



With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

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**This Term's value
is TRUST**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it halfway through Term 1 and we have seen so many flourish with the back to school routine.

We would like to welcome Mr Williams who has joined our Year 6 class. I hope you will all welcome him into the Marden family.

Just a reminder about attendance; we know that with the return to school in the Autumn, the spread of illnesses is at its peak. Please make sure that you call, email or leave a voicemail to inform us of your child(ren)'s absence. We recommend that your child makes all attempts to come in and if really unwell we will make the decision to send home.

SURVEY: As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing and safety of all our pupils, we are conducting an important e-Safety Survey across the Thrive of schools within the Trust. Please take the time to complete the anonymous survey which is attached as an accompaniment to this newsletter. The survey link is

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/2RT6AvKHPs>

Mrs Scrivens

Headteacher



Every Day Counts

Support your child to achieve their best

Pupils should aim to have **96% or above** attendance

90% is **not** good!

1 School Year @ 90%

attendance=**4**

whole weeks of lessons missed!

That's **100 HOURS** OF LEARNING MISSED!

Attendance Ladder



Equates To:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TD DAYS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

13th February, 13th April, 26th June.

NOTEABLE DATES FOR 2025/26

10th September: Year 5 swimming starts

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

11th June: Year 6 Leaver's Service

8th July: Year 5 Taster day @ KGA

PARENT ADMIN

We would like to remind parents/carers that we operate a drop and go/collect system at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please remember to call the office for everyday of absence on 01249 813505 , leave a voicemail or email us admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk to inform us of an absence (illness, medical appointment etc).

For all medical appointments e.g. hospital, please provide a copy of the letter for our records.



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

WINNERS OF WEEK ENDING 19th SEPTEMBER

- 1st — Tadpole 96.5%
- 2nd— Fox 93.9%
- 3rd— Otter 93.7%

WINNERS OF WEEK ENDING 26th SEPTEMBER

- 1st — Otter 97.6%
- 2nd— Kingfisher 96.3%
- 3rd— Hive 96.1%

STARS OF THE WEEK

Crisee-Lu, Nancy , Ashley N (Otter), Elsie G, Henry B, Bella H, L-CM Kimi-Jase, Wyatt, Chloe, Renae, Jake, Tommy-Lee W





YEAR 5 / 6 TRIP TO THE TOWER OF LONDON

Our year 5 and 6 had a great opportunity to visit the Tower of London on Monday 29th September. During the day, the children took part in educational sessions which looked at how the Tower of London had been used as a prison, developed their understanding of empire and looked at the part that trade and migration played in the expansion of the Tower of London. They also had a chance to explore the different buildings and see the Crown Jewels! Thank you to the children for representing Marden Vale with their wonderful manners and behaviour. Thank you also to all the staff that make the day successful and brought all the children back home safely.



Learn how to care for
your child's teeth



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing your child to take part in The Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme at school, by signing your child up to take part you are helping to reduce the risk of your child developing dental decay as well as reducing potential problems later on in life.

As part of you signing your child up to taking part in The Supervised Toothbrushing, parents are required to fill out a short survey about their child's current dental routine and dental situation, please click on the link and complete www.bigbrushclub.co.uk/parent-survey.

All information from this survey is fed back to the NHS and will show how we can support the community to better Oral Health in the Southwest.

Free webinar: Learn how to care for your children's teeth

Big Brush Club hosts free online webinars for parents and guardians. These cover the main causes of tooth decay and preventive advice. Find out when our next webinar is at:

www.bigbrushclub.co.uk/families



Tesco In-Store

Vote Update!

We are delighted to inform you that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successfully selected for the customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026.

We have applied to help fund books for our Library Refurbishment project.

Stores which will vote on your project

4445 Calne Beversbrook Road Superstore Superstore SN11 9FQ

4820 Devizes Express Express SN10 3EQ

5556 Calne Express Express SN11 9UT

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within store. You will receive one token per transaction. It is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token.

Additional information

Please note the below advice in terms of do's and don'ts before and during the voting period:

Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token for a project in the current voting round
- Only submit Stronger Starts tokens to cast your vote
- Maximise promotion of your project during the voting period by making best use of press and social media guidance
- Encourage the local community and your supporters to get involved with Stronger Starts voting

MAJOR MINORS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Do you have a child at
primary school who loves to sing?**

**Open to girls & boys in years 3-6
Term time only**



Sing in all styles of music to improve singing,
perform at local events & make friends who
share a love of music

Rehearsals

MONDAYS
4.30-5.30PM
ST MARY'S CALNE

Performances

END OF EACH TERM
SOUTHWELL HALL
ST MARGARET'S CALNE



To find out more, please contact Michelle at
performingarts@stmargaretsprep.org.uk



We still have spaces left on our Virtual **Time out for Parents Children with Additional Needs** programmes in Sept – December 2025. These programmes are for all **Parents/Carers of Children aged 3-11 years of age.**

This seven week programme, written by parents and professionals, is for parents/carers of children aged between 3 and 11 years with a disability or additional needs, particularly those who have learning, developmental and behavioural issues, no formal diagnosis is needed.

Virtual sessions are delivered by using MS Teams. (Families will be offered support to join if needed).

TOFP CAN	Virtual	Wednesday 10:00AM – 12:00PM	08/10 – 03/12/2025
TOFP CAN	Virtual	Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 PM	16/10 – 04/12/2025

Time Out for Parents – Children with Additional Needs

This seven week programme, written by parents and professionals, is for parents/carers of children aged between 3 and 11 years with a disability or additional needs, particularly those who have learning, developmental and behavioural issues.

Sessions provide an opportunity for parents and carers to support and encourage each other, helping by sharing feelings and experiences, and come up with solutions to problems on the basis of what works – not what's meant to work! Discussions are based around real-life scenarios, and each session includes space to plan any changes which parents/carers wish to make in their parenting and from week two, an opportunity to discuss how that's working.

We will:

- look at life living with a child who has additional needs, helping them reach their potential
- consider how to boost self-esteem through play and learning
- respond with good listening
- how our parenting style affects our children's responses
- explore how we can talk to children about their condition, other people's reactions to them and recognising and coping with feelings.
- look at the many reasons behind behaviour, the vital subject of setting boundaries, why children need them and why they can be hard to set.
- Look at the value of routines, praise, and consistency.

Home and school are often big issues and we look at how the school might support a child's learning, how parents/carers can play a part in this and where to look for further support. Finally, there's a chance to recognise the impact on the wider family and to review what the course has meant to those attending.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring
to a secondary school in
September 2026?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2025

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide
to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2026?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2026

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

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