

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 5

Term Value  
**THANKFULNESS**



*With God, all things are possible* Matthew 19:26



Marden Vale  
CE Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW, can you believe that we are days away from December already. Although the weather seems mild, we do seem to have cold snaps so remember to send you child(ren) in with warm/waterproof coats.

Breakfast club (paid club) will now be in the large hall; for 7.30am & 8am starts, please make your way there. All 7.30am bookings will need to be made 24hrs in advance.

Magic breakfast is a FREE breakfast club for all children starting at 8.20am (large hall). We are experiencing a decrease in numbers so please make use of this. If numbers continue to decline we will have to re-evaluate the provisions in the new year.

We are inviting parents/carers (including younger siblings) to come and join our Magic breakfast club every Friday morning. This will provide you with an opportunity to chat to staff and raise any questions you may have. We will extend this to include workshops until 9am covering various topics e.g. attendance and SEN.

Mrs Scrivens



## DECEMBER EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1 <sup>ST</sup> December	Dressing of the Tree @ 2pm	Parents Welcome
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Tadpole Care Home visit	9.45am-11am
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper day	10 <sup>th</sup> December
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Service	St. Mary's Church 10am
12 <sup>th</sup> December	FOMS Christmas Fayre	4pm – 5:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir Care Home visit	1.30pm – 2.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Craft	Tadpole Parents invited @ 1.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We invite all children to wear a Christmas Jumper on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**



### CALNE FOODBANK

Our Head boy, Head Girl and Torrah delivered our Harvest donation to Calne Food Bank. A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for your generosity – your contribution will make a real difference.





# SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2/3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	HIVE
W/E 21 <sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER	92.8%	90.5%	96.2%	91.4%	88.9%	94.8%	98.6%
W/E 28 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	94.1%	90.4%	93.1%	87.9%	94.4%	90%	95.8%

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**21<sup>st</sup> November:** Leeland H, Kingsley M, Teddy B, Albert S, Yusuf A, Alys W

**28<sup>th</sup> November:** Kimi-Jase, K C-M, Chloe, Rosie-Mai, Ibrahim, Cadi

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ATTENDANCE...

As we progress through this academic year, we all know and experience the circulation of germs especially through the Autumn and Winter terms. Being in school is vitally important and just a few days off can make a massive impact on their progress in school. We send out termly attendance letters, these come in many forms e.g. congratulating those with =>95% attendance, 'monitoring' letters as attendance is between 90-94.9%, or those that will require meetings with the Headteacher and our Pastoral Lead as attendance is below 90%. We understand that every family circumstances are unique, this allows us to work with you in a personalise manner to help your child thrive in school. The following link will take you to the Department of Education Guidelines on attendance. Please take the time to read this.

[DfE external document template](#)

For parents/carers that have children with mental health concerns e.g. anxiety, wellbeing, feelings and behaviour, bullying, Autism, there are resources on the link below and charities that can help support you.

[Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England](#)



## CARPARK

This is a reminder of our parking and drive-thru arrangements on school site. In the morning we offer a 'drop and go' where your child will be greeted by a member of the SLT. There is no parking permitted on site with exception of Taxi drivers, those who hold a valid disabled pass and Resource base parents.



## COMMUNICATIONS

Please remember to contact the school office for everyday of illness. This can be done by calling the office, leaving a message on our voicemail or via email [admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk](mailto:admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk). We send out regular communications via email and important letters are also uploaded to our website. Please check in regularly. Our Calendar is also updated with events, you can subscribe to the calendar which puts all those dates into your calendar.

## 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



**PARENT SURVEY:** Dear parents and carers, if you haven't done so already, please complete the [Parent Survey - The Big Brush Club](#)

Completing the initial parent survey is really important as it helps us to identify any current barriers or challenges children may have with their brushing routines at home. To which we can provide you as required with tailored advice and guidance based on the responses we receive from families attending your setting.

Have you ordered your child's school **individual** photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. Order through the **Tempest website** using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

**TEMPEST**  
PHOTOGRAPHY



### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Year 5/6	Birmingham
February (Date TBC)	FOMs Valentines Disco	3.45pm – 5:00pm (Whole School)
13 <sup>th</sup> February	TD Day	Children not in school
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	
TBC	Year 6 Residential Information Evening	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential	Grittleton House
April	Chocolate Tombola	Non-school uniform date TBC
13 <sup>th</sup> April	TD Day	Children not in school
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service	Salisbury Cathedral
26 <sup>th</sup> June	TD Day	Children not in school
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Swimming	Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Taster Day @ KGA	
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Swimming	Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday
TBC	EYFS/Year 6 NCMP	Height, Weight, Vision

**Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change**  
Online Course  
Friday 19 December 10:00-12:00



Book by  
12  
December

- Explore the reasons why children may find change difficult
- Discover ways to support your children at home in developing their ability to cope with change.
- Develop an understanding of how simple steps at home can help children prepare for change.

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478  
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk  
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



**Eligibility Criteria**

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August this academic year; they must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

**Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience**  
Online Course  
Monday 15 December 12:30-2:30pm



Book by  
8  
December

- Explore how the environment affects concentration
- Discover how words can help develop resilience
- Develop ways to support concentration and resilience

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**Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry**  
Online Course  
Tuesday 16 December 12:30-2:30pm



Book by  
9  
December

- Understand how to support emotional wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family

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**FAMILY EVENT**

CHIPPENHAM SPORTS CLUB PRESENTS

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

SAT 13 DEC & SUN 14 DEC

**MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTO**

VENDORS, CRAFTS, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, CHOIR, FOOD & BAR OPEN ALL DAY

Bookings for Santa open 1 November 25