



West Malling Church of England Primary School and The McGinty SRP



NEWSLETTER 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the members of the PTFA who gave up their time to organise and man the Father's Day Gift Room this week. Hopefully there will be a lot of smiles on the faces of dads, grandads and uncles on Sunday and that families are able to enjoy some time together.

Certainly, it looks as though we are going to experience some hot, sunny weather for the next few days. That bodes well for today as, along with Mr and Mrs White, I am taking a group of 15 children to Canterbury as part of the Kent Cricket Schools Day Out. We have been lucky to secure tickets for the event which will allow the children to see the first day of the match between Kent and Middlesex, along with experiencing a range of different cricketing activities. It promises to be a fun-packed day!

Sports Day is due to take place next Tuesday (23/6) in the afternoon. The current weather forecast suggests that this may be the hottest day of this current spell of warm weather. We are all aware that the British weather is notoriously hard to predict. However, the health and safety of the children (and spectators) will always be my prime concern. I want to let you know that there is therefore a possibility that the event may be postponed to prevent the children participating in excessive heat and being outside for an extended period. I am aware that many of you may have booked time off work to attend the event and would therefore appreciate as much notice as possible if the date has to be moved. I am sure you will understand that I cannot make a decision this side of the weekend, due to the possibility of the forecast changing. However, I will send a communication on Monday morning to confirm whether Sports Day will be going ahead on Tuesday or pushed back to the reserve date of Tuesday 30th June.

This is the time of year when thoughts and events start to be geared towards next year and preparing children for the next stage in their life journey. On Wednesday, Year 6 attended the Church Schools' Festival in Rochester Cathedral. This is an annual event, and a special date in the calendar of all church schools. The children participated in an activity trail around the cathedral, before taking part in a service at the end of the day – a perfect opportunity to reflect on their journey through primary school, and look ahead to their next step.

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WHAT'S ON?

Monday 22nd June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 23rd June

Sports Day – please refer to Mr Rye's news

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

Thursday 25th June

Year 3 assembly at 9am - parents are invited to come along and share in the children's learning

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

Meeting for Year 5 parents at 6pm re PGL trip

Friday 26th June

Colour Run

Monday 29th June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 30th June

Reserve Sports Day (in case of inclement weather on 23/6)

Wednesday 1st July

Years R, 1 & 2 trip to Godstone Farm

Thursday 2nd July

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

Monday 6th July

Year 3 swimming

When Year 3 swam on Monday this week, there was a 'water safety' theme to the session and more information on water safety can be found here: [Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week](#)
Very best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Rye

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	George	For his independent writing
Year 1	Owen	For his independence in extending his learning
Year 2	Ava	For her enthusiasm for learning
Year 3	Sophia-Rose	For her dedication to all of her learning
Year 4	Maks	For using his English language more
Year 5	Emma	For being an exceptional role model
Year 6	Kate	For stepping up when needed

Town Malling Cricket Club

Town Malling Cricket Club is launching a new Girls Only Dynamos cricket group this summer.

What is Girls Only Dynamos?

Dynamos is the ECB's fun, soft-ball cricket programme for children aged 8–11, designed for complete beginners as well as those who've tried cricket at school. It focuses on enjoyment, simple skills, and making new friends in a safe, supportive environment.

Key details

- Programme: Girls Only Dynamos (ages 8–11)
- Starts: Saturday 20 June
- Time: 10:30 – 12:00
- Venue: Town Malling Cricket Club
- Cost: 15 free places, funded by Kent Cricket – first come, first served
- No cricket experience needed – just trainers and enthusiasm.

The sessions are all about fun, cricket, and making friends while building confidence, teamwork, and a positive experience of sport.

For more information or to reserve a free place, they can contact:

- Phone: 07876 089600
- Email: prkgoud@yahoo.com
- Website: <https://townmallingscricket.co.uk/>

Warning – Ticks!

We have been made aware that there may be ticks on the cricket field – if your child plays on the grass please check any exposed skin.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	98.8%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	92.4%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 6	94.5%

Whole School Attendance

94.7%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.7%

The children in Year R have the highest attendance this week



Well done Year R!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	95.2%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	96.8%

Well done Year 5 – you were the most punctual again 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.

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