



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



NEWSLETTER 4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class trips have continued apace this week with both Year 1 and Year 3 heading out. On Tuesday, Year 1 ventured out in the heat to Eagle Heights to get up close and personal with the birds of prey. While the warmth meant there was no flying demonstration, the temperatures actually played into our hands as the Centre was closed to the public and the children received a bespoke session with far more happening than would have otherwise been the case. The highlight was undoubtedly all the children having the opportunity to hold a barn owl! The interest and enthusiasm of the children was great to see and they asked some fantastic questions. A brilliant day was had by all.

The same could be said of Year 3 on Wednesday as they caught the train up to London to consolidate their geography learning about settlements. Living in a relatively rural location, with lots of green around us, means it can be hard to conceptualise what a city looks like, and how different it is. What better way to experience this than a trip on the London Eye to rise above the River Thames and see the whole city spread before you? The children were amazed at just how far the buildings stretched on for, how closely packed together they were and the number of monuments they were able to find. As with Year 1 the day before, the children's behaviour was fantastic, and the children represented the school superbly.

Thank you to all the adults who have accompanied children on visits recently, and also to the office staff who have booked and co-ordinated everything to ensure the days run smoothly. As I have said before, additional opportunities such as these help to bring the curriculum to life and contextualise the children's learning and I am very grateful to staff for enabling them to happen.

With two weeks of the school year left, next week is also a very busy week with Year 5/6 performing *Twist!* to the rest of the school on Monday, followed by two performances to parents on Tuesday. Chestnut are visiting Manor Park on Tuesday and a small group of children from Tennis Club are heading to Wimbledon for the day on Wednesday. Thursday is our transition morning with all the children moving up to spend some time with their new class teachers. Unfortunately, Mrs Mazey is unable to be in school that day, however, Year 4 have already spent some time with her, and we have more opportunities planned for the final week of term.

Thursday will also be a non-uniform day, as many children will be attending the PTFA Years R-3 Summer Party and Years 4-6 Youth Hub after school. The week ends on Friday with Year 6 enjoying an activity day as reward for their efforts in school this year, and Year 5 heading down to have a look around the Thrive Residential Complex construction site off London Road. After that, I think we might all need a lie down!

Very best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

w/c Monday 7th July

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday 7th July

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 8th July

Chestnut Class visit to Manor Park

Year 5/6 performances of '*Twist!*', **1.15pm and 6.30pm.**

Thursday 10th July

OWN CLOTHES DAY

Final transition session for new Chestnut Class children,
9.30am to 11.30am

Whole school 'moving up' morning

Years R-3 Summer Party, 3pm to 4.15pm. Tickets are £3.50
and are available from [KS1 & Year 3 Summer Party](#)

Years 4-6 Summer Youth Hub, 4.30pm to 6pm. Tickets are
£3.50 and are available from [Youth Hub Tickets Years 4 to 6](#)

Friday 11th July

Year 6 activity day

Annual reports to go home today

w/c Monday 14th July

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday 14th July

Last swimming session for Year 3

Year 6 rail safety workshop delivered by Network Rail

Tuesday 15th July

'Meet the Teacher' sessions, 2.15pm-2.30pm and 2.30pm-
2.45pm

Wednesday 16th July

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

Thursday 17th July

Year 4 trip to watch '*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*'
at The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

Teddy Bears' Picnic, 12.15pm-1pm, new Chestnut children
and (current) Year 5

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 1.15pm to 1.45pm followed by
Year 6 Leavers' Celebration, 1.45pm to 3pm

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	Aaliyah	For her super writing
Year 1	Whole Class	For their enthusiasm and engagement on our school trip
Year 2	Samuel	For his lovely persuasive writing
Year 3	Matthew	For his enthusiasm for his learning
Year 4	Emma	For always doing the right thing and being a great role model
Year 5	Alex	For great work in geography and science
Year 6	Charlie	For embracing the challenge of a new role in <i>Twist!</i>

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

We are reminding an increasing number of parents to top-up the balance on their child's lunch account. Please ensure that accounts are always in credit. Caterlink operate a 'no debt' policy; if you do not have any credit please send your child in with a packed lunch.

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

To give feedback on the meal provision offered at our school please complete the Caterlink Parent/ Guardian Survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXMHL8D>

Breakfast Club

Sessions for the next academic year are now available to book should you wish to get ahead!

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	90.6%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	91.5%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	88.5%
Year 6	92.7%

Whole School Attendance

92.3%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.2%

The children in Year 1 have the highest attendance again this week



Well done Year 1!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	97.8%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	98%

Well done Year 1 – 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.

This summer will see millions of people across the UK enjoying themselves at major events such as music festivals, sporting events and bank holidays. Unfortunately, these events and venues can be attractive targets for antisocial behaviour. The police are encouraging the public to trust their instincts and report anything that does not feel right to the police or security. We all have a role to play in keeping each other safe.

Report concerning antisocial behaviour at <https://www.gov.uk/how-report-antisocial-behaviour>