

Issue 11 14th March 2025



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

This Term's value is RESPECT



Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

I was fortunate to go on the trip to Birmingham for the Young Voices concert with years 5 and 6. The children were an absolute credit to you as parents and to Marden Vale – they did us proud! May I take this opportunity to thank the staff who put so much time and effort into organising the trip and ensuring the children knew all the words! Thanks to Mrs Bathurst, Miss McDonald, Mrs Matthews, Miss Burgess and Mrs Luker.

A huge THANK YOU also to the Friends of Marden Vale for the fabulous t-shirts and to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes or money – this enabled us to offer the trip for free to the children.

If you think you could offer prizes for future raffles or your time to support Friends of Marden Vale, please contact the office.

There is still lots happening this term, so please make sure you make a note of the dates so that you don't miss anything.

I would also like to share with you that our before and after school club now runs from 7:30am and finishes at 5:30pm. There is a variety of activities on offer and the children will also get a hot meal if they are staying until 5:30pm. Please book your child(ren) into club using Arbor. Topup payments can be made on Arbor and a balance should be available prior to booking your club place. All accounts are to be settled by the end of each month.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Scrivens, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th March: Year 6 SATs Workshop 4.15pm-5.15pm

2nd & 3rd April: Parents Evening

4th April: TD Day—Children not in school

7th-21st April: EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April: Back to School

5th May: Bank holiday—Children not in school

7th May: Year 5 trip to Ramsbury Manor

26th-30th May: HALF TERM

3rd June: Class Photos

12th June: Year 6 Leavers' Service

18th-20th June: Year 6 Residential

25th June: Year 5 Taster Day at Abbeyfield

23rd-26th June: Year 6 Bikeability

28th June: Calne Carnival

2nd July: Year 6 Transition day at KGA

4th July: Thrive Fest

9th July: Year 5 Taster Day at KGA

7th-10th July: Year 6 Swimming

14th-17th July: Year 6 Swimming

21st-25th July: Year 6 KGA Summer School

24th July: Last day of Term

25th July: SUMMER HOLIDAY'S BEGINS

Sheldon Taster Days: 11th June, 25th June, 2nd July

TD Days for next Academic Year

1st & 2nd September, 13th February, 26th June.

1 date to be confirmed



Stars of the week

14th March



TADPOLE	Reme E
BUTTERFLY	Jaxson E
OTTER	Teegan H
DRAGONFLY	Rueban W
FOX	Ezmee S
KINGFISHER	Megan K
THE HIVE	Millie H Ronnie W

21st March

TADPOLE	Mason M
BUTTERFLY	Rhyell M
OTTER	Harvey G Joan F
DRAGONFLY	Mitchell N
FOX	Harry S
KINGFISHER	Betty P
THE HIVE	Freddie B Kasper N



Weekly Attendance Winners

In addition to individual attendance, we like to celebrate class attendance on a weekly basis.

Winners of week ending 14th March

1st — Dragonfly 100%

2nd— Otter 96%

3rd— Butterfly 95.8%

Winners of week ending 21st March

1st — Butterfly 99.1%

2nd— Kingfisher 99%

3rd— Dragonfly 97.2%

World Book Day



We had a magical World Book Day, celebrating in our cosy pyjamas!

Taking part in World Book Day encourages our young readers to find the fun and enjoyment in reading. Reading improves our imagination, language and understanding of text and stories but also to help us relax. Just 5 minutes a day for children makes a huge impact and when they read to others, whether friends or family, they can show their passion and excitement for learning new things.

*Reading is the
window
to the world*

Girls Football Festival

We were excited to take some of our year 5 and 6 girls to the biggest ever girls Football event at Abbeyfield on 7th March. Schools came together to share the love of Football. Each team was made up of a mixture of girls from different schools which encouraged socialisation, making new friends and working together as a team. They all displayed team spirit and made Marden Vale proud with their impeccable behaviour.

Well done Lucy, Daisy, Torrah, Lillie, Riley, Ashanti, Scarlett, Erin, Lexi, Autumn, Sienna, Tilly, Leela, Avalyn.



