



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



NEWSLETTER 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to be welcoming everyone back into the full-blown English summer, but it would appear the weather has not received the memo that we are now in June! This was very apparent yesterday when I accompanied the football team to a tournament at Oakwood Park Grammar School. We had a fantastic day, but got very, very wet! The football itself followed a similar format to the revamped Champions League this year, beginning with a league phase. In this section of the competition, we won five games and lost one, pushing us up into second place and qualifying us for the quarterfinals. We progressed into the semifinal but then had the misfortune of going out of the competition on penalties after the game finished 1-1. Despite our obvious disappointment, we re-grouped to comfortably win the third-place play-off and pick up bronze medals for a third-placed finish. The attitude of the boys was impeccable throughout, never once letting their heads drop and remaining determined to the end with fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done all of you – I was a very proud headteacher!

One of the team, Ben, did get his hands on a trophy over half term when he attended a tournament in Barcelona as part of the Tonbridge and Malling District Under 11s team. I understand the team played phenomenally well and came home with the trophy. Not bad to be able to say you have been part of a team to win an international tournament! Well done, Ben!

A reminder that during the afternoon of Friday 27th June, the whole school will be taking part in a sponsored Colour Run. This fun event will see all the children complete a course with the added fun and excitement of having plenty of coloured powder paint thrown over them while running. Information letters and sponsor forms came home earlier this week, and I know that sponsorship has already started to come in online, so thank you. The PTFA would still very much welcome offers to help at this event. If you are able to support then please let them know using the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CRO7jZdIWslGha6Z19zWa6>

Finally, if you are looking for something to do this Saturday 7th June, the school is supporting a Parish Council event in aid of the Great Big Green Week. From 1:00-4:00pm we are helping celebrate green initiatives in our community and thinking of other ways we can help. There will be performances from the school choir, children's activities, a clothes swap and sale and much, much more. All money raised on the day will go towards our project to restore the school pond and to improve the path between the allotments to aid access from school to Ryarsh Lane car park, so do please pop in if you are at a loose end on Saturday afternoon.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 9th June

Year 3 swimming

NO DANCE CLUB TODAY

Tuesday 10th June

Meeting for new Chestnut (September '25) parents at 6pm

Friday 13th June

Celebration Breakfast – please book at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/westmallingsprimary/>

Monday 16th June

Kent Fire & Rescue sessions – all classes

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 17th June

Sports Day – details to follow in due course

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)

Achievers of the Week...

Will return next week

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### Celebration Breakfast

To clarify, if you would like to participate, tickets must be purchased for both children and the adults who are accompanying them.

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

| CLASS  | Attendance |
|--------|------------|
| Year R | 97.2%      |
| Year 1 | 97.1%      |
| Year 2 | 95.9%      |
| Year 3 | 97.8%      |
| Year 4 | 97.6%      |
| Year 5 | 93.6%      |
| Year 6 | 94%        |

### Whole School Attendance

96%

### Yearly attendance to date:

94.4%

The children in Year 3 have the highest attendance this week



Well done Year 3!



### PUNCTUALITY PANDA

| CLASS  | % Arrived on time |
|--------|-------------------|
| Year R | 94.4%             |
| Year 1 | 97.1%             |
| Year 2 | 97.6%             |
| Year 3 | 94.8%             |
| Year 4 | 97.9%             |
| Year 5 | 98.8%             |
| Year 6 | 100%              |

Well done Year 6 – 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.

Tonbridge and Malling Specialist Teaching and Learning Service are hosting an online transition information evening on Thursday 12th June from 7:00-8:30pm. The information session is for all Year 6 parents, not just those whose children have additional needs. The focus of the session will be on what to expect at secondary school and how to build independence and resilience to support a successful transition. **Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#) [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 313 388 371 815 8 Passcode: TC6ds3fo