MAPPLEWELL
PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE MAPPLEWELL OFFER

MAPPLEWELL VALUES

At Mapplewell Primary, we encourage our pupils to reflect on how they can embody and further develop our school values.

Aut 1 Resilience

Building resilience within a primary school is essential to equip children with the emotional strength and coping skills needed to handle stress and adversity. It enhances academic success by fostering persistence and problem-solving abilities. By instilling resilience, we prepare students for future challenges, boost their self-esteem, and encourage them to make positive life choices.

Sum 2 Team Work

Developing teamwork skills in pupils at Mapplewell Primary School is essential as it fosters collaboration, enabling students to support one another and enhance their learning during lessons. It improves communication and problem-solving skills, which are vital for group projects and classroom discussions. Additionally, effective teamwork creates a positive classroom environment, encouraging students to engage actively, share ideas, and build a deeper understanding of the lesson material.

Aut 2 Respect

Cultivating respect is crucial for fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment where students feel valued and understood. It encourages healthy relationships and effective communication among peers, reducing incidents of bullying and promoting a supportive community. Teaching respect also instills essential values that help children grow into responsible, empathetic, and considerate members of society.

Sum 1 Independence

Developing independence in pupils at Mapplewell Primary School is essential for fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills, which are fundamental for lifelong learning. It also builds self-confidence and resilience, enabling students to navigate challenges both inside and outside the classroom. Furthermore, encouraging independence prepares students for future educational and career endeavors, promoting a sense of responsibility and initiative.

Spr 1 Kindness

Establishing kindness in school is vital as it creates a supportive and positive environment where all students feel safe and valued. Kindness fosters strong interpersonal relationships, reducing bullying and promoting empathy and cooperation among peers. Additionally, cultivating kindness helps children develop important social-emotional skills that contribute to their overall well-being and success in life.

Spr 2 Honesty

Honesty in pupils at primary school helps build trust and strong relationships with teachers and classmates, creating a supportive and safe learning environment. It encourages personal accountability and responsibility, essential for adhering to classroom expectations and collaborating effectively with peers. Additionally, honesty fosters a sense of integrity and self-respect, helping pupils navigate social interactions and conflicts with fairness and confidence.

Happy

Being happy is something we want our pupils to focus on everyday. Not just within themselves, but reflecting on what they can do to make their peers feel happy too. Every lesson, every event, every day we are happy!

Safe

Learning how to be safe is rooted in everything we do at Mapplewell. We know that keeping everyone safe is everyone's responsibility and something we need to think about everyday.

OUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFER

At Mapplewell Primary School, we hold high aspirations and hopes for all our pupils. Our commitment is to nurture confident, lifelong learners who are well-equipped to make a positive impact on society. Each half term, we emphasize a specific core value, ensuring that every event, assembly, and activity is aligned to support and reinforce this focus for our pupils.
We cultivate and foster the essential wisdom and character development each pupil needs to recognise their immense worth and to grow into responsible, active citizens in their community.
To enrich our curriculum, we focus on four key areas that enhance life experiences, broaden horizons, and inspire aspirations.

Curriculum

Educational visits significantly benefit children's development by often enriching their learning experiences.

People & Places of Worship

Visits that enhance children's understanding of the diverse faiths and cultures that make up our society are essential. They promote a fundamental British value: fostering mutual respect for different religions and cultures.

Sports & Arts Performances

Attending live performances enhances children's emotional intelligence and fosters an appreciation for the arts. Introducing them to new crowds and environments, helping them develop a sense of belonging.

Parental Engagement

Building positive links with families plays a crucial role in supporting pupils' well-being and development. By fostering strong, collaborative relationships , we create a nurturing environment beyond the classroom.

MAPPLEWELL POINTS

At Mapplewell Primary School, we believe positive behaviour is the foundation for a safe, happy, and successful learning environment. Our approach is designed to celebrate children's achievements, promote respect and responsibility, and help every pupil to flourish.

Arbor points

At the end of each lesson, teachers record positive behaviour points for the top 3 pupils who have demonstrated excellent effort, kindness, or focus. Each of these children will receive 1 point.

School Values Focus

Pupils who go above and beyond to show our school focus values will earn double points, reinforcing the importance of respect, resilience, and responsibility.

