



With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

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This Term's value is
COURAGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the penultimate newsletter, so please take time to read it. In this newsletter, there are dates for the next academic year so please add these to your calendars and diaries.

Staffing for next academic year is as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching assistant
Tadpole class (EYFS)	Mrs Bathurst	Mrs Sefton
Butterfly class (Y1)	Miss Davidson	TBC
Otter class (Y2/3)	Miss Weare	Mrs Mackay
Dragonfly class (Y4)	Miss Lewis	Mrs Luker
Fox class (Y5)	Mrs Matthews	Miss Burgess
Kingfisher class (Y6)	Miss Templeton	TBC
Honeybee class (Hive)	Mrs Woodward	Mrs Doggett, Miss C, Mrs
Bumblebee class (Hive)	Miss Shima	Eldridge, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Paige and Mrs Owens

We would like to welcome Miss Lewis and Miss Templeton who will be joining us in September. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them into the Marden Vale family.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Doggett on passing her apprenticeship – a huge well done from all at Marden Vale!

Mrs Matthews, a TA in the Hive, has had her baby. Henry James was born on 28th June weighing a healthy 8lbs and 11oz. Congratulations!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff as they move on to further their careers. Miss McDonald will be moving to Stonar school to teach Year 5 and Miss Doherty will be a SENDCo and nursery practitioner at a nursery in Devizes. Miss Jones is also leaving us to take us a teaching position in Dubai. Mrs Brum is also leaving. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for all their hard work during their time at Marden Vale, we will really miss them!

We are now in the process of recruiting new members of staff, once we have appointed, I will update you.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Louise Scrivens, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 6 DATES

21st-25th July: Year 6 KGA Summer School

24th July: Last day of Term

25th July: SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN

TD DAYS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

1st & 2nd September, 13th February, 13th April,
26th June.

Please subscribe to the school calendar via our website.

The 2025/26 academic calendar is available to see on our website and a hardcopy is available in the office.

Star of the week

TADPOLE	Alfie B Remy E
BUTTERFLY	Isaac B Jaydon E Ellie K
OTTER	Joan F Teegan H Tristan U
DRAGONFLY	Mitchell N Talulah G
FOX	Gracie B Leela M Aisha A
KINGFISHER	Lucy M Amy W Dylan D Rosie S
THE HIVE	Freddie B Millie H William A



NOTEABLE DATES FOR 2025/26

29th September: Year 5/6 Tower of London

7th – 14th October: Travelling book fair

20th October: Individual/sibling photos

22nd October: iSingPop (Year 4)

10th November: Flu immunisations

15th January: Year 5/6 Young Voices in
Birmingham

23rd-25th March: Year 6 Residential

3rd July: Year 6 Leaver's Service

8th July: Year 5 Taster day @ KGA

Weekly class attendance winners

Winners of week ending 26th June

- 1st — Otter 97%
- 2nd—Butterfly 96.9%
- 3rd—Dragonfly 96.1%

Winners of week ending 4th July

- 1st — Otter 95.5%
- 2nd—Kingfisher 96.8%
- 3rd— Butterfly 96.7%

Winners of week ending 11th July

- 1st — Kingfisher 96.1%
- 2nd— Dragonfly 95.4%
- 3rd— Butterfly 94.9%

Staffing in the office is:

Monday: Mrs Dade & Mrs Redford | Tuesday: Mrs Redford & Mrs Mearns
Wednesday: Mrs Dade | Thursday: Mrs Redford | Friday: Mrs Dade & Mrs Mearns.
Mrs Hamer will alternate between Wednesday & Thursday

The office will be closed between 1-2pm



Raising awareness of the legal and safety issues around e-Bikes and e-Scooters – notice from Wiltshire police:

What parents and carers need to know:

- **Privately owned e-scooters** are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle paths, or parks. They can only be used on private land, with the landowner's permission.



- **E-bikes** (electrically assisted pedal cycles) are only legal if they meet strict conditions. Any electric bike that can be ridden without pedalling or travels faster than 15.5mph with motor assistance, is classed as a motor vehicle. It must be taxed, insured, registered and can only be ridden by someone with a driving licence.



