



West Malling Church of England Primary School and The McGinty SRP



NEWSLETTER 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is shining on May Day! Let us hope that this weather continues across the Bank Holiday weekend.

As you are all aware, we are part of the Tenax Schools Trust. The Trust are pleased to be launching their first ever Trust-wide survey for parents and carers. To help us make sure we are providing the best standard of education for your children, we would like to know how you feel about West Malling CE Primary School and the McGinty Speech and Language SRP.

This will help us to:

- Find out what we are doing well and where we could do better
- Decide which areas to prioritise when developing our school improvement plans
- Make sure we are meeting the needs of you and your child(ren)

Please take the time to complete this survey to help us ensure we are doing our best in providing a transformative education for every child. It should take no more than 10 minutes to answer the confidential and anonymous 20 question questionnaire, with all questions being based on the new Ofsted "Parent feedback survey."

Please follow this link to the survey webpage

<https://survey.tenaxschoolstrust.co.uk/>

and then select the correct school. The survey closes on Tuesday 12th May.

A reminder to everyone that all after school clubs begin next week, and will run through until Friday 3rd July. My thanks go to Mrs White and Mrs Holman for all their work in setting up the clubs, and the enormous amount of administration that comes with this. Signing up for a club is a commitment and I hope that all children will attend those clubs they have chosen regularly. We do acknowledge that instances sometimes arise when children are unable to attend, and I would ask parents to remind their children to let staff know in advance where this is the case so that the club registers can be annotated correctly.

I hope the good weather remains for the majority of the Bank Holiday weekend to enable everyone to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Please remember that due to the Bank Holiday the school will be closed on Monday, re-opening on Tuesday 5th May.

Very best wishes for an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Rye

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 4th May

BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 5th May

School clubs begin

Thursday 7th May

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

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May

Year 6 SATs week

Monday 11th May

Year 3 swimming

Monday 18th May

Year 3 swimming

Achievers of the Week

YEAR	NAME	Commended for
Year R	Mason	For his enthusiasm for his learning
Year 1	Primrose B	For settling so well and thoughtful contributions
Year 2	Roma	For her independent learning
Year 3	Kayden	For his perseverance
Year 4	Saraya	For always following the school values
Year 5	Mary	For settling well in both Daisy and Willow classes
Year 6	Isaac	For his determination and persistence

Caterlink – Lunch Accounts (for parents who pay for their child's meals)

We continue to remind an increasing number of parents to top-up the balance on their child's lunch account. Please ensure that accounts are always in credit. Caterlink operate a 'no debt' policy; if you do not have any credit please send your child in with a packed lunch.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

CLASS	Attendance
Year R	91.7%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	87.6%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	96.2%

Whole School Attendance

94%

Yearly attendance to date:

94.8%

The children in Year 5 have the highest attendance this week



Well done Year 5!



PUNCTUALITY PANDA

CLASS	% Arrived on time
Year R	98.3%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	89.4%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.7%

Well done Year 6 – you arrived 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.

The Kids Online Safety website is a new government resource designed to help parents and carers feel more confident supporting children online. Recent findings highlight that while 80% of parents feel confident they know which platforms their child uses, only 24% feel very confident about the content they encounter, and fewer than half regularly talk to their child about online experiences.

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>