Points shop

All points contribute towards pupils' house totals. For every 50 house points earned, children will receive a reward to celebrate their commitment and effort.

Celebration of Success

Pupils' achievements are shared and celebrated in class, across the school community, and with families, encouraging children to take pride in their positive choices.

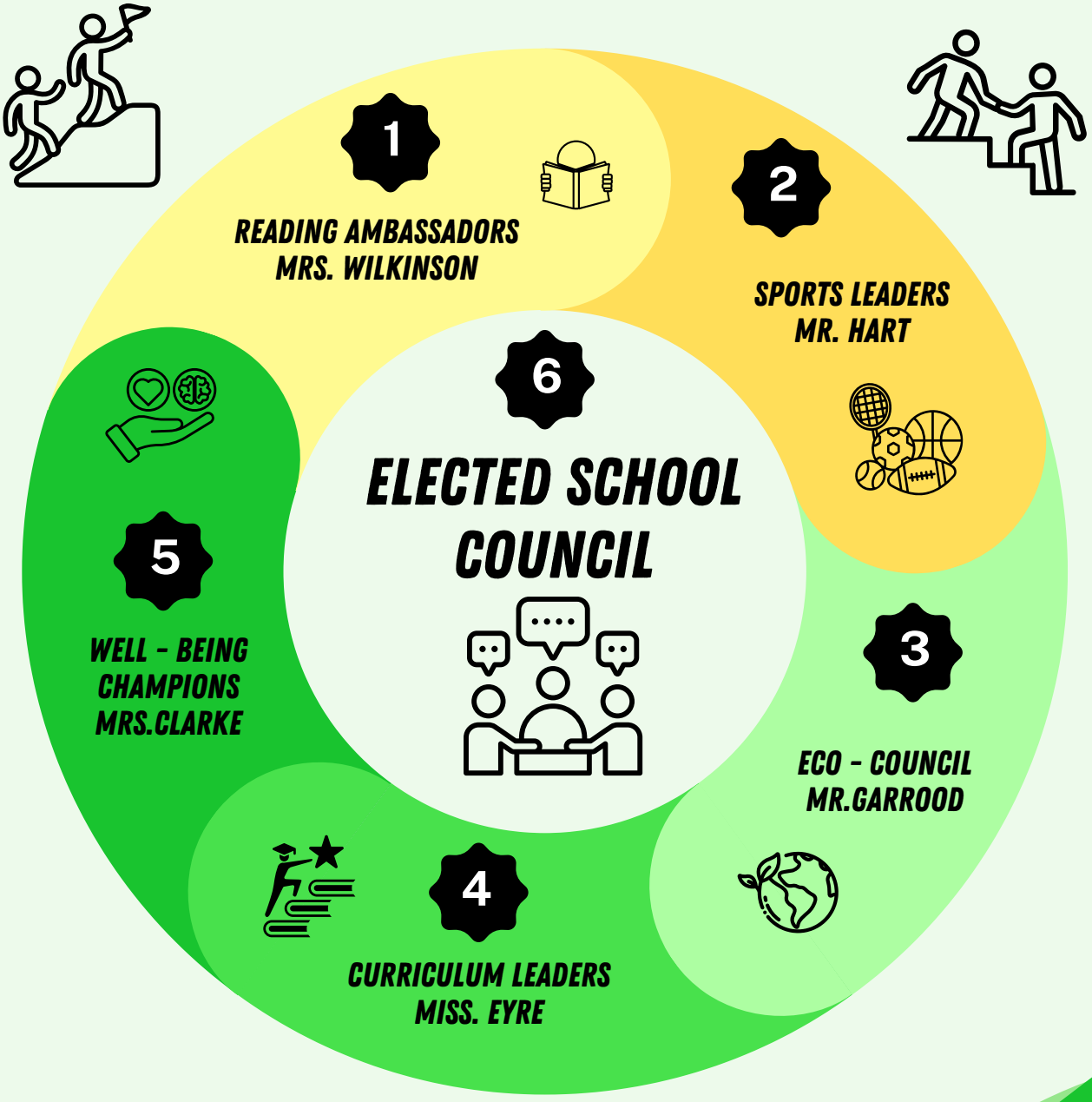
MAPPLEWELL HOUSES

At Mapplewell, pupils are part of one of our four school houses, which help build team spirit, friendly competition, and a sense of community. Earlier this year, children voted for their favourite places around Barnsley, and the results led to the creation of our four houses: Oakwell, Metrodome, Cannon Hall, and Locke Park. Each house provides opportunities for pupils to work together in competitions, challenges, and events throughout the year, celebrating effort, teamwork, and achievement across the whole school.

