



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



NEWSLETTER 13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the church calendar, last Sunday 8th June was Pentecost, where Christians reflect on the Holy Spirit arriving with disciples and filling them with the confidence to go out and continue the work of Jesus, beginning the life of the church. Our group of Young Worship Leaders in school were also filled with confidence last Friday as they led worship for us, sharing the events that took place on Ascension Day – the day that Jesus appeared to his friends for the last time before ascending to heaven. Well done to all of them for having the courage to stand up and present and act in front of the rest of the school.

This morning's warm sunshine saw the playground packed as children enjoyed breakfast with special people in their lives ahead of Father's Day on Sunday. The bacon rolls, cups of tea and juice went down a storm, and it was lovely to have mums and grandparents present for our Celebration Breakfast, enabling all families to join us. Enormous thanks to Miss Walker and all the parents that helped organise, cook, serve and clear away.

During the year we are visited by a number of professionals in different capacities, helping with our continual drive to be the best we can be. We have recently had a review of our Early Years provision and on Tuesday the Tenax Schools Trust's new Director of Education spent the day with us. On both occasions the reviews have commented on the respectful and caring relationships between adults and children in school and how safe the children feel, enabling them to learn well and share any worries they have with trusted adults. The warm and welcoming feel and ethos of the whole school was also picked up on during both visits. This is especially pleasing as it is these intangible things that are often so hard to develop.

The weather forecast is looking very good ahead of Sports Day next Tuesday 17th June. The gates will open at 12:30pm with the event due to start at 12:45pm. The children have all been practising (with lots of races taking place on the field at lunchtimes!) and it should be a lovely afternoon in the sun for us all. As I mentioned in the communication that came home yesterday, Sports Day should be enjoyable for everyone – children, staff and parents – and for this to happen the behaviour of all spectators should be overwhelmingly supportive and mirror the school's values of love, trust, compassion, hope, forgiveness and perseverance that we all hold so dear. Please help us ensure the event is as successful as possible.

A final reminder this week that you can use the QR code below to sponsor your child for the upcoming PTFA Colour Run on Friday 27th June.

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WHAT'S ON?

Monday 16th June

Kent Fire & Rescue sessions – all classes

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 17th June

Sports Day, gate opens at 12.30pm and races will begin at 12.45pm. **See message sent home on 12th June.**

Thursday 19th June

Year 6 Rail Safety workshops – pm

NO TENNIS CLUB TODAY

Friday 20th June

Year 6 to the Church Schools Festival, Rochester Cathedral

Monday 23rd June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 24th June

Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June

Year 5 trip to Hemsley Conservation Centre

Thursday 26th June

Year 2 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)

Friday 27th June

Colour Run

Monday 30th June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 1st July

Lime Class trip to Eagle Heights

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 3 trip to the London Eye

Thursday 3rd July

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

The PTFA would still very much welcome offers to help out at this event. If you are able to support, then please let them know using the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CRO7jZdIWslGha6Z19zWa6>

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Rye



Achievers of the Week...

Will return next week

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## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

| CLASS  | Attendance |
|--------|------------|
| Year R | 98.9%      |
| Year 1 | 98.1%      |
| Year 2 | 97.6%      |
| Year 3 | 96.7%      |
| Year 4 | 92.1%      |
| Year 5 | 93.6%      |
| Year 6 | 95%        |

#### Whole School Attendance

95.7%

#### Yearly attendance to date:

94.4%

The children in Year R have the highest attendance  
this week



Well done Year R!



### PUNCTUALITY PANDA

| CLASS  | % Arrived on time |
|--------|-------------------|
| Year R | 95.6%             |
| Year 1 | 98.1%             |
| Year 2 | 96.4%             |
| Year 3 | 94.8%             |
| Year 4 | 98.6%             |
| Year 5 | 95.2%             |
| Year 6 | 96.7%             |

Well done Year 4 – 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.

Balancing the various demands parents have to cope with is not easy and all parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time. The link below is to an NSPCC guide which shares practical advice and tips for positive parenting techniques that work well for children - from babies to teenagers.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/positive-parenting>