

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 6

Term Value  
*PERSERVANCE*



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



Marden Vale  
CE Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and restorative Christmas period.

As we complete our second week of this term, we have seen an array of weather from sunny skies, frost, rain and a sprinkle of snow. There is still a chill in the air so please send you child in with jumper/cardigan and a coat. Please make sure they are named.

Fox and Kingfisher class had the pleasure of going to Birmingham BP Pulse Live for Young Voices. It was a long day but thoroughly enjoyed by all. We would like to express a massive thank you to Mrs Bathurst who has worked tirelessly to organise and make sure everything ran smoothly. Another big thank you to all the staff that helped support the children and brought them back safe and well...if a little late! We also had Walk Safe in school working with our Year 1, 3 and 6. They all did great and Year 3 took their practise outside of school grounds. Wonderful behaviour, focus and listening.

We would like to encourage children to rekindle their love of reading and continue with reading everyday to a parent/carer at home. We celebrate the number of reads our children complete, from 25 reads to 300 reads. It reignites imagination, exploration and opens up doors to discussions. Reading is the window to our soul.

We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday.

Mrs Scrivens  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
12 <sup>th</sup> February	FOMs Valentine's Disco	3.45pm – 5:15pm (Whole School)
13 <sup>th</sup> February	TD Day	Children not in school
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Residential Information Evening	Classroom
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
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1	
8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2	
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



# SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

	TADPOLE	BUTTERFLY	OTTER	DRAGONFLY	FOX	KINGFISHER	HIVE
W/E 9 <sup>th</sup> January	97.4%	95.2%	97.5%	97%	88.3%	94.4%	94.1%
W/E 16 <sup>th</sup> January	99.3%	90.2%	98.1%	92.6%	95%	98.3%	97.7%

## STARS OF THE WEEK

9<sup>th</sup> January: Carter, Gracie-Mai, Sanjog, Joan, Melissa, Lyra, Freddie B

16<sup>th</sup> January: Teddy S, Bella M, Elsie, Francine, Tommy, George

## TERM 2 CLASS WINNERS

**Winner: Otter 93.9%**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Hive 93.8%    3<sup>rd</sup>: Tadpole 93.4%    4<sup>th</sup>: Dragonfly 91.9%    5<sup>th</sup>: Kingfisher 91.5%

6<sup>th</sup>: Fox 91.3%

7<sup>th</sup>: Butterfly 87%

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### CHILDREN WITH 100% FOR TERM 2

Lucas, Lilly G, Albert, Codi-Jay, Harvey, Talulah, Melissa, Leland, Francine, Ella, Charlie M, Mitchell, George, Wakhile, Roscoe, Mason M, Millie, Aisha, Leela, Freddie W, Tykhon, Wynter, Alina, Kaiden, Farron, Zayne, Robbie, Lainey, Maisie, Ellie, Ashley, Amber, Roman, Rosie, Bella-Rose, Nova-Rae.

*Many Congratulations to you all*

### CHILDREN WITH 100% FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Lilly G, Codi-Jay, Mitchell, Millie, Freddie W, Maisie, Leela, Ellie, Ashley, Bella-Rose, Nova-Rae.

*This is a massive achievement, you should be so proud of yourselves!*



## PE DAYS

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. This will be sent home at the end of every term.

## MORNING & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

For morning and after-school club, please book this on Arbor. We require funds in your child's Arbor account for all bookings. Any 7.30am bookings or those staying till 5.30pm, please inform the school office to make sure we have a member of staff in for that period.

The costs for these clubs are:

### MORNING:

7.30am - £3.00

8am - £1.50

### AFTERSCHOOL

3.15-4.15pm - £4.00

3.15-5.30pm - £8.00 (this includes a light meal)

## SPRING TERM 1 EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please remember the extra-curricular clubs that started this term. These are clubs that need to be signed up for. For tag Rugby, please remember to bring your PE kit into school.



Monday: Tag Rugby – Years 4/5/6 with Mr Hemmings



Tuesday: Yoga – Years 4/5 with Miss Lewis



Tuesday: Photography – Years 1/2/3 with Miss Weare

Tuesday: **Y6 SATS** Club with Miss Templeton

## CLEANER REQUIRED

We're looking for a School Cleaner to join our team in Calne! The role is term-time only (Monday–Friday, 3:30–6:30 pm) with extra deep-cleaning during holidays, and pays £12.21 per hour. Full training, uniform, and support are provided—no experience needed, just a positive attitude and attention to detail. If you'd like to help keep our school sparkling and safe, visit <https://careers.atlasfm.com/vacancies/39956/school-cleaner.html> for more details and to apply.

# WPCC FREE SEND InformationEvent

Friday 6th February 2026

Registration from 9:30am, Trowbridge

Mental Health Theme

10am to 2pm

Civic Centre, Trowbridge



**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Free refreshments including cake  
Travel and childcare expenses paid



Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPCC-Info-Event-Feb2026>



See the Pre-Information Event Pack  
for more on what to expect on the day.



Hosted by the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council

Any enquiries, phone: 01225 764647

Please click the link below to take you to the pre-event booklet and to book your place

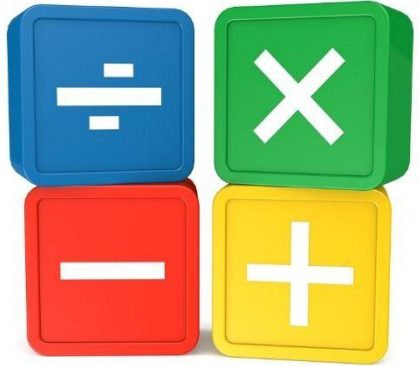
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**Building Maths Skills**  
**Chippenham**

Book  
by  
19 January

Welcome Meeting Monday 26 January 12.30pm - 2.30pm



**Mondays**  
**12.30 - 2.30pm**  
2 February  
9 February  
16 February  
23 February  
2 March

**Take the worry out of Maths**

- ✓ Learn practical ways to make numbers make sense
- ✓ Practise addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- ✓ Feel more confident using Maths in everyday life

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



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet 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 or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



To book a place, new learners need to complete an application form. Please call 01225 770 478 or go online here: [Enrolment - Work Wiltshire](#). We follow up with a phone call to confirm places. The cut off is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



## Resilience and Readiness

Boost your confidence and prepare for work!

### Face to face and online sessions

- Build confidence in yourself and your abilities
- Learn how to handle challenges and build your resilience
- Manage stress, stay motivated, and prepare for work with practical tools

### Welcome Meeting

Royal Wootton Bassett Tuesday 20 January 10am



### 4 x Face-to-Face Sessions in Royal Wootton Bassett

Tuesdays 10am – 12pm and 12.30pm – 2.30pm  
27 January, 3, 10, 17 February



### Plus 4 x Online Sessions

Thursdays 10am – 12pm  
29 January, 5, 12, 19 February



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