

18th May 2026

NEWSLETTER

Issue 13



With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26



Marden Vale
CE Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am not sure where Term 5 has gone! This is our last week before we break up on Friday. We had the pleasure of welcoming guests from Germany during their twinning visit with Calne. It was a joy to show them around Marden Vale and they thoroughly enjoying the singing worship we put on for them.



A few reminders:

Tempest photography will be in to take class photos. We like for class photos to be taken outside and due to the weather tomorrow we have delayed this until FRIDAY 22nd MAY. For children in Fox class, please come into school in school uniform and bring in PE kits to change into.

We have a LOT of lost property in school! The den will be open after school on Thursday and Friday - please come and have a look. Anything left after Friday will go to the Chippenham Uniform Exchange.

Term 6 starts on Monday 1st June. Classroom doors open at 8:40 ready for registration at 8:50.

Please take a look at the dates as term 6 is a busy one!

Finally, a huge THANK YOU to you all for supporting our focus on attendance. I am very pleased to say the overall attendance this term is an improvement on last terms. Let's see if we can get Term 6 to be over 96%

It has been a very busy week with our Year 6 children sitting their SATs. They worked so hard and should be so proud of themselves.

Mrs Scrivens
Headteacher

Term Value
COMPASSION



D I A R Y D A T E S

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
22 nd May	Class Photos	This has moved from Tuesday 19 th May
25th – 29th May	HALF TERM	
3 rd June	Bumblebee Farm visit	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd June	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1	
4 th June	Sports Day	
10 th June	Longleat visit	
11 th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service	Salisbury Cathedral
18 th June	Year 5 Taster day - Abbeyfield	
26th June	TD DAY	Children not in school
1 st July	Year 6 Transition Day	KGA
6 th – 9 th July	Year 6 Swimming	Mon/Tues/ Wed/ Thurs
8 th July	Year 5 Taster Day	KGA
13 th – 16 th July	Year 6 Swimming	Mon/Tues/Wed/ Thurs
22nd July	LAST DAY OF TERM	
27 th – 31 st July	KGA Summer School (Please sign up by clicking the link)	https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ABpM6tZi1kG1H7axMifyZZfYR_IFtL1EiCj-BbHA7tUQUEyWlhDMDZER0VYSEFEWVQxNjJETIY3Vi4u&route=shorturl

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Monday	Yr 5/6 Cricket – Mr Hemmings	April: 20 th , 27 th May: 11 th , 18 th
Tuesday	Yr 2-5 Art – Miss Weare	April: 21 st , 28 th May: 5 th , 12 th , 19 th
Thursday	Yr 1-3 Forest School – Miss Davidson & Mrs Luker	April: 23 rd , 30 th May: 7 th , 14 th , 21 st
Thursday	Yr 3-5 Multi-skills – Miss Gisbourne	April: 23 rd , 30 th May: 7 th , 14 th , 21 st

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

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	W/E 1 st 8 th May	W/E 15 th May
TADPOLE	93.7%	99.4%
BUTTERFLY	96.9%	95.2%
OTTER	96.9%	94.8%
DRAGONFLY	90.3%	96.5%
FOX	95.5%	95.3%
KINGFISHER	96.9%	100%
HIVE	90.8%	91.5%

CLASS WINNERS

8th May

We have a 3 way tie for 1st place with 96.9%:
Butterfly, Otter & Kingfisher

15th May

Kingfisher 100%.

STARS OF THE WEEK

8th May: Kimi-Jase, Daniel, Tommy S, Amelia-Mae, Millie, Billie-Rae, LC-M

15th May: Grayson, Wyatt, Harry, Abel, Melissa, Year 6 Class

READS

Well done to the following who continue to excel with their reading at home.

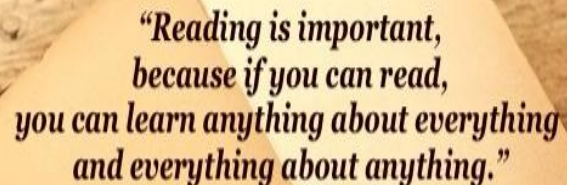
25 reads: Jaxson, Jaydon, Austin

50 Reads: Ivy, Bella F, Grayson, Robbie

100 Reads: Crisee-Lu, Rosie, Amber, Nova, Casey

150 reads: Abel, Rueban W

200 Reads: Roman



“Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything.”

