

11th September 2026

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 1



With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26



Marden Vale
CE Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays and it is amazing to have the Marden Vale family back together for another academic year. Those 5 ½ weeks have flown by! We hope you had time to recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. Take a moment to think of your favourite memory of the summer holidays and share this with your classmates, friends and family.

Thank you to those of you who attended the 'Parents in partnership' presentation on Wednesday afterschool. The flourishing agreement will be sent home with your child on Monday. If you missed the presentation, you can access it on the school website.

Please take a look at the 'Dates for your Diary'. We have a few events already booked in. Please click on the icons on the right to take you to the relevant sections of our website.

CLASS PE DAYS. Your child is to come into school wearing their PE kit on their scheduled PE day.

Butterfly – Monday & Friday

Otter – Wednesday & Friday

Dragonfly - Wednesday & Friday

Fox – Tuesday (Swimming) & Friday

Kingfisher – Tuesday & Friday

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Louise Scrivens, Headteacher



WEBSITE



LETTERS



INFORMATION



CALENDAR



NEWSLETTERS

Staffing in the office is:

Monday: Mrs Dade & Mrs Redford | Tuesday: Mrs Redford & Mrs Mearns
Wednesday: Mrs Dade | Thursday: Mrs Redford | Friday: Mrs Dade & Mrs Mearns.
Mrs Hamer will alternate between Wednesday & Thursday

D I A R Y D A T E S	2026/27 DATES		
	DATE	EVENT	NOTES
	8 th September – 17 th November	Year 5 Swimming	Every Tuesday
	17 th September	KGA Opening Evening	
	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	
	4 th March	World Book Day	30 th Anniversary
	15 th -17 th March	Year 6 Residential	Grittleton House
	26 th March	Bank Holiday	
	29 th March – 9 th April	EASTER BREAK	
	12 th April	TD Day – not in school	
	3 rd May	Bank Holiday	
	31 st May	Bank Holiday	
	1 st – 4 th June	HALF TERM	
	17 th June	Year 6 leaver’s Service	Salisbury Cathedral
	25 th & 28 th June	TD Day – not in school	
	30 th June	Year 6 Transition Day a KGA	
	7 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at KGA	

PARENT ADMIN

Welcome back to school. With every new academic year comes admin.

As we gather together to start the academic year, illnesses start to increase, especially coughs/colds. You should try to bring your child into school and if they become too unwell we will send your child home. There is a 48hr isolation period from those suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting. If your child is unwell, please inform the school office by either email admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk or via phone/voicemail on 01249 813505. All absences should be reported by 9am.

Attendance will be closely monitored throughout each half term and meetings will be held for families where attendance shows signs of decreasing. This is to see how we can help you and your child improve as we continue throughout the year.

For all medical appointment absences (e.g. hospital, doctors, dentist), we will require a copy of the letter/SMS appointment confirmation.

We appreciate that getting a doctors appointment is hard to get, this is why the NHS provide a Pharmacy First service. They can help with the following conditions: UTI's, Shingles, Sinusitis, Impetigo, Ear infections, Insect bites, sore throats and more.



If you child uses an inhaler in school, please make sure a new inhaler is handed into the school office. You will be required to sign a new Asthma form and this will then be kept with your child's inhaler in their classroom.

Please use Arbor to inform us of any changing circumstances or consent/decline things like: Walk Home alone (year 5 & 6 only), Calpol, allergies.

All school meals are to be booked via Arbor. There is a 2 week cut off for any orders.

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

	W/E 4 th September	W/E 11 th September
TADPOLE	90.7%	93.8%
BUTTERFLY	97.4%	95.3%
OTTER	 100%	 99.3%
DRAGONFLY	 100%	97.3%
FOX	97.3%	89.9%
KINGFISHER	93.9%	93.4%
HIVE	78.6%	88.9%

STARS OF THE WEEK

4th September

NJ, Luna, Zayne, Elsie, Kyle

11th September

Hudson, Alfie, Morgan, Abel,
Mitchell

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To register

Phone or text/Whatsapp 07463 111 006
or email: Wiltshire@bagssoftaste.org
or you can sign up online: <https://bagssoftaste.org/students>

Wiltshire Council

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://bagssoftaste.org/students>
- Call/WhatsApp 07463 111 006
- Email Wiltshire@bagssoftaste.org

