



Issue 8 31st January 2025

With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

This Term's value is PERSERVERANCE



Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the local businesses who have generously donated prizes for our raffle—they are fabulous! The money raised will go towards funding our trip to Young Voices.



Parking

Please can I remind you that we operate a drop and drive in the morning—please do not park in the school car park. We do this to keep everyone safe. Also, when parking to drop your child(ren) off at school please abide by the highway code and be respectful of our neighbours.

A reminder that school starts at 8.40am with registration at 8.55am. Please ensure your child(ren) are at school on time.



Mrs Louise Scrivens
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13th February: FOM's Valentine Disco
- 14th February: TD Day—Children not in school
- 17th-21st February: HALF TERM**
- 27th February: Year 5/6 Young Voices
- 4th April: TD Day—Children not in school
- 7th-21st April: EASTER HOLIDAY**
- 22nd April: Back to 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
- 23rd-26th June: Year 6 Bikeability
- 28th June: Carnival
- 2nd July: Year 6 Transition day KGA
- 4th July: Thrive Fest
- 9th July: Year 5 Taster Day KGA
- 7th-10th July: Year 6 Swimming
- 14th-17th July: Year 6 Swimming
- 24th July: Last day of Term

25th July: SUMMER HOLIDAY'S BEGINS



Stars of the week

24th January



TADPOLE	Kingsley M
BUTTERFLY	Ellie K
OTTER	Bobby P
DRAGONFLY	Ashley N
FOX	Sinead N
KINGFISHER	Brooke B
THE HIVE	Mason H Ronnie W

31st January



TADPOLE	Daniel G
BUTTERFLY	Isaac B
OTTER	Renaë B
DRAGONFLY	Kacey-Rose C
FOX	Oscar B
KINGFISHER	Autumn M
THE HIVE	Mason H



On Time, All Day, Every Day

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Weekly Attendance Winners

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

Winners of week ending 24th January

1st — Kingfisher 100%

2nd — Tadpole 99.1%

3rd — Dragonfly 97.9%

Winners of week ending 31st January

1st — Fox 96.9%

2nd — Kingfisher 95.5%

3rd — Butterfly & Otter 94.4%

Absences

If your child is unwell, please call the school on 01249 813505 or email admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk. You can speak to the office directly or leave a message on our voicemail. Please state the name of your child, class and reason for absence e.g. symptoms of illness. Please make sure you contact the school for everyday your child is absent.

For any hospital appointments, please send a copy of the letter to admin@mardenvale.dsat.org.uk.

For any other absences e.g. religious, holidays, bereavement, please complete a Leave of Absence form. This can be collected from the school office.

Year 5 Taster Days

Sheldon School are inviting our Year 5 pupils to an opt-in Taster day. These days involve six lessons from across different faculties, a free lunch and an opportunity to meet other year 5 pupils from different schools. They are very popular and help Year 5 pupils to experience a 'Year 7' day at Sheldon School!

The dates are: 11th June, 25th June, 2nd July.

The days start with pupils being dropped off at reception at 9.00am and collected at 2.30pm. Lessons include Science, PE, Art, Performing Arts and a Library session.

To book a place you will need to do so by emailing tasterdays@sheldonschool.co.uk

More information can be found on their website <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/admissions/opt-in-taster-days/>

Mini Police

Roast safety in action with the Mini Police!

PCSO Cook and PC Dorey from the Calne Neighbourhood team visited us to deliver an engaging session on road safety and speed awareness for the Mini Police cohort.

The session covered essential road safety advice to help keep our young ones safe. A big highlight for the pupils? Getting hands on experience with the speed detection device!

It is vital to start educating on road safety from an early age and the Mini Police showed just how eager they were to learn and make a difference.



Free Dinners

We currently have a number of child size frozen meals at school that we would like to offer to families. If are interested, please contact the school office/Mrs Eugene Gooch who will organise this for you.



NHS Pharmacy First Service

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Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Valentine's Hamper

Year 5 & 6 are raising money to help represent Marden Vale at Young Voices in Birmingham in February. Young Voices is the largest school choir concert in the world with over 200,000 children participating. Our children are very excited to be taking part.