Pupils earn Mapplewell Points in lessons for their houses, helping to build team spirit and a sense of friendly competition across the school. Our new Intramural Sports Competitions will now be linked to the four houses, along with events such as Sports Day, so every child can contribute to their team's success and celebrate achievements together throughout the year.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

At Mapplewell, we take pride in offering students from Year 4 onward the opportunity to apply for leadership positions. These roles require dedication, as students must be willing to give up their playtime and lunchtime to contribute to various aspects of school improvement. Interested pupils will first apply for their chosen roles, and the overseeing teacher will appoint those they deem most suitable. Only students who demonstrate genuine passion and commitment to their roles will be selected. Each leadership group will then elect one member to represent them on the school council. This representative will have the additional responsibility of reporting on how the school leaders have contributed to the school's progress.



OUR ACTIVE OFFER

At Mapplewell, we believe sport and physical activity are about much more than winning. They help pupils develop important values such as honesty, kindness, teamwork, and resilience—especially when things don't go their way. Being active supports both physical and mental health, and we're passionate about giving every child the chance to discover an activity they enjoy. Whether through PE lessons or wider opportunities, our goal is to help pupils find confidence, have fun, and build lifelong healthy habits.

INTRAMURAL SPORT COMPETITIONS

Building on our passion for physical activity, we are continuing with our Intramural sports competitions this year. This will give every pupil the chance to experience the fun of competition in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Each event links closely to what pupils are learning in PE, allowing them to use their developing skills in real game situations. Across the year, children will take part in activities such as dodgeball, benchball, gymnastics and dance, hockey, cricket, rounders, and our ever-popular Sports Day.

We're also delighted to invite parents to come along and cheer the children on — it promises to be a wonderful celebration of teamwork, determination, and school spirit!

Be sure to check our newsletter for details on the upcoming competitions.

FRIDAY FIXTURES

Alongside our in-school competitions, Mapplewell is proud to take part in the Pro-Active Sports Provision events held each Friday afternoon. This external organisation runs a fantastic range of competitions, giving pupils the chance to represent our school and experience sport in a wider community setting.

We'll be continuing this commitment throughout 2025/26. Once we receive the full competition schedule, we'll share dates and participant information with parents so everyone has plenty of notice.

OUR ACTIVE CLUBS

We have made a huge effort over the past year to improve the quality of all our extra-curricular clubs. Feedback from parents and pupils has made it clear that there is a real appetite for even more active and sporting opportunities.

With this in mind, we have continued to offer a range of clubs such as Running Club and Multi-Skills for the first half term in Autumn. We've also continued to run clubs on a half-termly basis rather than termly, allowing us to offer a greater variety of activities across the year.

Our partnership with external providers will continue to focus on giving children the chance to experience a wide range of different sports, rather than concentrating on just one.

Please keep an eye on Arbor for details about bookings — spaces are always limited and tend to fill up quickly!

INSPIRING SPORTS TRIPS

In previous years, we have been fortunate to enjoy a range of sporting trips, including those where pupils experienced elite-level sport up close. At Mapplewell, we have committed to offer these trips again this academic year.

These opportunities have included attending an England Men's Rugby Union Team open training session, watching the Leeds Rhinos Rugby League and Netball teams, International diving & Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey. These trips are incredibly valuable for our pupils, offering them the chance to see teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship at the highest level. Experiencing elite sport firsthand helps to inspire children, showing them what can be achieved through effort and resilience. It also helps to build pride, motivation, and a lifelong enthusiasm for being active — both in and out of school.

These experiences are only possible thanks to the dedication of staff who volunteer their time — something we are truly grateful for and deeply appreciate.