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



LEARN TO COOK



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TUESDAYS 5-6PM



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Family and Community Learning Courses September - November 2026

Family Skills

Course	Date	Day	Time	Sessions	Location
Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry	17/09/2026	Thursday	10:00-12:00	1	Online
Supporting My Teen with Anxiety	18/09/2026	Friday	10:00-12:00	1	Online
Understanding School Anxiety: the early signs of EBSA	12/10/2026	Monday	10:00-12:00	1	Online
Understanding School Anxiety: the early signs of EBSA	26/11/2026	Thursday	10:00-12:00	1	Online

Adult Skills and Wellbeing

Course	Date	Day	Time	Sessions	Location
Communication for Work	04/09/2026	Thursday	13:00-15:30	1	Trowbridge Museum
Grow Your Community <i>Welcome Meeting 9/09/26</i>	16/09/2026	Wednesday	13:00-15:00	10	Studley Green Community Centre
Resilience and Readiness <i>Welcome Meeting 14/09/26</i>	21/09/2026	Monday	10:00-14:30	12	Trowbridge Town Hall/Museum AND online
Achieve Programme <i>Welcome Meeting 17/09/26 or 24/09/26</i>	01/10/2026	Thursday	10:00-15:00	12	Salisbury St Pauls Church Centre Hub Room

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Course	Date	Day	Time	Sessions	Location
Boost your English <i>Welcome Meeting 3/09/26 or 8/09/26</i>	10/09/2026	Thursday	10:00-12:00	10	Online
Developing English Skills <i>Welcome Meeting 07/09/26</i>	14/09/2026	Monday	10:30-12:30	10	St Andrew's Hall Tidworth
Developing English Skills <i>Welcome Meeting 07/09/26</i>	14/09/2026	Monday	11:00-13:00	10	Bemerton Heath Community Centre Salisbury
New to English <i>Welcome Meeting 07/09/26</i>	14/09/2026	Monday	12:30-14:30	10	Chippenham Community Hub
New to English <i>Welcome Meeting 09/09/26</i>	16/09/2026	Wednesday	12:30-14:30	10	Trowbridge Town Hall
New to English <i>Welcome Meeting 10/09/26</i>	17/09/2026	Thursday	10:00-12:00	10	Warminster Baptist Church

Understanding School Anxiety: Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)**Monday 12 October 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm****Thursday 26 November 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

An opportunity for parents and carers to learn about the early signs of school anxiety, practical support strategies, and ask questions to an Educational Psychologist.

Bookings can be made via the QR codes on the attached posters, by emailing familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk, or by calling **01225 770478**.

**Online Course****Understanding School Anxiety**
Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance**Two Dates Available:****Monday 12 October 10:00-12:00****Thursday 26 November 10:00-12:00**

**Booking
closes 7
days before
course start
date**



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with school based anxiety and worry
- Practical ways to support school attendance
- Educational Psychologist available to answer questions

**For bookings and enquiries: scan the QR code,
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk**

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain 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 status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

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Supporting My Teen with Anxiety**Friday 18 September 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Supporting parents and carers of teenagers to understand anxiety and develop practical strategies for supporting emotional wellbeing.

Bookings can be made via the QR codes on the attached posters, by emailing familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk, or by calling **01225 770478**.

Family and Community Learning**Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions****Online Course****Supporting My Teen with Anxiety****Friday 18 September 10:00 - 12:00****Book by
11 September
2026**

- Understand the challenges teens face and how anxiety affects them
- Learn practical ways to boost your teen's emotional wellbeing at home
- Discover strategies to help your teen manage anxiety 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 £26,800 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.

Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry**Thursday 17 September 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Suitable for parents and carers of primary school-aged children.

Bookings can be made via the QR codes on the attached posters, by emailing familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk, or by calling **01225 770478**.

Family and Community Learning
Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions**Helping My Child with
Anxiety and Worry****Thursday
17 September
10:00-12:00
Online**

- Understand how to support wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family
- Suitable for parents/carers with primary school aged children

Booking closes 10 September

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
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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
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To be eligible for the **Hardship Fund** you must be a Calne Resident.

Hardship
Fund

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Bank House
The Strand
Calne
SN11 0EN

Telephone:
01249 814000

Email:
calne@calne.gov.uk

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