



Malvern Wells C.E Primary Newsletter

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2026



Mrs Dainty
Head of School:



Mrs Alford
Executive
Head Teacher:

> Let your light shine <

Weekly note from Mrs Alford,

What a beautiful, sunny week we have had!

You will notice that this week's newsletter is much longer than usual. As a staff team, we have been talking about how we can reduce the number of parent communications we send each week. At times, having multiple emails can lead to errors, repeated information or, occasionally, conflicting messages. Going forward, we are using the newsletter as our single source of information, so please do take the time to read through it carefully and delve into the information shared here. This will help us to make sure that everyone has the same information and that nothing important is missed.

Early Reading: a priority for us all

One of our key priorities in school is Early Reading, particularly for children who are not yet reading fluently. While we are working very hard on this in school, developing reading fluency is something that works best when school and home work together.

We are asking all parents and carers to try to hear your child read or read to your child at least three times a week. This doesn't always have to mean sitting down with a school reading book.



It could be:

- Books sent home from school
- Books from home
- Street signs
- Magazines
- Notices or other everyday texts

The important thing is that children have regular opportunities to practise turning letter sounds into words and phrases. This regular practice is a really important part of developing reading fluency. We also know that parents often ask for more variety in reading books. While we completely understand this, research shows that rereading the same text is an important part of becoming a fluent reader. The repetition helps children build confidence, accuracy and automaticity. So, please don't worry if your child is reading the same book again and again. This repetition is a valuable part of their reading journey.

Finally, we recognise that for some families, reading at home can be a real struggle. Please don't feel worried or embarrassed about this. If you are finding reading at home difficult, we really encourage you to talk to your child's class teacher. We are here to support you and your child, and working together is the best way we can help them become confident, fluent readers.

School Uniform

A reminder for all parents

Please ensure that your child wearsth school uniform to school each day.

No variations are accepted, such as joggers, different coloured tops or trainers.

Items do not need to be branded with the school logo, but should match our uniform policy.



The school office has some spare items available for a small donation, especially size 9-10 jumpers. Please also make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your support

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 7 October

Harvest Festival at All Saints Church: 9.00–10.00am

Key Information for the Morning



Arrival: All children should go directly to All Saints Church between 8.40am and 8.50am, rather than coming to school first.



Uniform: Children should arrive in their usual school uniform and bring their belongings for the day.



Breakfast Club: Children attending WAC Breakfast Club can enjoy 'Breakfast Club on Tour' at the church from 8.00am.



Festival: The Harvest Festival service will run from 9.00–10.00am.



Travel to Church:



Reception and KS1 will travel by coach.



KS2 will walk to All Saints Church.



Older Children and Staff: Older children and staff will be walking back to school under the supervision of staff.

Harvest Donations

We would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food items to support those in need.

Suggested donations include:

- Tinned meat, vegetables and fruit
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereals
- Soup
- Biscuits
- UHT milk, tea, coffee and sugar
- Canned beans and pulses



Please ensure that donations are in date, non-perishable and in suitable packaging.



A LOOK AT NEXT WEEK

28 SEP- 02 OCT 2026

Monday, 28:

Class 1 & 2 Forest School, collection @ school 15:15

Class 3 Forest School, collect @ St Wulstan's 15:20

Nintendo Club 3.30-4.15

Tuesday, 29:

Class 3 Boundless information meeting: 15:20

Dance Club 3.25-4.25

Wednesday, 30:

Thursday, 01:

Coding Club 3.15-4:30

Bootcamp Club 3.30-4.00

Friday, 02:

Best Seats Cafe' All Welcome 08:40

School Games: Y5 & 6 Cross Country 14:30 collection from Malvern Common

Knitting Club 3.25-4.05

Maths Club 3.25-4.00

No Math Club 2 OCT



Maths Club Update

Please note that there will be a change to the usual Friday arrangements, as children will be attending the Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Championships.

Children will be collected from Malvern Common at **2:30pm**, so Maths Club will not run on this occasion.

Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Championships

Children should be collected at **14:30** from Malvern Common after the Year 6 Cross Country Championships.

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

IMPORTANT DATES

October

Wednesday, 07:

- Harvest Festival @ All Saints 9-10AM, WAC from 8AM
- PTA AGM , 7:30pm Alturo Lounge, all parents/carers/broader families welcome**

Friday, 09:

INSET Day, no pupils

Thursday, 15-Friday, 16:

Class 3 Boundless Residential 1 Night

Tuesday, 20 & Wednesday, 21:

Parents Evening

Monday 26- Friday 30,

Hal Term

Children return 2 November

*Make sure hot lunches are not booked where applicable (Black Pepper).