Reading acts as a window to the world by expanding knowledge, building empathy, and fostering curiosity, offering insights into different cultures, experiences, and perspectives. It functions as a powerful tool for learning and personal growth, allowing readers to explore new worlds, improve communication skills, and develop critical thinking

Key Benefits of Reading

Empathy and Understanding: Literature provides insights into other people's homes, families, languages, and experiences, helping readers understand different life experiences.

•**Mental Development:** Reading strengthens brain regions responsible for language, decision-making, and logical thinking, which can help maintain cognitive health.

•**Reduced Stress:** Engaging in reading can reduce stress and improve focus, with just 15 minutes of daily reading having a positive effect.

•**Broadened Perspectives:** It serves as a, "key to opening many doors," allowing readers to understand the world and themselves

SATs Week

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We are so proud of our year 6 children, who have been sitting their SATs this week. The children have approached the tests with fantastic attitudes and have embodied our school values of perseverance, compassion and courage throughout. To balance our busy test schedule, our afternoons have been fun-filled with games and activities, both inside and outside. We were very lucky to be able to use the parachute on Tuesday and had a great time. Well done year 6 for working so hard!



WHERE DO I FIND SCHOOL INFORMATION?

Newsletters are produced every fortnight. We aim to keep you up to date with information and events in school but also community news. Newsletters will be sent via email to all Primary Guardians and a hardcopy is always available from the main reception. It is also available on our website and is posted on our Facebook page.

Please take the time to visit our website, there is so much information available for everyone, whether it is to read our policies, home learning, the curriculum, newsletter, clubs, calendar, term dates and much more. You can subscribe to our calendar and never miss a date!

ATTENDANCE

We have arrived in the Summer Term of this Academic Year. If your child is unwell e.g. Fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, please contact the school via either email: admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk , call us directly on 01249 813505 or leave a voicemail on our absence line before 8.30am. You should make every effort to send your child into school. If you are unsure, send them in and if we feel they are too unwell at any stage of the day, we will call you.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If you plan to take your child out of school during term time for anything other than illness, e.g. Religious Observance, Bereavement, special occasions, holidays, please complete the 'Leave of absence request' form which is available from the school office.

Please find Spurgeons most recent newsletter [here](#). This issue spotlights some of the fantastic feedback they received from some families.

For more information about any of our courses or services please see our website or get in touch.

[Spurgeons Charity | Home](#)

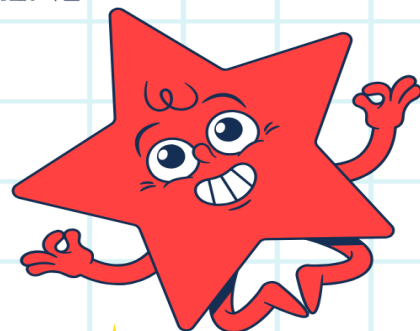




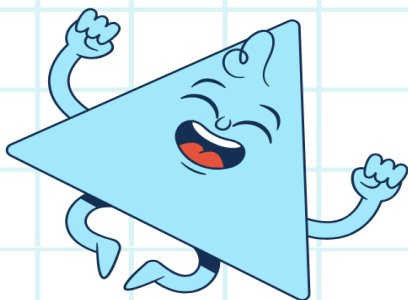
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MAGICAL MATHS WORKSHOP

