



20th October 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal 2026

KEY MESSAGES (Here are the headlines. The details are below)

- We will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion from 3rd November.
- Recommended donation for poppies is 20p.
- We will mark Remembrance in school on 11th November – children can wear organisation uniforms if they would like to
- If you have family who are or have been in the military, please feel free to give a photograph to the school office for our display

Remembrance

We will be marking Remembrance in school on 11th November. If your child is a member of an organisation e.g Scouts, Brownies, Cadets, they are invited to wear their official uniform to school.

As part of our Remembrance Service, we mark the invaluable contributions and sacrifices that the members of our armed forces have made for their country throughout history and in the present day. We believe it is important to raise children's awareness of what the armed forces do day to day to keep us all safe even in times of peace, rather than only focusing on times of war.

If you believe your child could find this time of year or these discussions difficult, please speak to your child's class teacher. As always, you are also welcome to contact Lorraine Young who leads the pastoral team.

Remembrance Display

Each year, we have a Remembrance display in our foyer. Part of this is photographs of our children's (and staffs') family members who have been or are in the military – parents, siblings, grandparents, uncles and aunties, great grandparents. These photographs can be a useful starting point for discussions at home about their family members and the important roles they have played.

If you would like to contribute a photograph:

- Email a copy to the school office (office@mendipgreen.extendlearning.org) or bring it to the office. We can copy photographs for you - **please do not give us original photographs**.
- Pop your youngest child's name on the back of the photograph, or in the email. We will reuse the photograph each year until they leave us in Year 6 and then destroy the photograph in line with GDPR.
- If you have multiple members of the family who have been/are in the military, you can provide several photographs.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal Tuesday 3rd November. The poppies and collection tins will be brought to classes each day.

If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send them to school with a donation. For younger children, you may wish to put the coin(s) in a named envelope and give this to their teacher in the morning.

Recommended donation: 20p

- Please be aware that we are unable to give change. We use official Poppy Appeal collection tins which are sealed.
- Children will be given one poppy for each donation. For example, if they donate £1, they will receive 1 poppy.
- The poppies we have received have a green stalk so they can be pinned. They are not sticky.
- Poppies will be threaded through buttonholes in clothing. If this is not possible, children will bring their poppy home in their bag.
- You may choose to provide your child with a safety pin to secure their poppy.

With best wishes,

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