



West Malling Church of England Primary School and The McGinty SRP



NEWSLETTER 26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you this week to the whole school community (children, families and staff) for your support and perseverance. You do not need me to tell you that the weather has been exceptionally hot, but the atmosphere in school has been incredibly positive, with everyone pulling together. As an example, yesterday afternoon, Mulberry and Oak were having their normal lessons outside on the field in the shade with a cooling breeze, while Ash and Chestnut came together for an 'Outdoor Explorers' session in the woods. All this, while we welcomed the first group of children for next year's Reception class who spent an hour in school during the afternoon as part of their transition into school.

I am sorry that we have had to postpone both Sports Day and the Colour Run until next week but am sure you will understand that it was in everyone's best interests – both children and parents – not to be running and out in the sun for an extended period of time in this weather. Sports Day will now take place on Tuesday 30th June, with the gates opening to parents at 12:30 for a 12:45 start.

The Colour Run will now take place during the afternoon of Friday 3rd July. While the date has shifted, the excitement definitely hasn't! This extra week also gives everyone a little more time to gather sponsors. Our sponsorship page is still fully live and accepting donations, so please keep sharing the link with family and friends:

<https://gofund.me/4ec9a5916>

Last year, thanks to your incredible generosity, the Colour Run raised a fantastic £1,800. Those funds provided a larger school trips budget for every single class and allowed the entire school to attend the Hazlitt Theatre pantomime at a considerably discounted rate.

We want to make next year's events just as memorable for the children, and every penny raised goes directly back into enriching their school experience. Thank you so much for your understanding, flexibility, and continued support. Keep your fingers crossed for slightly cooler - but still beautiful - weather on the 3rd.

Very best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 29th June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 30th June

Sports Day

Netball and Drawing Club will **NOT** be running today

Meeting for Year 5 parents at 6pm re PGL trip. This meeting will be online and joining instructions will be sent w/c 29/6

Wednesday 1st July

Years R, 1 & 2 trip to Godstone Farm

Computing Club will **NOT** be running today

Thursday 2nd July

New Chestnut Class transition afternoon, 1.15pm to 2.30pm (second half of class)

Friday 3rd July

Colour Run

Cricket Club will **NOT** be running today

w/c Monday 6th July

SCHOOL CLUBS NOW FINISHED

Monday 6th July

Year 3 swimming

Wednesday 8th July

Year 5/6 performance, 1.30pm and 6.30pm. More details to follow

Thursday 9th July

Change to published menu – see flyer sent with this newsletter

Moving Up morning (years R to 5)

Final transition session for new Chestnut children

Friday 10th July

Year 6 Activity Day

Annual reports home to parents

w/c Monday 13th July

SCHOOL CLUBS NOW FINISHED

Monday 13th July

Final swimming session for Year 3

Wednesday 15th July

Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church, approx. 9.15am start

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	Reece	For trying really hard with his writing
Year 1	Freddie	For his brilliant recall in History
Year 2	Pollyanna	For her perseverance
Year 3	Savannah	For perseverance in maths
Year 4	Isla	For improved confidence
Year 5	Ella	For her focus & maturity with our assessment this week
Year 6	Alex	For his tourism leaflet

School Meal Cost Increase

The cost of a school meal is increasing to £3.10 in September

Walking Bus

When we return in September the Walking Bus – morning and afternoon - will need a new volunteer, or volunteers, on a Thursday. If you could help please call Jo White. Unfortunately, without additional help the bus will not be able to run on Thursdays.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	83.6%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	84.5%
Year 4	82.5%
Year 5	91.9%
Year 6	88.7%

Whole School Attendance

87.4%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.5%

The children in Year 5 have the highest attendance this week



Well done Year 5!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	99%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	97.8%

Well done Year R – you were the most punctual this week! 😊

Safeguarding

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect, but also their families too. It is our intention, therefore, to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr David Rye (DSL), Mrs Jo White (Deputy DSL), Mrs Gemma Hawken (Deputy DSL) & Mrs Sophie Ogden (Deputy DSL) and we are the people you should contact should you have any safeguarding concerns.

RLSS UK's Drowning Prevention Week is an annual, water safety campaign designed to educate children and young adults in water safety and lifesaving skills. Drowning Prevention Week educates children aged 5 to 17 each June with crucial water safety advice just before the summer holidays, when young people are outdoors more and need these skills and knowledge most, so everyone can enjoy water safely.

[Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week](#)