Our Year 5 & 6 class have made 6 Valentine Hampers. Examples of prizes are: chocolate, alcohol, spa products, gift vouchers, facial/body massage voucher, meal for 2, swimming lessons. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning, raffle tickets are available to purchase for **£5 each or 5 for £20**. For every strip of 5 tickets, the 5th one will be entered into a separate drawer for our Star prize...a **Dyson Supersonic Hairdryer!** They will be available to purchase from Monday 3rd February after school and via the school office thereafter.



MARDEN VALE'S

VALENTINE'S

DISCO

FEBRUARY 13TH

EYFS/KS1 4PM-5PM

KS2 5.15PM-6.15PM

ENTRY £2

Entry includes drink and snack
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE 2 ITEMS FOR £1

SMALL POCKET MONEY VALENTINES GIFT SHOP ALSO AVAILABLE

Family & Community Learning

Upcoming Family and Community Learning courses. There is specific funding criteria set out by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. The eligibility requirements are:

- Learners must be aged 19+ by 31 August 2024 to enrol this academic year.
- Learners must have a Wiltshire postcode (or a child at school in Wiltshire) and they must have lived in the UK/EU for three years prior to the course (certain immigration statuses exempt).
- Learners must also be either on a lower income, or in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit).

We can also sign learners up if they meet one of the following:

- Have school-aged children who qualify for Free School Meals (on low income - earning less than £25,000pa)
- Currently unemployed and would like to work in the future
- Have refugee status
- Foster Carer/Care Leaver/Carer
- Military Family/ Ex-Armed Forces Personnel
- Have a Learning Difficulty or Disability (including severe anxiety)

T:01225 770478 |

Email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

The posters are attached to this newsletter

Start date	Day of the week	Course	Time	Location	No. Sessions
06/02/2025	Thursday	Supporting My Teen with Wellbeing	10:00-12:00	Online	1
10/02/2025	Monday	Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry	10:00-12:00	Online	1
26/02/2025	Wednesday	Helping my child Build Concentration and Resilience	12:15-14:15	Online	1
28/02/2025	Friday	Helping my child with Anxiety and Worry	10:00-12:00	Online	1
12/03/2025	Wednesday	Supporting My Teen with Wellbeing	12:45-14:45	Online	1



Half Term Camps & Activities

WILTSHIRE SPORTS ACADEMY: CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CAMP

[Champions League Camp | Wiltshire Sports Academy](#)

Event Details

Days: 17th – 21st February (Monday – Friday, 5 days)

School Years: Reception to Yr 11

Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm (drop off from 8:30 am)

Cost: Single Player: £19 per day, Siblings & WFA JPL members: £16 per day

Venue: Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association, Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Brinkworth Rd, RWB, Swindon, SN4 8DS

Coaches: All coaches are FA/UEFA qualified with CRB, Emergency Aid, Child Protection certification and are fully insured.



[February Half Term at the REME Museum](#)

Day Events:

'Build a Tank' Junk Modelling

Every day Tuesday - Friday

LEGO® Engineering Workshops—Pre-bookable

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

All activities included in museum entry fee

VE Day 80: Escape Room Trail—Pre-bookable

All activities included in museum entry fee.

Address:

MoD Lyneham, Lyneham, SN15 4XX

Phone: 01249 894869

Email: enquiries@rememuseum.org.uk

The REME Museum is on the route 55 bus route.

Braeside Education Centre

February Half Term Activity Days! £40 per day

Adventure - Challenge - Fun

For ages: 8 – 12 years
(Siblings up to 14 years)

Drop Off - 8:30am – 9:00am
Pick Up - 4:30pm – 5:00pm

Monday 17th – High Ropes Day
Leap of Faith, High All Aboard, Crate Stacking, Parallel Poles

Tuesday 18th – Survival Day
Fire Lighting, Shelter Building, Survival Craft

Wednesday 19th – Climbing Day
Climbing Wall, Zip-Wire, Abseiling

Thursday 20th – Mixed Activity Day
Archery, Life Line, Low Ropes, Orienteering

Please book online by visiting
www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

Contact us for more details;
01380 722637
info@braeside-education.co.uk

Braeside Education Centre

Activities will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.