



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



NEWSLETTER 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In last week's newsletter I highlighted that the football team were taking part in the District Football Tournament on Saturday. The boys played incredibly well, winning four and drawing two of the six games we played. It meant we finished the tournament unbeaten and without even conceding a goal! Due to that we were all slightly disappointed to see the trophy slip out of our grasp as we came runners-up on goal difference! Although disappointed, the boys should feel very proud of their efforts, both in terms of their performance and particularly in the way they conducted themselves as a team.

The season of school trips is firmly upon us and on Monday Willow Class spent a fantastic day at the British Museum. After getting the train up to London, the group spent an engaging session exploring the Anglo-Saxon galleries of the museum. They were provided with iPads which meant the exhibits literally came to life in front of their eyes and brought a new dimension to the concept of a traditional museum. I know how much the children enjoyed the day from the animated conversations they have been having in school over the remainder of the week.

With SATs firmly out of the way, Year 6 turned their attention to becoming entrepreneurs with their enterprise market. Having divided themselves into groups, the children were provided with a small 'start-up fund' that they used to develop into a variety of different products. These were then sold at their market on Tuesday afternoon – a fun way to understand the principles of business!

The PTFA have decided to have a break from the Summer Fayre this year. Instead, 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. More information and sponsor forms will be sent home after half term, but the PTFA would 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>

Similarly, please note the date of Friday 13th June in your diaries. To commemorate Father's Day, we shall be having our annual Celebration Breakfast before school. Children are welcome to bring a special adult into school with them from 8:00am and enjoy a bacon roll and cuppa to start the day.

Finally this week, we say goodbye to Mrs Bennet, Midday Meals Supervisor and Breakfast Club Assistant. After 20 years' employment at West Malling, a magical birthday has meant she has decided it is time to retire and take life a little easier. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work during her time with us.

I wish you all an enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd June.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 2nd June

Term 6 begins – children return to school

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 3rd June

Information Evening at 6pm in Willow classroom for Year 5 parents/ carers regarding the Kent Test for transfer to secondary school September 2026

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

Father's Day Breakfast – please book your space 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

Friday 20th June

Year 6 to the Church Schools Festival, Rochester Cathedral

Monday 23rd June

Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 24th June

Reserve Sports Day

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

Achievers of the Term

Year	Name
R	Finn O
1	Octavia
2	Taw-Jackson Seb
3	Ansh
4	Dari
5	Chloe
6	Scarlett Millie

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	91.7%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	91.5%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	93.7%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	96.7%

Whole School Attendance

95%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.3%

The children in Year 1 have the highest attendance this week



Well done Year 1!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	96.7%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	98.7%

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.

Home broadband is increasingly essential for supporting learning. Households receiving benefits such as Universal Credit could be eligible for discounted social tariffs, helping them stay connected at lower costs.

For more information, please visit [Ofcom's website](https://www.ofcom.gov.uk).