, of course, the delight of watching our chick's hatch. These are the special moments that bring learning to life and help to create the treasured memories our children will carry with them for years to come.

Our school vision celebrates inclusion, ambition and opportunity for every child. We are immensely proud of the caring and inclusive community we have built together, where every child is valued, supported and encouraged to flourish. Our aspiration for all children is reflected not only in the experiences we provide, but also in the outcomes they achieve.

This year, we are particularly proud that, for the fifth consecutive year, our Year 6 pupils have achieved SATs outcomes well above national standards. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work of our children, the dedication of our staff and the support of our families.

Most importantly, we know that these outcomes are only part of the story. Our Year 6 children leave us with the knowledge, skills, confidence and character they need to succeed in secondary school and beyond.

To our Year 6 leavers, we wish you every success as you begin the next stage of your journey. You will always be an important part of the MPA family, and we look forward to hearing about all that you achieve in the future.

As another successful year ends, I would like to thank our staff, academy councillors, families and pupils for making MPA such a special place to learn and grow. Together, we have created a year filled with achievement, laughter, friendship and unforgettable experiences.

I wish you all a restful, enjoyable and safe summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

With warmest wishes,

Jenny Harvey
Principal

RECEPTION TRIP TO COURT FARM -

Reception had a fantastic trip to Court Farm this term!

They got to meet and learn about lots of different farm animals, watch a cow being milked, feed some baby lambs, play in the park and go on their very own tractor ride!

It was such a fun day and it was a joy to see so many smiling faces.



CELEBRATING AN AFTERNOON OF PLAY (OPAL)

This week, we were delighted to welcome families to join us for an extra afternoon play session. Everyone had great fun exploring the sand and water areas, creating delicious recipes in the mud kitchen, getting creative with the scrap resources from our Play Pod, and drawing colourful pictures with chalks.

We were also treated to a wonderful performance from the children and staff, who sang and danced together to the music, bringing lots of smiles and excitement to the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and make the event so special. We look forward to welcoming you back for another family event in the autumn term.



WE ARE MATHEMATICIANS

Across the school, mathematics learning has been carefully tailored to build a broad and progressive understanding of key concepts.

In some year groups, pupils have explored fractions, developing their confidence in calculating and applying them in different contexts. Other classes have focused on angles, strengthening their knowledge of geometry and their ability to measure and reason mathematically.

In Year 6, there has been a strong emphasis on problem-solving, as pupils apply their knowledge across a range of topics and develop the resilience and independence needed to support a smooth transition into secondary school. Year 4 also took part in their statutory multiplication check at the start of Term 6 - we are very proud of all of them and how hard they have worked!

INTERNATIONAL FAYRE

On Thursday 2nd July we held our annual International Summer Fayre. This was an opportunity for us to celebrate together as a school community. There was a bake off competition, a fashion show, food stalls, a raffle and games stalls run by year groups.

The sun shone throughout and there was a fantastic community spirit. A particular highlight was seeing the children dressed in their favourite or traditional clothes. An event like this isn't possible without the hard work to plan and set up the event from Friends of Minerva. They are a group of parents who volunteer their time to put on events like this. If you ever want to get involved please email friendsofmpa@gmail.com.

This year as a school community just under £300 was raised. This money will go back in to the school to help develop opportunities for all of the children.

Thank you again to Friends of Minerva and to everyone who came.

CLF BIG KICK 2026



A team of 10 Year 5 pupils (six boys and four girls) represented our school at this year's CLF Big Kick tournament, hosted by Bristol Brunel Academy. The annual five-a-side competition brought together seven schools from across the trust for a fantastic day of football.

Our team produced an outstanding performance throughout the round-robin stage, remaining unbeaten and recording convincing victories against every other school in the tournament. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship were excellent throughout the day.

After topping the group stage, the team progressed to the final, where they faced Summerhill Academy. Despite their earlier success, they were unable to overcome a strong Summerhill side and were defeated 3–0, meaning we just missed out on retaining the Big Kick Shield.

