



# Maun News

## July 2025

The school year draws to a close today and so we say our final farewells to our Year 2s and any other children who are moving on from Maun to other schools in September. To all those children and families who are leaving us, it's been a pleasure to work with you, and we wish you all lots of happiness and success for the future. We hope all our children continue to 'reach for the stars' as they begin the next exciting part of their educational journey.

A few parents and carers have asked for photographs of their children with particular staff members who've supported them during their time at Maun. Please be advised that once children have been safely released to parents at the end of the school day today, staff will make their way outside towards the bottom of the school path for any final farewells.



Though we're always sad to see our Y2s go, we're also very much looking forward to the new school year, when we'll welcome new children and families to the Maun Team.

## September Class and Staffing Updates

A couple of weeks ago, we waved Mrs Pugh off, to begin a new role working with children in a residential setting. Though we were sad to see her go, we wish her lots of luck and every happiness.

We've also welcomed Mrs Butcher in the role of Midday Supervisor this term. She's settled in quickly and has soon become an established member of the staff team.

From September, a few staff members will be taking on new and exciting roles...

Longstanding parents and carers will have been used to seeing Mrs Witts teaching in many different classes over the years at Maun. However, her heart lies particularly with our youngest children and so from September, she will be based solely in Nursery and will take on the role of *Nursery Manager*. Moving forward, for any questions or queries related to nursery admissions or provision, Mrs Witts will be the person to speak to (though she will continue to be supported by Mrs Alcock in our school office, who is usually the person to deal with nursery administration).

Those of you whose children have had the opportunity to work with Miss Bennett, will also know the wealth of skills and experience she brings to our team. From September, she will extend these skills to manage our TA Team, in her new role as *Senior Teaching Assistant*. As such, you will see her working across school during the course of each week from September, where one part of her new role will be to deliver Forest School provision for all children from F2 to Y2. Together with Mrs Welch, Miss Bennett is a fully qualified Forest School Leader. We know how much our children love learning outdoors and we're so incredibly lucky to have such fabulous school grounds. Next year we plan to make good use of them, so wellies will be an absolute must at all times of the year, for all children!



The staffing plan for classes in September will be as follows:

Year Group	Class	Staff	
F1	Ladybirds	Mrs Witts Miss Carrott	Mrs Findlay Mrs Emmonds Miss Fisher
F2	Emperors	Miss Duffy	
	Admirals	Mrs Hunt	
Y1	Badgers	Miss Page	Mrs Frearson Miss Bennett
	Hedgehogs	Miss McGaw	
Y2	Rabbits	Miss Chapman	Miss Whitefield Miss Bennett Miss Booth
	Squirrels	Miss Findley	
Mixed	The Hive	Miss Pringle Miss Fisher Mrs Welch Miss Whitefield	

In September, we'll be opening a new classroom in school which will be known as *The Hive*. This will enable us to have more bespoke and specialist provision on offer for our Maun children, and will be located where the existing Rabbit classroom is currently situated.



This means that our new Rabbit classroom will be relocated over the holidays, to the classroom which is currently known as *The Den*.

This classroom is closest to our school hall and is accessed through the Library, but as it has no direct entrance from the outdoors, there will be some different arrangements in place for our new Rabbits as follows:

- **Entry** to school each day will be through the Badger classroom door
- **Pick-up** at the end of each school day will be from the hall door at the back of our building

This means that Badgers and Rabbits will be coming into school through the same door each day. Please be reassured that any messages communicated by parents and carers on drop-off, will be passed on to the relevant staff member.

### Nursery Admissions

Parents and carers with younger children who have not yet registered for their nursery place at Maun in the future, please see our new [Nursery](#)

[Admissions Policy](#) on the school website, for information about the places we offer. Please be aware that we are now offering more 30-hour places than in the past for eligible families, and from September, there will be no charge over the lunchtime period for these places. In the near future, we also hope we can offer admission immediately after a child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, rather than waiting for the start of the next term.



To register for your child's place, please use our electronic [Nursery Place Request Form](#) which is available from the Admissions page of our website.

### Gold Award for OPAL

You will be aware that we've been working very hard all year to improve our play provision for Maun children. Thank you to everyone who has supported us with this, through donations of 'loose parts', contributing to fundraising events so we can buy further resources and by attending the Stay and Play session held recently. We plan to hold more of these next year, so there will be plenty more opportunities to come along if you haven't been able to so far.



Although it's most certainly been a team effort, Miss McGaw has been the driving force behind our OPAL development – we really couldn't have come so far without all her hard work. I'm thrilled to let you know that this was recognised in the final OPAL audit carried out recently, when we were successful in achieving the **Gold Standard Quality Mark for outdoor play and learning in schools**. What a positive achievement for our children and our school – thank you Miss McGaw!

## Timetables 2025-26

Over the summer holidays, we'll be continuing to update our new school website with useful, current information about our school. Cohort timetables for next year are already available on year group pages, as is a [PE Timetable](#) which will be in place for the year. This gives advance information about the PE days for each year group in each half-term. As has been the case now for several years, children will be asked to come to school wearing their Active Uniform (PE kits) on PE days rather than bringing a PE kit to get changed into.

Please note that there will be no PE for any children on the first day back at school in September.

## Gas and Water Update

The water leak just outside of the main school entrance has now been found and fixed – hooray! This grassy area will be restored to how it usually looks over the summer holidays.

Though we are still without gas at school, there is a plan in place to restore heating and hot water. This will be through a mixture of permanent air source heat pumps to some parts of our building, alongside a temporary, oil-fired heating system which will then be replaced in time to come.

## Fundraising



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising events this year. Our recent Summer Fayre raised a total of **£1974**, with nursery raising the most money on their class stall, at a whopping £248.50!

This money supports our school greatly and in the past we've used it to subsidise the cost of school trips and pay for extra resources and equipment for our children. This year, we've bought high-quality block-play sets for nursery, F2 and Y1, and fully resourced continuous provision for our Y1 children. This has enabled us to offer them the same independent learning opportunities as we do throughout nursery and F2 (Early Years). Next

year, we plan to build on this even further and although independent learning is already available in our Y2 classrooms, further improvement throughout Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be one of our priorities for further improvement.

## So finally...

Our last day of term is today – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July and **children return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

On behalf of the Maun Staff Team, I wish you all a wonderful summer break and enjoyable family time together with your children.

Best wishes,

*Miss Norman*

Headteacher

## Diary Dates 2025-26:

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Children back to school
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Individual school photos
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half-term holidays
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Butterflies' Christmas Trip to Perlethorpe
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec, pm	KS1 Panto Visit (Years 1 & 2) (Palace Theatre, Newark)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas holidays
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half-term holidays
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter holidays
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term holidays
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET week, school closed to children
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Perlethorpe Residential
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day at school