FOR YEARS 3 + 4

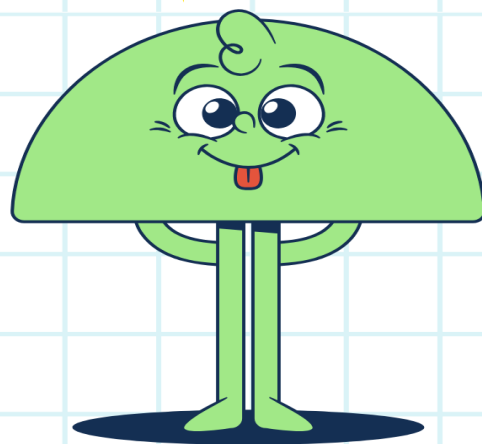


THURSDAY
4 JUNE 2026
4-5PM



**STEP INTO A WORLD OF THE
MATHMAGICIANS, WHERE NUMBERS
HOLD SECRETS WAITING TO BE
UNLOCKED.**

**HELD AT ST MARGARET'S PREP CALNE.
PLEASE RSVP VIA THE LINK.**



Step into a world of the Mathmagicians, where numbers hold secrets waiting to be unlocked. In this exciting session, you will learn powerful tricks that make it seem like you can read minds, predict answers, and solve problems in seconds. Each challenge reveals a hidden pattern or clever strategy, helping you grow in confidence while enjoying the magic of maths. By the end, they will understand how the tricks work and be ready to amaze your friends and family with your brilliant skills.

The booking link is below:

[Mathmagicians! A Magical Maths Workshop for Local Primary School Children Years 3&4 – Fill out form](#)

**AGE 5-11
YEARS**



PRICING

9:00 - 15:00 £35

9:00 - 12:30 £25

HALF TERM WORKSHOP

MIXED ACTIVITIES



DATES
26TH - 29TH OF MAY



WHERE?
BSL CALNE
REDMAN ROAD

SPORTS

- FUN, INCLUSIVE PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
- TEAM GAMES AND MOVEMENT-BASED LEARNING
- FOCUS ON CONFIDENCE, COORDINATION, AND WELLBEING
- SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES

**ADDITIONAL
BREAKFAST
CLUB**

8:00-9:00
£5

COOKING

- SIMPLE, PRACTICAL RECIPES
- BUILDING INDEPENDENCE AND LIFE SKILLS
- ENCOURAGING HEALTHY EATING HABITS
- STEP-BY-STEP SUPPORT IN A SMALL GROUP SETTING



WHY CHOOSE BLUE SKY LEARNING?

- ✓ SMALL GROUP SIZES
- ✓ EXPERIENCED, SUPPORTIVE STAFF
- ✓ CALM, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT
- ✓ FOCUS ON WELLBEING AND CONFIDENCE
- ✓ PERSON-CENTRED APPROACH (ALIGNED WITH SEND SUPPORT)

ART

OUR ART SESSIONS PROVIDE A CALM, SUPPORTIVE SPACE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN EXPLORE CREATIVITY, BUILD CONFIDENCE AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN A WAY THAT FEELS RIGHT FOR THEM.

TO BOOK EMAIL

ADMIN@BSLEUCATION.CO.UK

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



Free helpful online courses for parents/carers with children at primary school

Please book a place 7 days before the start date of each course. Join one or two!



Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change
Tuesday 2 June 10am - 12pm

Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry
Thursday 11 June 10:00am-12:00pm

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 old on 31 August 2025, 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.



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To register

Phone or text/Whatsapp **07463 111 006**

or email: **Wiltshire@bagsoftaste.org**

or you can sign up online: **<https://bagsoftaste.org/students>**

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Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.



All you need is a kitchen and a phone!

About the course

- **FREE**, ingredients included*
- Cook tasty, healthy meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

How does it work?

- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

How do I join?

- Register online: <https://bagsoftaste.org/students>
- Call/WhatsApp **07463 111 006**
- Email Wiltshire@bagsoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery



*For qualifying participants only



Calne
Town
Council

Hardship Fund

Help with
the Cost of
Shopping



The Council has made an immediate allocation of £5000 with an additional sum of money held in reserve.

Help with
Electricity and
Gas Bills



The immediate funds will be administered by Calne Town Charity.

Help buying
Domestic Home
Appliances



To be eligible for the **Hardship Fund** you must be a Calne Resident.

Hardship
Fund

Write to:
Calne Town Charity
Bank House
The Strand
Calne
SN11 0EN

Telephone:
01249 814000

Email:
calne@calne.gov.uk

Calne Town Charity exists to provide help to people who live in Calne. It does not give out cash, but can provide replacement household appliances (cooker, fridge, washing machine etc) or essential items of furniture like a child's bed, or help with gas or electricity bills. Evidence of Universal Credit is required where relevant. You can email calne@calne.gov.uk or phone 01249 814000 and ask for a form for Calne Town Charity, or visit the Council Offices at Bank House on the Strand in the middle of town. The council staff can help you fill in the form, if necessary.