Well done

girls



Cricket

This year's Allstars and Dynamos programmes at Calne Cricket Club are now live and that registration for the 2025 programmes is now open.

You can find the links below which contain all the information needed to register.

If you have any further questions please contact myself on calneccyouth@gmail.com.

[Clubspark / All Stars / Coaching / Course](#)

[Clubspark / Dynamos / Coaching / Course](#)

[Clubspark / Dynamos / Coaching / Course - Girls Only](#)

Code of Conduct

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some inappropriate use of language in the presence of the school children. Any type of aggressive behaviour and verbal abuse is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

If you have any concerns regarding your child or anyone else, please talk directly to the class teacher rather than approaching other families. We always work hard to embed our school values, particularly respect of ourselves and others. Please support us in this by considering how to model this positively when talking in front of the children.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is being held on **Wednesday 2nd April 3.35pm—5.30pm** and **Thursday 3rd April 3.30pm-6pm**.

Parents evening slots must be booked via Arbor. If you don't yet have the Arbor Parent App, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. It is important to make time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress within school work and how to help with their educational journey at home.

Bookings will go live on Wednesday 19th March. Separate appointments can be made for parents/carers.



FRIENDS OF MARDEN VALE

Upcoming FOM Events

Spring 2



Easter raffle: We will be running a colouring competition. There is a £1 entry fee with the prize being a chocolate hamper. Templates will be given to your child(ren) via the class teacher in March to be returned by 22nd April. These will be judged and winners will be announced on 23rd April. More copies will be available in the school office. Please return your entry with the £1 fee. There will be a EYFS/KS1 and KS2 competition. The tombola will be drawn on 26th March.



Disco

The Valentines disco raised a massive £306.16 for Friends of Marden Vale. Funds raised are used to support the school in many ways e.g. events, school trips.

We know all the children had an amazing time.



Summer 1

Carnival – 28th June.
 Theme 'The Greatest Marden Show'



Summer 2

Marden Vale Rocks



FUEL
The free holiday activity and food programme

Easter 2025
Booking now open

Hot Meal provided

Science and Technology
Creative Crafts
Photography
Dance and Gymnastics
Sports
Skate and Scooter
Performing Arts

Booking Essential
Booking closes **30 March**

[Click here for more information and booking](#)



Department for Education

Wiltshire Council



Camp Locations

Up to four days at each location

Malmesbury
Malmesbury CoFE Primary School

Chippenham
Sheldon School
The Rise Community Hub

Corsham
The Pound Arts Centre
Springfield Campus

Bradford on Avon
Fitzmaurice Primary School

Trowbridge
St Augustine's Catholic College
Rode Common Farm, Southwick
West Wilts Gymnastics

Westbury
Leighton Recreation Centre
Westbury Skate Park

Warminster
St George's Catholic School

Mere
Youth Centre



Royal Wootton Bassett
Lime Kiln Leisure Centre
Wootton Bassett Infants' School

Calne
Calne Leisure Centre

Marlborough
Transport to Calne Leisure Centre

Devizes
Devizes Leisure Centre

Melksham
Melksham Community Campus
King George V Park

Tidworth
Wellington Lions Primary Academy

Amesbury
Amesbury Youth Activities Space
Transport from Amesbury to Sarum Academy, Salisbury

Salisbury
Sarum Academy

Food

F is for Food! You will receive a nutritious lunch each day and you'll also have fun and keep fit!

Unity

Unity means making new friends in your community, while friendly staff are supportive and understanding.

Energy

Take part in a range of activities that will keep you energised, exercised and educated.

Laughter

There will be plenty of opportunities for fun and laughter throughout the programme and opportunities to learn new life-skills.



DFE Funded FUEL Programme

We are delighted that the Department for Education has confirmed funding for the FUEL programme to run at Easter, Summer and Christmas in 2025. The programme is funded to provide activities and meals free of charge for children who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals

In 2024, FUEL provided nearly 20,000 meals and activity places for more than 2,000 children who were booked on to the programme. Our Easter 2025 programme will run 14 – 17 April across the County.

