



West Malling Church of England Primary School and The McGinty SRP



NEWSLETTER 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. That seems an incredible sentence to write as I am not quite sure where this year has vanished to! However, we have another six weeks of learning, and hopefully some fun, before we get to the end of the year. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the gorgeous weather over the half term break; we were certainly brought back down to earth with a bump this week with the typical unpredictability of British seasons! Term 6 is always an incredibly busy term with lots happening, so please keep an eye on future newsletters along with additional communications that will be sent out across the term.

During the last week of Term 5 there were two class trips which took place. Year 2 headed over to Maidstone Pizza Express to try their hand at pizza-making. This is a very sought-after trip amongst schools, with only limited places available, and I know that Miss Brooks has been trying to get us a spot for a number of years! The children had a wonderful time and were very excited to tell anyone that would listen about their experiences. There were some great photos showing the children engaging in the various stages of pizza-making – although I am reliably informed that the best bit was the eating!!

Chestnut Class were also in on the act as they headed down to Maidstone on the train for a visit to Maidstone Museum in connection with their learning about dinosaurs. The train trip itself is always a highlight, as for some children it is their first experience of rail travel. Everyone loved the dinosaur exhibits in the museum, and it brought the term's learning to a brilliant conclusion. I know how proud Mrs Penfold was of everyone's listening and behaviour.

The trips have carried on this week, as on Wednesday Years 3 and 5 spent the day at Hemsley Conservation Centre. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time getting up close and personal with a range of endangered animals such as capybara, tapir, squirrel monkeys and even a sloth. Certainly, my ear was chewed off as I transported children back to school after the event, so I know how much fun was had, and how much the children learnt, both about the animals themselves, and about the threats to their survival in the wild and the conservation efforts going on to protect them.

My thanks go out to all the adults in school, both in the classroom and office, that have helped plan, organise and support these trips, as opportunities such as these bring both the curriculum to life and open children's eyes to real issues that affect us all on this planet that we call home.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 8th June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 9th June

Meeting for new Chestnut (September '26) parents at 6pm

Monday 15th June

Year 3 swimming

Wednesday 17th June

Year 6 trip to Rochester Cathedral for the Church Schools Festival

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	Rosco	For having a settled week
Year 1	Keira	For always trying her best
Year 2	Ben	For being a great role model in class
Year 3	Pippa	For her excellent descriptive writing
Year 4	Shivansh	For his excellent poem
Year 5	Olivia	For a great start to the term
Year 6	Teddy	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	97.5%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	96.8%

Whole School Attendance

95%

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%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.4%

Well done Year 1 – 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.

Originally created for Autism Awareness Month, Childnet have published new guidance for parents and carers of autistic young people, with strategies to help you support them whilst they are navigating online spaces.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-autistic-young-people-online/>