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With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26



Marden Vale
CE Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only 3 days to go until the end of term and then it's another academic year completed! It has been a long and very hot term and everyone had pushed through the heat to continue with their learning journey. A huge thank you to you all for your support and ensuring your child/ren attend school and have everything they need. We wish our Year 6 children the very best as they move onto their next chapter at Secondary School. Please pop in and say hello!

I know children and staff are looking forward to a well deserved break. Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work and dedication they have shown throughout this academic year. You go above and beyond for the children of Marden Vale. Your work has not gone unnoticed and Miss Hagley and myself thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Just to remind you of the staffing arrangements for September;

Tadpole (EYFS) : Mrs Bathurst & Miss Walker

Butterfly (Year 1) : Miss Davidson & Miss Gisbourne

Otter (Year 2) : Mrs Langford, Mrs MacKay & Mrs Butler

Dragonfly (Year 3/4) : Miss Weare & Mrs Luker

Fox (Year 5) : Miss Lewis & Miss Van Maris

Kingfisher (Year 6) : Miss Templeton & Miss Burgess

Honeybees : Mrs Woodward (Mon/Tues/Wed), Miss Shima (Thurs/ Fri) Mrs Patrick, Mrs Eldridge & Miss C

Bumblebees : Miss Shima (Mon/Tues/Wed), Mrs Crawford (Thurs/Fri), Mrs Doggett, Mrs Paige & Mrs Matthews

Miss Hagley will be saying 'I Do' over the summer holidays and will return as Mrs Hagley-Smith.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and we will see you again on Wednesday 2nd September.

Mrs Louise Scrivens, Headteacher



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2025/26 DATES

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
20 th & 21 st July	Move up days	
22 nd July	LAST DAY OF TERM	

2026/27 DATES

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
1 st September	TD Day – not in school	
2 nd September	Start School	
9 th September	Open Evening for guardians – in Hall	3.30pm-4.30pm
14 th October	Year 5/6 school trip	
21 st October	iSingPop Year 4	
22 nd – 30 th October	HALF TERM	
2 nd November	Individual Photo’s	
9 th November	Flu Immunisations	
21 st December	Christmas Holidays	
4 th January	TD Day – not in school	
15 th -17 th March	Year 6 Residential	Grittleton House
17 th June	Year 6 leaver’s Service	Salisbury Cathedral

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

	W/E 3 rd July	W/E 10 th July	W/E 17 th July
TADPOLE	98.1%	 97.5%	95.7%
BUTTERFLY	92.1%	88.9%	96.3%
OTTER	92.1%	95.2%	 98%
DRAGONFLY	93.7%	96.1%	97.1%
FOX	 99.4%	91.8%	92.4%
KINGFISHER	91.7%	91.8%	96.3%
HIVE	94.8%	94.8%	85.2%

READS

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

50 Reads: Amelia, Bella M

100 Reads: Aris, Jessica, Farron, Alina, Harry B, Robbie, Remy

150 Reads: Kacey-Rose, Teegan, Leland, Cohen

300 Reads: Ezmee, Ella, Mitchell, Yusuf, Yvie, Ashley N, Charlie M

STARS OF THE WEEK

3rd July

Amber, Leighton, Maisie, Ava K, Charlie M, Amy W

10th July

George, Casey, Kingsley, Jaxson, Albert, Fox class, Sinead

ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school for any reason, 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. Please send in a copy of any appointments your child has e.g. hospital, educational assessments.

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Dragonfly at Bath Theatre

Dragonfly had their school trip to the Egg Theatre in Bath to watch The Secret Garden. This has followed on from visits from the production company in the weeks before the production. What truly magnificent experience for them all. They thoroughly enjoyed the show and they represented the school with great manners and behaviour.



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CHANGE OF PROVIDER & NEW ORDERING PROCEEDURE

From September, we will be changing our supplier for children's lunches. This will be Edward & Ward. Lunches are to be ordered using the Arbor Parent Portal. Please click on the link below for support in how to book your child(ren)s meals.