Places on the FUEL Programme

All families who have previously booked onto the programme will be notified directly when booking is open. We would love to support more children in 2025 and welcome your support with encouraging families to book places on activities

Places can also be requested for children who are refugees, are in care, are young carers or who may be vulnerable during the school holidays. The number of places available for these children are limited but we do our best to support as many as we can.

FUEL Booking System

Families can make and manage bookings on our FUEL booking system using the link below. More information about the programme and eligibility is also available on the website below. Booking opens on **6 March** and close on **30 March**.

FUEL Resources

Resources for promoting the programme are also available on Right Choice, please visit the resource page below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk



Download the NEW

Growing Well Wiltshire App



Scan the QR code or search for "Growing Well Wiltshire"



Wiltshire Council

www.wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk



Marden Vale has taken part in the PINS Project. PINS stands for Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. Wiltshire Parent/Carer Council (WPCC) have been working with our school to build stronger relationships between Parent/Carers and schools by organising group sessions enabling us to listen to your feedback and build new links between you and school professionals along with signposting and supporting parents as best we can.

NHS England would like to invite all parents to fill out a questionnaire using the link below so we are able to evaluate the work done thus far. All responses will be private and confidential. Feedback and learning gathered through this project will be anonymized before sharing. Please complete by the 19th March 2025.

Link for questionnaire <https://www.menti.com/al9owido6s19>

Best Wishes,

The PINS team

Together

we help you to support your child

#TogetherWeHelp



Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

at Calne Library The Strand SN11 0JU

Tuesday 1st April 2025 10am - 12pm



Positive and realistic help for family life

- ✓ Explore the difference between anxiety and worry
- ✓ Understand how anxiety can affect learning
- ✓ Learn practical techniques and calming activities
- ✓ Manage anxiety and support wellbeing

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk or call the FaCL team on 01225 770478

Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/> or scan the QR code

Our courses are free if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt, including resettlement schemes), have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military family, foster carer/care leaver/carer, have a disability.



CHALLENGE | ASPIRE | NETWORK

Bookings can be made by email to familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk, by phone on 01225 770478, or by completing an online enrolment form ([Enrolment - Work Wiltshire](#)).



For families of children aged 0-5 yrs

Five To Thrive



Join us for fun filled practical sessions where we can share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your child.

For more information or to book a space contact us on:
0800 970 4669
www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Monkton Park, Chippenham
10.00 am - 11.00 am
Wednesdays
23rd April -
21st May 2025



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Royal Wotton Bassett Library
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Fridays
25th April -
23rd May 2025



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Join us on Microsoft Teams
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm
Tuesdays
6th May -
10th June 2025



For non-mobile babies from 6 weeks old

Baby Massage

- Massage helps you and baby learn to communicate with each other.
- Learn about baby's subtle cues and be responsive to them too.
- Increases your confidence as a parent. Studies show it can reduce postnatal depression.
- Helps with specific conditions like wind, colic and teething discomfort.
- Baby feels secure, loved and respected.



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0800 970 4669
Wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether

Join us at:
Calne Library, The Strand,
Calne, SN11 0JU
Starting On:
Fridays
25th April - 23rd May 2025
10.30am - 12.00pm





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Mondays
2nd June-
30th June 2025



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Wednesdays
4th June-
2nd July 2025



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THE £1MILLION SOFA STOCK CLEARANCE EVENT

We are the makers of some of Britain's biggest sofa brands, including G Plan, Parker Knoll, Duresta, The Lounge Co and Collins & Hayes.



This time of year we often have unusually high quantities of cancelled orders, ex-display models and production overruns, so we're hosting a huge stock clearance event at our official factory outlet store in Chippenham.

Save up to 80% OFF the RRP on a stunning range of premium sofas, sofa beds, chairs and footstools, all hand-crafted in the UK.

17TH - 31ST MARCH

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