

30th January 2026

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 7

Term Value  
**PERSERVANCE**



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



Marden Vale  
CE Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are over halfway through term 3 and it has been a busy one! Thank you for continuing to support the school by ensuring your children are in school on time and ready to learn. A reminder that any absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on the day of absence. We are working really hard to ensure that our overall attendance is above 95%, currently it is 92%. Please continue to work with us so that we can raise the school's attendance.

## **Staffing updates**

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Sefton, our wonderful teaching assistant in Tadpoles, as she leaves us to begin working at Lackham College. We will miss her greatly.

Mr Williams, Kingfisher class teaching assistant, will also be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish them both well.

Their jobs are currently being advertised on MyNewTerm and I will update you as soon as we have recruited.

Our EYFS Tadpole class are looking for a donation of rolls of unwanted wallpaper or rolls of plain paper. If you could help, please bring to the school office.

## **Friday breakfast club**

Come and enjoy breakfast with your child(ren) every Friday in the school hall from 8:20-8:40. From 8:40-9:00 there will be a variety of workshops to share information with you. These workshops will begin again in Term 4. Workshops already held have included SEND and attendance. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to cover in up coming workshops.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Scrivens  
Headteacher

## Otter (Year 2) - Music



Music to our ears – our children enjoying weekly ukulele lessons this term



## Dragonfly – Super writing

Super writing from Dragonfly class. They've been working hard to spot the clever techniques authors use to help bring location to life.



## Kingfisher - SATS practice



A huge well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who have been tackling their Mock SATS this week. We are incredibly proud of the focus, resilience and “can-do” attitudes they've shown.

## Walk Safe



Safety First! Our Year 3 showed excellent 'Stop, Look & Listen' skills during their Walk Safe practical.

## Tadpole Maths



Our Tadpole children have been busy building their number confidence this week with some hands-on maths!

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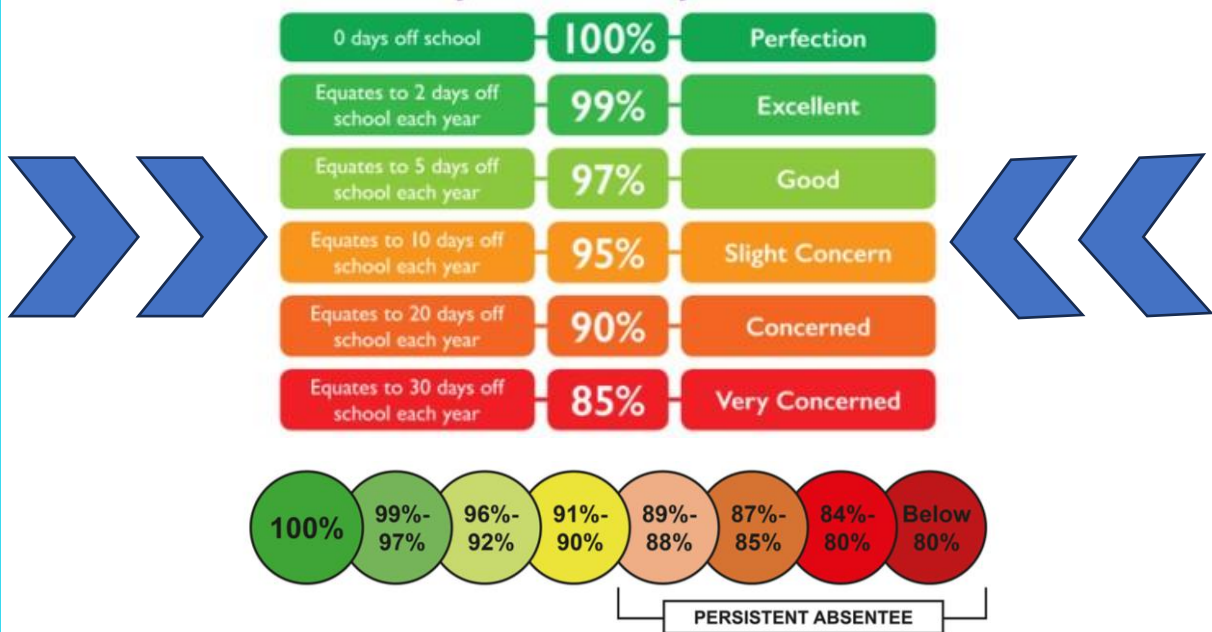
<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
12 <sup>th</sup> February	FOMs Valentine's Disco	3.45pm – 5:15pm (Whole School)
13 <sup>th</sup> February	TD Day	Children not in school
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Residential Information Evening	Classroom
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	
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

# WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

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	W/E 23 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	W/E 30 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY
TADPOLE	99.3%	92.8%
BUTTERFLY	93.2%	86.3%
OTTER	92.2%	87.7%
DRAGONFLY	96.5%	92.9%
FOX	91.7%	92.8%
KINGFISHER	91.9%	92.6%
HIVE	100%	93.1%

## Every School Day Counts



## CLASS WINNERS

23<sup>rd</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> – Hive 100%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tadpole 99.3%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dragonfly 96.5%  
 30<sup>th</sup> January: 1<sup>st</sup> Hive 93.1%, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dragonfly 92.9%, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tadpole & Fox 92.8%

## STARS OF THE WEEK

23<sup>rd</sup> January: Finnley, Hudson, Daniel, Florence, Rosie S, Coby, Maddie  
 30<sup>th</sup> January: Freddie, Amber, Luna, Morgan, Ava-leigh, Cohen, Sienna

# ABSENCES ADD+UP!

**MISSING JUST 2 DAYS  
A MONTH MEANS YOU MISS  
10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is vital to learn and achieve, this creates the foundation to move forward into higher education and a career. It is also a great way for children to interact, and to build social and communication skills with their peers which are essential throughout our life. The Government are putting increasing pressure on schools to achieve 95% + attendance as a whole school but also for individual pupils. We do appreciate that your child(ren) may fall unwell throughout the year, however, not all illnesses require absence from school. Examples of absences that require absence from school can be found on the next page. If unsure, send your child into school and if we think that they are too unwell, we will send them home.

