



West Malling Church of England Primary School and The McGinty Language SRP



NEWSLETTER 19th September 2025

Mr Rye is currently away with our Year 6 children on their residential trip.

WHAT'S ON?

Friday 19th September

Messages to be sent between 2.30pm and 4pm to confirm, or otherwise, places at after school clubs

Monday 22nd September

Year 5 swimming

School clubs start today

Thursday 25th September

Meeting at 6pm for Year 5 parents regarding next year's residential trip. Please see letter sent home on 19/9/25 via email and paper copy

Friday 26th September

Macmillan cake sale after school (on the KS2 playground)

Monday 29th September

Year 5 swimming

Thursday 2nd October

Change to the published menu – please see menu sent with this newsletter

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th October

Sibling (those in school not younger) & individual portraits being taken

Monday 6th October

Year 5 swimming

Friday 10th October

Hello Yellow for Young Minds – further details to follow

Monday 13th October

Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 15th October

Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church, 9.15am (approx.). All welcome to join us

Thursday 16th October

Flu immunisation in school

Autumn Parents' Consultations after school – details to follow. Please note that Signing Club and Nature Explorers Club will **NOT** be running

Friday 17th October

Last day of Term 1

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	Whole Class	For settling so well into full days
Year 1	Ralph	For his independence and always being ready to learn
Year 2	Luke	For persevering with his learning
Year 3	Elsie-Maie	For her hard work in English and excellent attitude to learning
Year 4	Ray	For always being ready to learn
Year 5	Aine	For becoming an independent learner
Year 6	-	On residential trip

Caterlink – Lunch Accounts (for parents who pay for their child's meals)

Please note: the cost of a hot mid-day meal increased to £3.05 from 1st September.

Macmillan Cake Sale – Friday 26th September

I will be holding a cake sale after school in aid of this wonderful charity. Any donations of cakes, whether home baked or store bought, will be very gratefully received. Thank you for your support. Jo White, families & Community Manager.

Squirrels Section, 1st West Malling Scout Group

There are vacancies in the Squirrels section at 1st West Malling Scout Group for children aged between 4-6 years starting in January 2025 and for the terms ahead. The children must be aged 4 years to attend.

Please email justjo-westmallingscouts@hotmail.com for further information.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	98.3%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	trip

Whole School Attendance

97.1%

Yearly attendance to date:

96.7%

The children in Year R have the highest attendance this week



Well done Year R!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	97.3%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	99.4%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	trip

Well done Years 2, 3 & 5 – you arrived on time every day 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.

Wednesday 10th September was World Suicide Prevention Day. While this was not something discussed with children in school, the key message of the Day this year was that if you have concerns about someone's state of mind, take action, interrupt their thoughts and show them you care.

<https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/campaign/world-suicide-prevention-day/>