



NEWSLETTER



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With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

**This Term's value
is
THANKFULNESS**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. Please take time to read this newsletter and look at the dates - we have a lot of events coming up! If you go to our website, you can subscribe to our calendar, that way you will never miss a date! There is more information in the 'Parent' tab where you will find all of our newsletters, calendar, letters home, clubs, residential, class information and much more.

We have all been thinking about break times to ensure that they are enjoyable for all. The children have been instrumental in coming up with different ideas. Further on in this newsletter is more information about what we need to enable our children's ideas to come to life - if you can help in anyway - please let myself or Miss Weare know.

A huge THANK YOU to Dave Bathurst and colleague from Rodgers Leask for giving up their time to revamp the forest learning area, creating an outdoor shelter for Butterfly class and varnishing shelves in the newly refurbished library. We really appreciate it! Thank you also to Buy Paints Direct who supplied the paint.

If you can give up any of your time to help with jobs around school from gardening to listening to children read, we would love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office to register your interest.

As you are aware, we are part of the Tesco Blue Token scheme. Next time you shop, remember to pick up your blue token and pop it in the 'support Marden Vale' blue token box by the exit. If we are the winning choice we could have £1,500 donated for our library.

Mrs Scrivens



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
28 th November	FOMs Non-School Uniform	Red & Green donations
29 th November	Calne Lantern Parade	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
10 th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper day	10 th December
12 th December	Church Service FOMS Christmas Fair	St. Mary's Church 4pm – 5:30pm
17 th / 18 th December	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm	
2 nd December	EYFS Christmas Craft	Tadpole Parents invited @ 1.30pm
22 nd December – 2 nd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
15 th January	Young Voices Year 5/6	Birmingham
February (Date TBC)	FOMs Valentines Disco	3.45pm – 5:00pm (Whole School)
13 th February	TD Day	Children not in school
16 th – 20 th February	HALF TERM	
TBC	Year 6 Residential Information Evening	
23 rd – 25 th March	Year 6 Residential	Grittleton House
April	Chocolate Tombola	Non-school uniform date TBC
13 th April	TD Day	Children not in school
11 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service	Salisbury Cathedral
26 th June	TD Day	Children not in school
6 th – 9 th July	Year 6 Swimming	Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
8 th July	Year 5 Taster Day @ KGA	
13 th – 16 th July	Year 6 Swimming	Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
TBC	EYFS/Year 6 NCMP	Height, Weight, Vision



SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2/3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	HIVE
W/E 7 TH NOVEMBER	94.1%	96.8%	96%	94.4%	92.8%	95.2%	94.4%
W/E 14 TH NOVEMBER	96.7%	91.3%	95.6%	89.9%	92.2%	94.4%	93.8%

END OF TERM 1 ATTENDANCE

The class that won the highest attendance in Term 1 was **DRAGONFLY** with **94.4%**

2nd: Kingfisher 94%

3rd: Otter 93.6%

4th: Fox 91.9%

5th: Butterfly 91.7%

6th: Tadpole 90%

7th: The Hive 89.3%

TERM 1 SUPER STARS

The following pupils achieved 100% throughout Term 1:

Hudson, Isabella F, Grayson, Nova-Rae, Ivy, Luise, Alfie, Daniel G, Olivia B, Maisie, Austin, Ellie, Bella M, Ashley Ny, Tommy, Josh, Renae, Codi-Jay, Ruben-Kyde, Theo, Joan, Elsie, Jevan, Abel, Rosie-Mai, Yusuf, Charlie B, Ibrahim, Mitchell, Rueban, Oscar, Torrah, Scarlett, Ezmee, Freddie W, Tommy-Lee, Freddie B, Millie, Marika.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nova-Rae, Alfie B, Bella M, Jayda, Harvey, Jordanna, Mason Hod, Finnley, Roman, Louis, Alina, Abel, Ashley N, Freddie.

APPOINTED SCHOOL ROLES

We would like to say Congratulations to the following children in their newly appointed School roles:



Cadi



Sinead



Cherhill: Lyra
Pewsey: Rico
Uffington: Torrah
Westbury: Sienna



Cherhill: Billie
Pewsey: Leela
Uffington:
Elizabeth
Westbury: Tilly



Flo, Ashley, Chloe, Harry, Ruben, Renae, Rueban, Melissa,
Alys, Jordanna



Kitchen Crew: Scarlett



Phunky Foods – Jake, Harper, Kacey, Charlie M, Millie

SURVEY

We sent out a letter and link for a 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>

CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised £70 for such a good cause. Thank you for your donations.



CALLING ALL MARDEN VALE PARENTS! – BAKE SALE

This will be our first ever Christmas Fayre and we would love everyone to get involved to help make it a huge success!



The PTA is looking for a few wonderful parents to bake or donate cakes and goodies for our cake stall.

All sales will go straight back to the school, which will help us upgrade existing resources and fund new ideas for our children.

Please help out the small but mighty PTA team in making this first Christmas Fayre to remember!

Cakes to be in school by Wednesday 10th December.

Thank you for your support!

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SURPRISE



Look out for a special red post box that will be appearing soon at school. It is your chance to post your letter to Santa and tell him all about your Christmas wishes.

Santa has told us that he will be sending a letter back to school, which will be delivered by his special helpers.

So, remember to be extra good and always follow the Marden Vale Way.



With Love, Santa's Helpers

SUE BRADY CATERING CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

This year the Christmas Lunches will be served on **Wednesday 10th December**.

Remainder: There will be **NO** other options other than the Christmas meal on that date. No Option 2's, no Sandwiches. Just a meat or vegetarian option of the Christmas dinner. (A for meat, E for Vegetarian option). If a child doesn't want a Christmas meal they will need to have a packed lunch from home.

All meals that have been ordered for Wednesday 10th December will automatically get a Christmas Dinner sent out.

If any pupils do not want an SBC Christmas Dinner can cancel through ScoPay before the 8-day cut off period.

The meal includes the following items for children.

- 1 slice of Turkey
 - 2 Roast Potatoes
 - 1 Stuffing Ball
 - 1 Chipolata
 - 3oz of Veg
 - Gravy
 - Vanilla & Chocolate Ice Cream Pot.
- Paid meals are £2.80 each.



We invite all children to wear a Christmas Jumper on **Wednesday 10th December**



November 29th - Christmas Festival of Lights

The 29th is part of our annual Christmas light switch on, and slots are open to people to perform as entertainment through out the day, or as entertainment as people await the lantern parades arrival into the town. This event runs from 1pm to 6pm.

Buy Paints Direct, Calne, have been providing paint for us to decorate our library, sensory room, fences, book shelves and many other things. We would like to give a massive shout out to them and we highly recommend them for all your decorating needs.

SHOUT OUT

This is a shout out to everyone for any unwanted equipment and resources to give our children a wider variety of activities at playtimes. The donations needs to be in good condition.

To begin, we are looking for:

- Lego
- Dolls and pushchairs
- Hats, scarves, gloves, glasses and bags
- Large materials and blankets
- Large pegs for den building
- String for den building
- Sandpits or sand trays
- Scooters and helmets
- Plastic jugs, cups, water toys



Please visit the below link for details on courses and resources to ensure every family has the support needed to flourish.

[Spurgeons Charity | Home](#)

TADPOLE CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Mrs Bathurst is hosting a Tadpole Christmas Craft session for the children on Tuesday 2nd December at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to join.