



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



NEWSLETTER 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a very short Term 5 – especially with another Bank Holiday appearing in a couple of weeks' time! I hope that everyone enjoyed a happy Easter break and managed to recharge the batteries ahead of the two summer terms. These are always very busy with lots going on as the weather improves, so keep a look out in the newsletters and on Parent Mail for information about everything taking place.

Chestnut Class had an exciting start to the term as they undertook 'Balanceability' training on Tuesday morning with the PASS PE team. This is the Early Years version of Bikeability that takes place when the children are in Year 6 and involved lots of fun and activity using balance bikes on the KS1 playground. I know the trainers were very impressed with the listening and engagement of all the children.

Lime Class have been out and about this week as they have begun their new geography unit considering human and physical features in the local area. The children headed over to Macey's Meadow on Thursday morning to identify what they could see. There was lots of chat about what was visible and why the land looks as it does, with some excellent discussion about the role orchards play in the food production chain and why there are so many of them in the southeast of England. The children will be using the information they have gathered to eventually compare West Malling with a region in China.

I would like to extend a warm West Malling welcome to Mrs Dunmall who is spending three weeks with us as part of her teacher training. Mrs Dunmall will be based primarily in Mulberry Class but will also spend time in other classes across the school. I am sure she will enjoy getting to know everyone and feel the ethos of what makes this such a special school to be a part of.

Next week sees our third and final formal parents' consultation evenings take place on Monday and Tuesday after school. If it slipped your mind to make an appointment when the initial information went out to parents, then please do come and speak to your child's class teacher to try to book a meeting in one of the slots that are still available.

One final reminder this week to parents of children in Year 3 that we will start swimming on Monday afternoon, so do not forget to pack swimwear and a towel!

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th April

Parents' Consultations, 3.20pm to 6pm. Appointments available to book via Arbor

Monday 28th April

First swimming session for Year 3

Monday 5th May

Bank holiday – school closed

Thursday 8th May

Chestnut Class assembly at 9am - parents are invited to come along and share in the children's learning

Friday 9th May

Years R-3 Party, 3 – 4.30pm

Youth Hub, 5.30 – 7.30pm

See message sent home on 27th March for further details

Monday 12th May

Year 3 swimming

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	Madeleine	For her positivity and trying really hard
Year 1	Isla R	For her brilliant ideas in writing
Year 2	Liliah	For her lovely contributions in class
Year 3	William	For his fantastic explanation in science
Year 4	Olivia	For her positive attitude and scientific writing
Year 5	Taylor	For an excellent start to Term 5
Year 6	Ben	For his dedication and hard work this week

Perform Drama Workshops

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform!

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a free trial session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of West Malling CE Primary School** if they sign up by Wednesday 14th May 2025. Parents should quote WESX140525 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120. You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try.

School Trends – Uniform Supplier

School Trends are offering parents 15% discount until 30th April – use code EASTER15

Town Malling Cricket Club

Town Malling Cricket Club are pleased to be offering All Stars (Ages 5-8) & Dynamos (Ages 8-11) for the 2025 season, which are 8 week programmes designed to give a first taste of cricket to young boys and girls, starting May 2nd.

[TMCC - All Stars & Dynamos 2025 - Sign Up Link](#)

Malling Sea Cadets

Malling Sea Cadets meet at the Malling School on a Monday and Wednesday evening. There will be an introduction evening on Wednesday 23rd April at 5.30pm, meeting in the School Canteen, for anyone interested in joining.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	97.4%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	92.4%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	92.9%

Whole School Attendance

94.8%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.2%

The children in Year 1 have been in school every day this week.



Well done Year 1!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	100%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	98.3%

Well done Year R – 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.

The London Grid For Learning (LGFL) have created a video training session for parents to help them understand more about Gen AI (generative artificial intelligence) and the latest online harms children may be exposed to through new and emerging technologies. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEShwss2x8E>