

12th February 2026

NEWSLETTER

Issue 8

Term Value
PERSERVANCE



With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26



Marden Vale
CE Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we are in the last week of term! Just a few polite requests to ensure term 4 starts positively:

- PE kits – please can all PE kits be in school on the first day back and remain in school for the rest of term. We have seen an increase in the amount of children not having kit in school and this impacts on their ability to take part in physical activity.
- We have seen an increase in unacceptable behaviour towards staff. Please can I remind you that we will not accept aggressive or threatening behaviour on school site. All staff at Marden Vale work incredibly hard to ensure your children receive the best possible education and are safe at all times. We do understand there are times when you may feel frustrated or upset by information being shared with you by staff, however this is not an excuse to display unacceptable behaviour.
- We are still looking for scooters, dolls and pushchairs for the playground at break times-please drop any you have into the school office.
- Please take a good look at the information later on in the newsletter titled '**Parenting in the Digital World**' There will be a zoom meeting which you can join on **Monday 23rd February at 7pm**. We will email the information to you again on Monday 23rd February as a reminder.

Wishing you a peaceful and relaxing half term break

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Scrivens
Headteacher

D I A R Y D A T E S

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
13 th February	TD Day	Children not in school
16 th – 20 th February	HALF TERM	
24 th February	Year 6 Residential Information Evening	3:30 in Year 6 Classroom
5 th March	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite book character
23 rd – 25 th March	Year 6 Residential	Grittleton House
13 th April	TD Day	Children not in school
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd June	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1	
8 th , 9 th , 10 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2	
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

CLASS WINNERS

6th February: 1st Butterfly 96.7%, 2nd Otter 95.6%, 3rd Kingfisher 94.8%
12th February: 1st Hive 98.3%, 2nd Dragonfly 96.3%, 3rd Kingfisher 95.6%



STARS OF THE WEEK

6th February: Mason, Arlo, Alfie, Bella, Teegan, Talulah, Hollie
12th February: Stanley, Luise, Chloe, Bobby, Harper, Sinead



STAFF UPDATE

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Harding, our Teaching Assistant in Butterfly class, on 27th February. Mrs Owens, Teaching Assistant in the Hive, has also left us. We wish them both well.

The jobs have been advertised, and we will shortly be interviewing candidates. We will update you as soon as we have recruited.



Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

ENGLISH FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Chippenham

Welcome Meeting 26 February at 12:30pm

Course starts 5 March 12:30 - 2.30pm

(10 x 2 hour sessions)

- Practise communication skills
- Discover the five ways to wellbeing
- Enjoy local walks
- Learn about the local area

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

Call the FACL team on 01225 770478 or scan the QR code



Courses are no cost to learners who meet eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+, have a Wiltshire postcode and meet residency requirements. Learners must be able to tick **one** of the following criteria: earn less than £25,750pa; in receipt of benefits; care leaver, foster carer or carer; military family or ex-armed forces personnel; refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability.

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ENGLISH FOR EVERYDAY (ESOL)

Central Chippenham

Welcome Meeting 5 March at 10:00am

Course starts 12 March 10:00 - 12.00pm
 (10 x 2 hour sessions)

- Improve communication in everyday English
- Develop reading skills
- Write simple sentences
- Build your confidence

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Spurgeons
 Together with families

Please see our website [here](#) for our current newsletter. It links to Children's Mental Health Week and our Five to Thrive sessions.

Please click on the link for the website for more information

<https://wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk/>

Parenting in the Digital World



Dear Parents / Carers of Marden Vale CofE Academy,

As peoples digital lives continue to grow, we know that for young people, spending an increasing amount of time online, holds lots of potential risks and concerns.

To allow you to help your young people navigate themselves through their ever rapidly growing digital lives, whilst at the same time allowing them to be independent digital users, we are running a special live, virtual online safety presentation on 23.02.26 at 7pm (On Zoom).

We know that many feel overwhelmed trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, apps and social media platforms and are quite often understandably worried about, online-bullying, grooming and what they are sharing online.

During this 90min session, Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative CIC will be helping you to understand your young peoples digital lives a bit more. Exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straight forward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe.

Attendees will **NOT** need to speak or have their cameras turned on, should they wish not to. This has been designed purely to provide you with as much information as possible, to allow you to make informed decisions and choices about your young peoples digital lives. Due to the nature of certain risks the online world holds for children, this presentation is **NOT** for the eyes and ears of children and young people.

During the informal Q&A session at the end of the presentation, Richard will be happy to stay online for as much time as needed to help address any of your individual questions and comments should you have any.

We look forward to hopefully seeing you soon. Please find ZOOM invite details on the last page.

Educating & Protecting Young People

email: info@thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk web: www.thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk Tel: 01666 577269



Understanding the pivotal role you play in safeguarding your family in the digital age is crucial. Join us for insightful sessions that shed light on why you, as parents, are the best advocates for guiding and supporting your children online, making this task remarkably accessible.

To effectively support your children as they navigate the online world and its inherent risks, a comprehensive understanding is paramount. Without this knowledge, ensuring the safety of your family becomes a formidable challenge.

Alarming statistics underscore the urgency of this matter

Reports of child sexual abuse imagery involving school children online have skyrocketed by 1500% since the onset of lockdown, as reported by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF).

The NSPCC's report reveals an 83% surge in online grooming crimes against children in the past four years.

NCA (National Crime Agency) are reporting an huge uprising in cases of Sextortion (financially motivated sexual extortion) seriously impacting young people globally.

These statistics are not intended to instill fear, but rather to emphasize the necessity of collective involvement and guidance. With everyone's commitment, we can work towards reducing these alarming statistics and ensuring the digital well-being of our families.

Parenting in the Digital World



Zoom Invite details.

Parenting in the Digital World - Marden Vale CofE Academy

Date/Time: 23.02.26 - 7 PM

Richard Pomfrett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83131181186?pwd=OzTeb5yNR4Q1yfmldrJ69NzUsE9ayGJ.1>

Meeting ID: 831 3118 1186

Passcode: 897081

Please join the meeting at least 5 mins prior to start time.

**You will 'NOT' need to turn your cameras on, should you wish not to.
We're happy for you to sit back with a cuppa and just watch!**

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