



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



NEWSLETTER 20th September 2024

Mr Rye is away with our Year 6 children on their residential trip – his usual weekly news will resume next week!

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 23rd September

Year 5 swimming

Zumba Club **NOT** running today

Tuesday 24th September

Netball Club starts today

Seasonal Craft Club **NOT** running today

Thursday 26th September

Meeting for Year 5 parents re Kingswood 2025 – 6pm, Ash classroom

Friday 27th September

Football Club starts today

After school cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support

Monday 30th September

Year 5 swimming

Thursday 3rd October

Change to the published menu – please see flyer sent with this newsletter

Monday 7th October

Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 9th October

Harvest Festival service, 9.15am at St Mary's Church, parents are welcome to join us

Friday 11th October

Year 6 fundraiser, 6pm-8pm

Monday 14th October

Year 5 swimming

Friday 18th October

Non uniform day – the children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to the PTA bottle tombola

PTA Film Night – more details to follow

Monday 21st October

Year 5 swimming

Achievers of the Week...

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year 1	Pollyanna	For contributing well to discussions and for her helpfulness
Year 2	Sophia-Rose	For being a great role model and making brilliant progress with her writing
Year 3	Ayo	For his fantastic work in maths & English
Year 4	Aubree	For being able to spot patterns in maths
Year 5	James	For excellent writing

Macmillan Cake Sale

We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 27th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This will take place on the playground after school. All donations of cakes, whether home baked or bought, greatly appreciated – please drop any donations to the school office. Thank you.

MacMillie's Cookies

One of our parents, who works for Macmillan, has collaborated with Millie's Cookies to create the MacMillie cookie! A percentage of the profits will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Individual cookies can be bought in store or you can order online and have them delivered: [MacMillies Charity Box - 24 Cookies Cookie Boxes \(milliescookies.com\)](http://milliescookies.com)

Macey's Meadow Applefest – 28th September

Please see the poster sent along with this newsletter for further details.

Walking Bus Hi-Vis Tabard Amnesty

We have a severe shortage of hi-vis tabards for the Walking Bus. If you have any extras at home could you please bring them into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Break-time Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school for morning break-time. This snack **must** be either fruit or vegetables and should be pre-cut at home if it something that requires it. Please can you ensure that grapes are cut in half length ways. Yoghurt drinks, cereal bars, fruit juices etc are not permitted at break time, but are welcome as part of a healthy lunchbox.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	90.1%
Year 1	87.7%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	Kingswood

Whole School Target

96.4%

Whole School Attendance

95.1%

Yearly attendance to date:

95.7%

The children in Year 3 have the highest attendance this week.



Well done Year 3!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	96.8%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	Kingswood

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.

As part of their commitment to supporting local families and parents in the early stages of their child's development, Kent Family Hubs has commissioned the EasyPeasy App, which has now been launched to support parents and carers of babies and children aged zero to five-year-olds across the area and transform everyday parenting moments into playful learning activities. Parents can access thousands of simple, fun, and educational parenting tips and activities, tailored to their child's age and development stage, designed to use everyday materials that families already have access to at home.

<https://join.easypeasyapp.com/signup/3933b1be5070e545c7dc06e02foedb30>