As always, keep an eye on Arbor for trip announcements — places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis

TRIPS

At Mapplewell, we believe that learning should reach far beyond the classroom. Educational visits are a key part of our curriculum and are designed to bring learning to life, helping children make real-world connections with the topics they study. These experiences not only deepen understanding but also nurture important personal qualities such as independence, curiosity, teamwork, and resilience.

CURRICULUM BASED

Our curriculum trips are carefully planned to reflect and enhance classroom learning. For example, Key Stage 1 pupils may enjoy local walks to explore their community, as well as exciting experiences like Victorian workshops and visits to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, where they learn about animals and their habitats. Older pupils may take part in enriching visits such as the National Coal Mining Museum, a Science Space Experience, and Crucial Crew, where they learn vital life skills around safety, citizenship, and responsibility.

RESIDENTIAL

One of the highlights of the school year is the Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood which offers thrilling activities like climbing, canoeing, zip-lining, archery, and team challenges, helping them build independence and resilience in a fun, supportive environment.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

We are also committed to offering pupils a broad range of experiences beyond the classroom. These include pantomime visits, hands-on science workshops, opportunities to learn about different faiths such as Hinduism, and visits to places like the Owl Sanctuary. These experiences inspire curiosity, creativity, and understanding of the wider world, helping children develop confidence, respect, and a love of learning that lasts well beyond the school day.

Every visit, whether local or residential, plays a valuable role in helping children grow — not just academically, but personally. These shared experiences create memories that last a lifetime and help our pupils develop into well-rounded, confident young people ready to take on new challenges.

CLUBS

At Mapplewell, our after-school clubs offer something for every child, combining fun, skill-building, and creativity. Pupils can enjoy a range of sporting clubs including dodgeball, multi-skills, football, and running club, helping them stay active, develop teamwork, and build confidence.

We also offer a variety of wider opportunities, such as cooking club, Young Voices, chess club, and Makaton, allowing children to explore new interests, develop talents, and express themselves in different ways.

Clubs run on different days throughout the week and are available to sign up via Arbor. To give pupils the chance to explore a wide variety of activities, clubs run on a half-termly basis, allowing children to try something new each half term.

Clubs are designed to be engaging, inclusive, and rewarding, giving every pupil the chance to discover new passions and make lasting memories. Be sure to keep an eye on the weekly bulletin to see which clubs are offered and sign up early as spaces fill up quick!

CAREERS DAY

At Mapplewell, our Careers Day gives pupils the chance to explore a wide range of jobs and future opportunities. Volunteers from different industries visit the school to share their experiences, showcase their roles, and explain the pathways into their careers. This inspiring day links directly to our Personal Development curriculum, helping children develop self-awareness, ambition, and an understanding of the skills and qualities needed to succeed in a variety of professions. Careers Day encourages pupils to broaden their horizons, consider future possibilities, and begin to plan their own personal and professional journeys.

Careers Day is made possible thanks to the support of volunteers, including parents, carers, and local professionals, who generously give their time to share their experiences with our pupils. We are incredibly grateful for this support, as it allows children to learn directly from people working in a wide variety of roles and industries. Keep an eye out for this year's date and booking information — if you are able to, we would love for you to get involved and help inspire the next generation of Mapplewell pupils.

PD CURRICULUM

At Mapplewell Primary, we want every child to grow into a confident, kind and resilient individual who is ready for life in the modern world. Our Personal Development and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum helps pupils understand themselves, build positive relationships and make healthy, informed choices. Our approach supports pupils in becoming happy, healthy and responsible members of society.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Children learn how to:

- Lead a healthy lifestyle through good nutrition, sleep and exercise
- Look after their mental health and emotions
- Understand the changes of growing up
- Stay safe at home, online and in the community

RELATIONSHIPS

We teach pupils to:

- Build positive friendships and family relationships
- Show respect, empathy and kindness
- Understand and challenge bullying or unkind behaviour
- Recognise safe and unsafe situations and know how to get help
- Respect and celebrate different types of families

LIVING IN THE WIDER WORLD

Pupils explore how to:

- Be a responsible, respectful citizen in school and the community
- Understand the importance of rules, rights and responsibilities
- Use the internet safely and thoughtfully
- Develop money sense and learn about jobs, aspirations and future careers