



West Malling Church of England Primary School and The McGinty SRP



NEWSLETTER 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been another busy week in school, perhaps made seemingly more so by the inclement weather. Yesterday we were visited by a number of staff from across the Tenax Schools Trust who came to look at the school's culture and ethos, and its Christian distinctiveness. The visitors toured the school, watched RE lessons in all classes, spoke to staff and children, sat in on Reverend Helen's worship and met our group of Young Worship Leaders. They were overwhelmingly impressed with everything they saw, in particular:

- All children and adults working together for one common purpose, linked to the school's Christian vision and values;
- The precise disciplinary knowledge being taught in RE, enabling children to be able to talk freely and express grounded opinions about religion and 'big questions';
- The warmth of relationships evident between staff and children, and also between children themselves;
- The understanding demonstrated by children that they are part of a wider society that they can and will contribute to as they grow – living out the school's vision.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you all the news that Mrs Julie Harris will be retiring at the end of July. Mrs Harris has been a Teaching Assistant at the school for the last 25 years. Very few people remain in one place of work for such a long period of time, and that says lots about the special feel of the school, and about Mrs Harris as a person. She has worked in both Key Stages of the school, contributing hugely to its growth, and supporting countless numbers of children across the years. It has been a privilege to work alongside her, and benefit from her warmth, good humour, loyalty and determination. On behalf of the whole West Malling community, I would like to wish Mrs Harris the very best for her retirement and as she herself has said, "begin the next chapter in her life."

Finally, this week, I would like to make you aware of two upcoming events. Following the success of last year's event, the PTFA are organising a sponsored Colour Run, which will take place on Friday 26th June in the afternoon. The PTFA are also running a Father's Day gift room on both Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June. Please look out for separate communications regarding both these events.

Best wishes for the weekend – and hopefully a return of the sun.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 15th June

Year 3 swimming

Wednesday 17th June

Year 6 trip to Rochester Cathedral for the Church Schools Festival

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th June

Father's Day Surprise Gift Room. Please see the message sent home on 11th June.

Friday 19th June

Cricket Club will **NOT** be on today

Monday 22nd June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 23rd June

Sports Day – more details nearer the time

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 – more details to follow

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

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	Juno	For being a fantastic role model to her peers
Year 1	Whole class	For their positive attitude towards their phonics' challenges this week
Year 2	Sire	For his contributions in class
Year 3	Samuel	For excellent concentration and enthusiasm for his learning
Year 4	Danny-Lee	For making excellent progress in his times tables
Year 5	Jimmy	For being more engaged in his learning
Year 6	Betsy	For his enthusiasm with our production

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/>

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	93.2%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	97.4%

Whole School Attendance

96.1%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.7%

The children in Year 3 have the highest attendance this week



Well done Year 3!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	98.4%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	98.7%

Well done Year 5 – 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.

Next week is Loneliness Awareness Week. Hosted by Marmalade Trust, Loneliness Awareness Week is the world's largest campaign to inspire conversations about loneliness and promote connection activities happening across the world. People of all ages can feel lonely, and the following website has lots of useful information.

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