We will be closely monitoring pupils attendance and meetings will be arranged for those who are struggling with their attendance. For those that are persistent absentees, we will be contacting parents on a weekly basis. Currently the doctors surgeries are under a lot of pressure to meet the demand of appointments, this can make it difficult to get one. Pharmacists are trying to release some of that pressure by assisting in offering advise/guidance and can write prescriptions if required.



UK Health  
Security  
Agency



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

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# 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

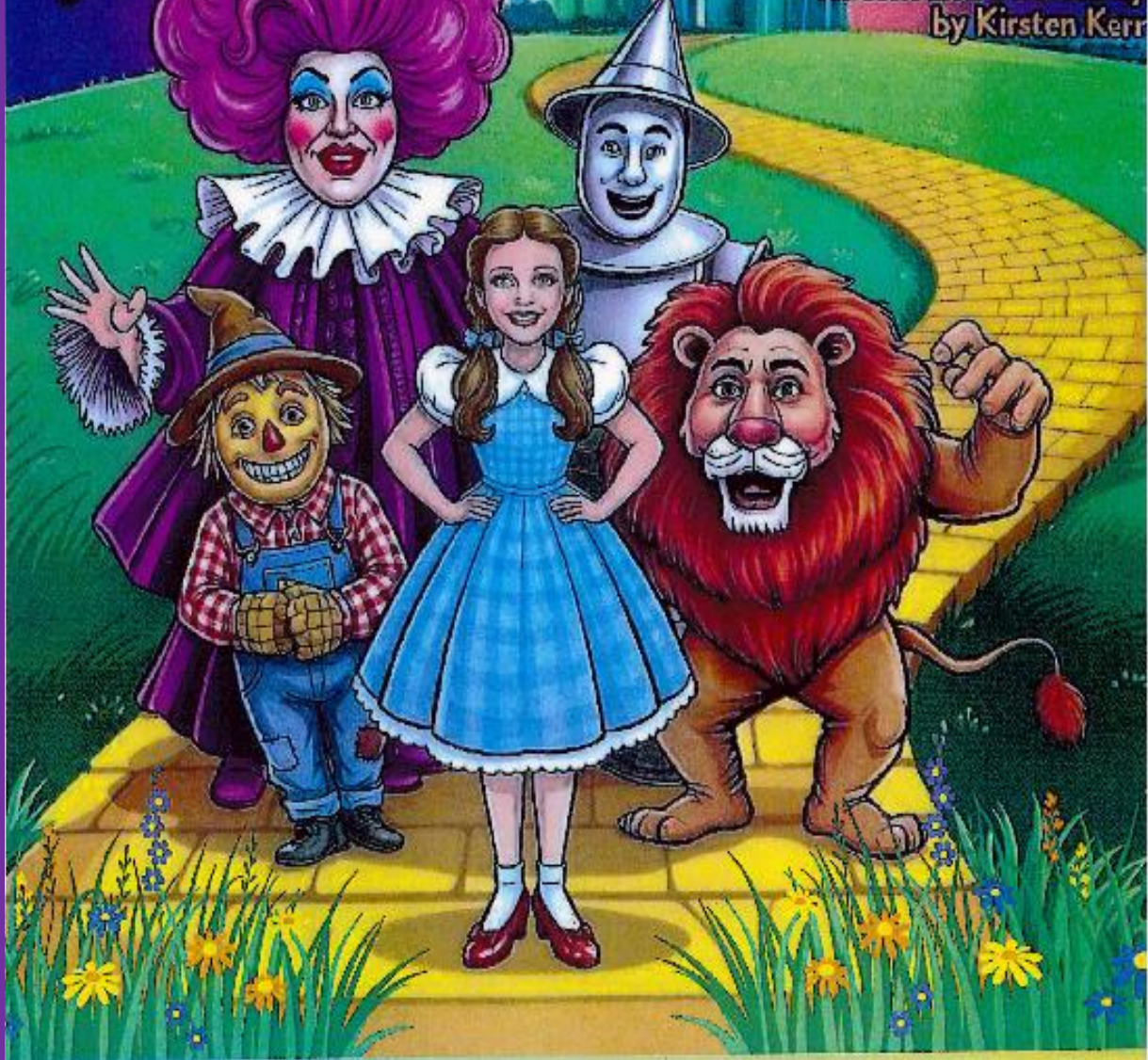
Please click the link below to take you to the pre-event booklet and to book your place

[https://issuu.com/wpcc1/docs/send\\_info\\_event\\_february\\_26\\_-\\_pre-event\\_booklet\\_in?fr=sNDQ4YTgzNjAxNzY](https://issuu.com/wpcc1/docs/send_info_event_february_26_-_pre-event_booklet_in?fr=sNDQ4YTgzNjAxNzY)

Calne Players Presents:

# THE WIZARD OF CALNE

Written and Directed by  
by Kirsten Kerr



18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM

20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 2PM

21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY AT 11AM AND 4PM

MARDEN HOUSE, CALNE, SN11 0JJ

ADULTS £7.50

CHILDREN £4.50

TICKETS FROM:

07842 734 840 OR

CALNE INFORMATION CENTRE

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