



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



NEWSLETTER 28th March 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly this week, I would like to say an enormous thank you to Lucy Russell and her mum, Jenny, for all their organisation, planning and work to enable the Mother's Day teas to take place so successfully earlier this week. There was a lovely atmosphere in the hall on both afternoons with children and the special women in their lives enjoying tea, cake and even the odd glass of prosecco! Thanks also to everyone who supported with the setting up, washing up and clearing away each day. I hope all the mums out there enjoy a lovely weekend and a special day of being spoilt on Sunday.

We have certainly been treated to some sunnier and warmer weather this week, which I hope is here to stay for a while. With clearer and brighter skies, I would again like to encourage everyone to help make a positive difference to the traffic situation at the front of school by parking away from the school site itself at both ends of the school day. There are a number of options available:

- The Walking Bus operates from Tesco car park each morning, with the walkers assembling from 8:30, ready to leave at 8:40. A return Walking Bus also runs in the opposite direction after school on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Ryarsh Lane car park is available for parents to park in at both ends of the school day. Despite the signage, parents are permitted to park for free from 2:45pm, enabling you to walk up to school via the edge of the cricket field.
- Although parking meters have been installed on the High Street and on Swan Street, free parking is available for the first hour, with car details simply needing to be entered into the meter.

The school has been awash with DT this week with our value of perseverance coming very much to the fore. Model playgrounds have been constructed in Ash, homemade bolognaise created in Willow, slingshot cars built in Oak, Mulberry have been practising their sewing skills and last week Cherry created Ferris wheels! I think we might all need a lay down after all that construction work!

Following last week's footballing success, the school team played another match this week against Platt Primary School. It was a hard-fought game with all the boys working really hard together. In the end some excellent passing saw us come out 2-1 winners with goals from Leo and Charlie. That result currently sees us top of our league! Let's hope we can remain there until the end of the season.

Speaking of football, I would like to offer congratulations to three children who are currently part of the Tonbridge and Malling District Schools' Football squads. Ben and Leo in Year 6 and Darcey in Year 4 have done fantastically well to be part of these representative teams.

Best wishes for a special Mother's Day weekend.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

w/c Monday 31st March

NO CLUBS RUNNING THIS WEEK

Monday 31st March

Kenya Day – please see letter sent home on 17th March for further details

SEND coffee morning for parents/ carers of children in Years 5 & 6, 9 til 10, see flyer sent with this newsletter

Last swimming session for Year 4

Tuesday 1st April

Year R Hearing and Vision screening

Wednesday 2nd April

Church service at St Mary's at 9.15am (approx.). Parents welcome to join us

Friday 4th April

Last day of Term 4

Wednesday 16th April

National Offer Day – Primary Schools

Tuesday 22nd April

Term 5 begins – children return to school

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

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	Finn	For his fantastic reading
Year 1	Sidney	For his positive attitude towards his learning
Year 2	Rafferty	For his lovely writing
	Seb	For his lovely writing
Year 3	Danny-Lee	For his fantastic sewing & fractions work
Year 4	Teddy	For his amazing learning
Year 5	Michael	For his focus and hard work
Year 6	Toby	For his positive contributions

Red Nose Day

We raised an amazing £329! Thank you for your wonderful support of this very worthy charity.

Demelza Kent Easter Trail & Craft Fair Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April

The hospice gardens will be beautifully decorated for a whimsical Easter trail, where families can hunt for hidden eggs, unscramble a secret word, and win a prize! There will also be a craft tent, exciting stalls, delicious refreshments from local vendors, and a chance to hear Sittingbourne's 106.9 SFM broadcasting live. All funds raised will support Demelza's vital work in caring for children and families who need it most.

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.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	92.8%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	93.8%

Whole School Attendance

95.8%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.2%

The children in Year 5 have the been in school the most this week.



Well done Year 5!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	100%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	99.2%

Well done Years R & 4 – 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.

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Please take a few moments to read the attached guidance, supporting parents with helpful information and advice.