Star of the week

★ Class 1 · Reception Lola & Luna	★ Class 2 · Years 1 & 2 Charlie B & Sophie
★ Class 3 · Years 3 & 4 Issy & Reuben	★ Class 4 · Years 5 & 6 Thomas & Ava

Attendance this week Whole School Target: 96%

School attendance this week: 95.8%

Class 1, Reception: 98.7%

Class 2, Y1 & Y2: 98.2%

Class 3: Y3 & Y4: 95%

Class 4: Y5 & Y6: 91.3%

Recommended reading

Year 1 & Year 2

Useful website: Best children's books -Curriculum Topic Booklists

**Year 1** (ages 5-6)

2026-2027 Booklist

50 Recommended Reads



Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-1 to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

Find booklists by age or topic at booksfortopics.com

Books for Topics

**Year 2** (ages 6-7)

2026-2027 Booklist

50 Recommended Reads



Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-2 to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

Find booklists by age or topic at booksfortopics.com

Books for Topics

Highlight of the Week

Class 1

As autumn begins to arrive, Class 1 have been busy getting creative with colourful leaves and exploring conkers. We've also started learning all about owls and discovering some fascinating facts about these amazing birds!

Class 2

Maths has been full of practical fun this week as Class 2 have been exploring the number 10. Using a range of resources, we've discovered lots of different ways to make 10 and enjoyed getting creative with our mathematical thinking.

Class 3

Time travel has been on the agenda for Class 3! We've been learning about the three different periods of the Stone Age, while also putting our teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test by building animal shelters in Forest School.

Class 4

Creativity has taken centre stage in Class 4 as we continued making our food sculptures this week. Alongside our artistic work, we've been unpicking new vocabulary during guided reading and developing our understanding of the words we encounter.



Reading together at home

A special well done...

to all the children who have already been reading regularly at home.

We would like to remind all families of the importance of sharing books and reading together at home.

Small steps make big readers!

Regular reading helps children to:

- develop their vocabulary
- improve comprehension
- build fluency
- grow confidence

and also encourage a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

Please continue to support your child by reading with them regularly.

As an added incentive, children who read **five times** will receive a prize from our prize box (in class 3 and 4).

Well done readers!

We look forward to celebrating their continued reading success!

Open Day



MALVERN WELLS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs Jen Alford
Executive Head

Mrs Ali Dainty
Head of School

OPEN DAY

for prospective parents and families

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
9:30am - 11:30am

We would be delighted to welcome you to our wonderful school

Please contact the school office to book a slot:
01684 561179 | **office@mwprimary.co.uk**

Open Day

**Hanley Castle High School
and Sixth Form Centre**



YEAR 7

Open Evening – Thursday 8th October 2026
Tours from 6.00pm No need to book a place - last conducted tours 6.45pm

Open Mornings – 7th and 8th October 2026
Tours start at 9.15am

Please book for either day using the following link: [Click Here](https://www.hanleycastle.worcs.sch.uk/prospective-parents/)

- ✓ Traditional values and high standards of behaviour
- ✓ Challenging academic curriculum
- ✓ High achieving and heavily oversubscribed
- ✓ Focused on developing good character and kindness
- ✓ Fantastic enrichment and extracurricular opportunities



HUET Visit: <https://www.hanleycastle.worcs.sch.uk/prospective-parents/>

Free Parent Talk

FREE talk for parents
22 October 7-8pm

If you don't have time to listen
Just book online and receive a link to the recording available for 48 hours



ADHD & Homework
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Free event

Class 3 Forest School

REMINDER



Forest School takes place
every Monday.

Please ensure children come dressed in:



Navy or black leggings/joggers



Long-sleeved top



PE hoodie or Malvern Wells school jumper/cardigan



Trainers



Raincoat



Wellies on wet/muddy days

Thank you for helping your child come prepared for an enjoyable Forest School session!

RGS Worcester

Sport Taster Morning

Please do come and join us for a fun morning of Sport at RGS Worcester for boys and girls of all abilities in Years Five and Six from schools across the local area

Saturday 3 October 2026
8.30am - 12.00noon



Parents are invited to stay for a welcome presentation by the Director of Sport in Perrins Hall, RGS Worcester, at 9.00am

This is a FREE event. To reserve your child's place please register by scanning the QR Code, email: sport@rgsw.org.uk or telephone: 01905 613391. Pupils from the RGS Prep Schools will be invited to take part in separate Sports Taster events.