The pupils should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented the school. It was a brilliant day of competition and teamwork and while the shield won't be returning with us this year, we'll be back ready to challenge again next year!

INCLUSION AT MPA

At the heart of Minerva is a commitment to ensuring that every child feels valued, respected, and included. Inclusion is not just about supporting pupils with additional needs—it is about creating a culture where every child, regardless of their background, abilities, or experiences, feels a strong sense of belonging.

Inclusion at MPA means:

- Celebrating diversity in all its forms
- Ensuring equal access to learning opportunities
- Supporting children to understand and respect differences
- Creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone

We believe that when children feel included, they are more confident, engaged, and able to reach their full potential.



DR BIKE

Last week we had our old friend Dr Bike come to repair children and parent bikes - He worked through out the day to repair 15 bikes .

Children were really interested to watch him fix the bikes and learnt lots of little bike repair tips.

Now that the bikes are fixed, we hope this means more of you get out and about safely over the summer holiday - Remember to wear those helmets !



GARDENING CLUB



Our gardening club has been busy helping to care for our school environment this term. We have been preparing our planters by clearing old plants, improving the soil and getting ready for new plants and seeds.

One of the our highlights has been planting runner beans, which we are excited to watch grow.

If you have any plants or seeds you would like to donate to gardening club, please speak to Miss Pring or Miss Saville.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



We were excited to have Paul from Bristol Libraries come and talk to us about the summer reading challenge. The children are very keen to sign up and read their 6 books (or many more!) over the summer holidays.

To join, they need to visit their local library and get a form. They can borrow as many books as they like. When they have completed the challenge, they return the form back to the library for a medal and certificate. For more information, visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We know that reading is the key, and we encourage the children to keep reading for pleasure over the summer!

If they bring these back to school in September and show Mrs Hill, there will be an extra treat!

NATIONAL ATTAINMENT OUTCOMES FOR MPA CHILDREN

All children across MPA have made progress this year, and we are proud to share some of the outcomes from the statutory assessments that children undertake in schools across the country.

In Year 1, 93% of our children met the expected standard in the Phonics Screening Check.

This is an outstanding achievement and represents a significant improvement on last year's result, which was close to the national average of 80%.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our children, staff, and families in supporting this success.

This result reflects the strong foundations our children are building in their early reading skills and their continued progress as confident learners.

% Achieving Expected Standard in Year 1				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
MPA	75%	75%	79%	93%

In Year 6, our pupils have once again achieved results above the national standard and are on track to remain one of the highest-performing schools in Bristol.

We are particularly proud that the percentage of children achieving the higher standard has increased this year, reflecting the excellent progress being made across the school.

This success is the result of the strong partnership between our dedicated staff, supportive families, and hardworking children. It also reflects the ambition and quality of the curriculum delivered by the team at MPA, which inspires our pupils to achieve their very best.

A huge congratulations to everyone at Team MPA – this is an achievement we can all be proud of!

	Exp. Std				High. Std			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Reading	75%	90%	87%	88%	13%	38%	26%	32%
Writing	79%	85%	87%	84%	8%	5%	9%	14%
Maths	73%	85%	83%	82%	6%	25%	21%	25%
SPaG	58%	83%	72%	80%	29%	40%	21%	32%
Combined RWM	63%	80%	79%	77%	2%	3%	6%	11%

YEAR 6 PRESENT THE X FACTORY



Our first performance to parents was spectacular as the children sang, danced and acted their parts perfectly!

Lots of laughter, cheers and applause from our audience left them buzzing with excitement!

All their hard work and dedication to learning their lines has paid off and they gave a dazzling show.

Well done and congratulations Year 6!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th July	Friends of Minerva Ice cream sale in main play ground 3.15pm.
Tuesday 21st July	End of year class parties—Please check your message for individual class party information.
Tuesday 21st July	MPA's Got Talent.
Tuesday 21st July	Last day for pupils to attend of term 6.
Monday 7th September	We welcome all pupils back into school. Gates open 8.40am-8.55am.

[Please check our website for more information.](#)