- **Enforcement:** Police officers can seize e-scooters and illegal e-bikes. Riders may face warnings, fines, points on a future licence or prosecution.

- **Safety risks:** Many of these vehicles are capable of speeds over 30mph. When used without helmets, proper training or awareness of road conditions, the risk of serious injury is significant. Wiltshire Police will be taking proactive steps this summer to deal with anyone found using e-scooters or e-bikes illegally. We appreciate that some families may be unaware of the legal restrictions around these vehicles. By working together, we can help young people understand the legal and safety risks associated with using these vehicles unlawfully and keep our communities safe.

FUEL
The free holiday activity and food programme

Summer 2025
Booking now open

Hot Meal provided

Science and Technology

Creative Arts

Animal Care

Dance and Gymnastics

Sports and Games

Outdoor Pursuits

Skateboard and Scooter



Booking Essential

Camp Locations
Up to sixteen days at each location from 28 July

Food
If it for Food! You will receive a nutritious lunch each day and you'll also have fun and keep fit!

Unity
Unity means making new friends in your community, while friendly staff are supportive and understanding.

Energy
Take part in a range of activities that will keep you engaged, exercised and educated.

Laughter
There will be plenty of opportunities for fun and laughter throughout the programme and opportunities to learn new life-skills.



“Leave Only Pawprints” Poster Competition



Wiltshire Council have launched the **“Leave Only Pawprints”** poster competition, inviting children aged 5 to 14 to design vibrant, imaginative artwork that encourages responsible dog ownership and cleaner public spaces. With winning designs transformed into posters and stickers to be displayed across Wiltshire.

The competition is open to all children living in Wiltshire (excluding Swindon) and is split into three age groups, with each category winner receiving a £50 Amazon voucher:

- 5–7 years
- 8–11 years
- 12–14 years

Entry packs are available by emailing dogs@wiltshire.gov.uk, visiting the council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leave-only-pawprints-competition, or collecting one from a local Wiltshire Council library.



Summer Reading Challenge

The challenge is for children aged four to 11 to read six library books (or the equivalent) over the summer holidays in return for various fun prizes, including a certificate and badge on completion.

Children register at a Wiltshire library where they receive their own special reading record. It's all free and can make a real difference to your child's motivation and enjoyment of reading.

The 2025 challenge is called Story Garden - Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors. This exciting new theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. The Summer Reading Challenge launches in Wiltshire libraries on Saturday 5 July and runs until Saturday 6 September.

The first two weeks (5 to 19 July) will be for registration only, from Monday 21 July children can start to collect stickers (and continue to register). Children must be library members to take part - it's free and easy to join.

Children can read any books of their choice; they don't have to be linked to the theme and they can read/listen to eBooks and audiobooks as well. Although the challenge is to read six books, there is flexibility in this number, especially for children who struggle with reading or read longer books.

Books on the official [Story Garden book collection](#) (opens new window) list are available to reserve and borrow for free from any Wiltshire library. The list includes a mix of fiction (picture books, early readers and middle grade titles), non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels, plus several dyslexia-friendly.





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Marden Vale Rocks

12th July

Thank you for all your kind donations for the bottle tombola raffle!

Events for next academic year will be released at the beginning of term. If you would like to join the Friends of Marden Vale team, please contact the school office. We are currently only a very small group so more volunteers would be welcome.

**MARDEN VALE
ROCKS**

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

2pm -6pm

Come and join us for our annual summer fair we have live entertainment, lots of stalls with plenty of fun and games to make a great day

We have music from

OLI HOUNSELL DISVISIONED
MARDEN VALE CHOIR

Up and coming artist Braydon-lee

Bust'a Bounce ,Penalty shoot out , craft stalls ,mobile bar ,rainbow raffle ,sweet treats ,food van, tombola ,and lot lots more

ENTRY

£2 per adult |£1 per child |£5 family ticket
Find a hidden rock around Calne bring and back for FREE entry !!!!