Please make sure you have access to your Arbor account and that this and all is working before the summer holidays. There will be no monitoring of school communications after Wednesday 21st July until we return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

There is a 2 week cut off time for ordering for the first week back. Please ensure your child(ren)s lunches are booked by Sunday 16th August.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) <i>or</i> Fiesta Beany Burrito with Jacket Wedges (Ve) Veg of the Day Banoffee Mousse (V) 	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) <i>or</i> Wholesome Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Swirl (Ve) 	Twisted Tomato Mac & Cheese (V) <i>or</i> Sweet Potato Korma with Rice (Ve) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Apple Whirl (Ve) 
TUESDAY	Classic Mac & Cheese (V) <i>or</i> Mild Chicken Korma with Rice Veg of the Day Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)	Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) <i>or</i> Penne with Beef Bolognese Veg of the Day Pinwheel Biscuits (Ve)	Penne with Harvest Bolognese (Ve) <i>or</i> Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Chocolate Snap (Ve)
WEDNESDAY	Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) <i>or</i> Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Apple Flapjack (Ve)	Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) <i>or</i> Roast Chicken & Stuffing Whirl with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) <i>or</i> Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Soft Baked Cookies (V)
THURSDAY	Rainbow Noodle Bowl (Ve) <i>or</i> Sausage with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Rich Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)	Cauli Cheese Bake with New Potatoes (V) <i>or</i> Spaghetti & Mighty Meatballs in Hero Sauce Veg of the Day Golden Apple Cake (V)	Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes (V) <i>or</i> Island-Style Chicken & Beans with Rice Veg of the Day Topsy-Turvy Pineapple Cake (V)
FRIDAY	Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) <i>or</i> Traditional Battered Fish with Chips Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Crispy Quorn Nuggets with Chips (Ve) <i>or</i> Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) <i>or</i> Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
	31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 4/1/27, 25/1/27	7/9/26, 28/9/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 30/11/26, 21/12/26, 11/1/27, 1/2/27	14/9/26, 5/10/26, 26/10/26, 16/11/26, 7/12/26, 28/12/26, 18/1/27, 8/2/27
	Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) and Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Filling (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread (Ve), salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and drinking water.		

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge will be Read to the Beat. Celebrating music and sound: exploring how music and storytelling unite. This year children aged 4 to 11 can personalise their challenge by selecting up to six reading goals. They'll collect stickers for each goal reached, with a medal and certificate for everyone who ticks off all six goals. Children can sign up for **free** at any Wiltshire library from Saturday 4 July to receive a free sticker booklet, helping boost their reading confidence and enjoyment. The Reading Challenge is produced by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with libraries across the country. The 2026 Challenge is powered by Universal Music UK and runs until Saturday 5 September.

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**Calne
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Hardship Fund



**Help with
the Cost of
Shopping**

**Help with
Electricity and
Gas Bills**

**Help buying
Domestic Home
Appliances**



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



The immediate funds will be administered by Calne Town Charity.



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.

“LEAVE ONLY PAWPRINTS” POSTER COMPETITION

We’re calling on children aged 4 to 14 to design eye-catching, imaginative posters that encourage people to clean up after their dogs. This is a great chance to combine creativity with an important public message about caring for our shared spaces.

🌟 Why take part?

- Inspire pupils to think about community responsibility and environmental care
- Showcase their artwork across Wiltshire – **winning designs will be turned into real posters** displayed in public spaces
- Add a creative, meaningful activity to your summer term

🏆 Competition details:

The competition is open to all children living in Wiltshire (excluding Swindon) and is split into three age categories:

- 4–6 years
- 7–10 years
- 11–14 years
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Each category winner will receive a £50 Amazon voucher, and their design will be professionally produced and shared across the county.

📎 How to enter:

The entry pack is attached to the email and can be found on the Newsletter section of our website OR it can be downloaded from this website link: [Enter the Leave Only Pawprints competition - Wiltshire Council](#)

You can also pick up packs at any Wiltshire Council library.



SUMMER TIME WORKSHOP

DATES:

27-31 JULY
24-28 AUGUST

FOR ALL AGES

OPEN TO ALL
CHILDREN - BSL
AND NON-BSL
STUDENTS
WELCOME

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9:00 - 12:30
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Winterbourne CC 30th & 31st July
Calne CC 11th & 12th August

Links in the description or contact
aled.evans@wiltshirecricket.co.uk