Malvern Wells CE Primary Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2026



Congrats



Mrs Dainty
Head of School:

Mrs Alford
Executive Head Teacher:

Let your light shine



Weekly note from Mrs Alford...

What a great first week back at the Wells! Our whole school trip to Thinktank in Birmingham was a roaring success. The children had the most wonderful time exploring, asking questions and getting hands on with science. I love what a trip like this gives our children. Spending a day somewhere so different from Malvern opens a window onto life in modern Britain beyond our own community.

It was also such a pleasure to welcome so many new families to our Open Day. Our Year 5 and 6 children were wonderful hosts, showing visitors around and talking about their school with real warmth and pride. So many families took the time to tell us how impressed they were by our older children. It was lovely to hear, and I hope the children feel as proud of themselves as we do of them.

Positive Play is off to a flying start too. The space hoppers have been the craze of the week, with children and staff getting in on the fun. I got a little too carried away and managed to pull a muscle in my back. I think I'll leave the competitive hopping to the children next week!

I am looking forward to joining our footballers this afternoon for the second round of the cup. We have had a warm up of our tactics in a lunch time hockey tournament!

Finally for this week, huge contratulations to Mrs Dainty for finishing the work content for her L5 Leadership apprenticeship. It has been a huge workload on top of her role as Head of School and no doubt a relief to press 'Submit'. We are very proud of you!

A Huge Thank You!

Making a difference

What do you get when two amazing volunteers team up?

18 bags of weeds and leaves, two very enthusiastic mums, and one wonderfully tidy playground!

A huge thank you to Beth and Dani, who spent the day weeding, pruning and sweeping to give our outdoor space a fantastic lift. The children were blown away by the transformation, and our staff are so grateful for all their time and hard work.

If you'd ever like to lend a hand with a project like this, we'd love to hear from you — please get in touch with our office.

🌱 **And if you have any suitable plants for our outdoor pots or garden patch, we'd be very grateful for donations!**

Thank you, Beth & Dani!



18 BAGS OF WEEDS!

THIS WEEK
09-13 November 2026

Monday,09:
Class 1 & 2 Forest School, collection from school at 15:15
Class 4 Forest School, collection from St Wulstan's Nature Reserve at 15:20 (see instructions on the following page).
Nintendo Switch Club, collection 16:00

Tuesday,10:

Wednesday,11:

Thursday, 12:
Coding Club, collection 16:30
X CANCELLED: Bootcamp Club



Friday, 13:
Wear a spotty or yellow item for £1pp, in support of Children In Need
Best seats 08:40AM, cafe'
Knitting Club, collection 16:00



Attendance
Whole School Target: 96%

School attendance this week: 96%

Class 1, Reception: 96%

Class 2, Y1 & Y2: 94.3%

Class 3: Y3 & Y4: 96.9%

Class 4: Y5 & Y6: 97.1%



IMPORTANT DATES



November

Monday, 16
Anti-Bullying week, wear odd sock in support

Wednesday, 25
Year 5 Workshop at Dyson Perrins: Food and nutrition sessions. During school, collection as usual 15:20PM

December

Friday, 04
Chase Cluster Class 3 Dance Festival 13:30-15:45, parents to collect

PTA Christmas Fayre, PTA led

Thursday, 10
National Christmas Jumper Day £1 pp
BlackPepper Christmas Meal

Monday, 14
Whole School Rudolph Run at St. Wulstan's 14:30-15:30

Friday, 18
Christmas Party Day- Party Clothes
Last Day of Autumn Term

January

Monday, 4
INSET Day, no school for pupils

Tuesday, 5
Spring Term starts for pupils

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

Best Seats

Class 1 · Reception	Class 2 · Years 1 & 2
ARCHIE, KAYRON & OSCAR (role over)	NOAH & NOVA
Class 3 · Years 3 & 4	**Class 4 · Years 5 & 6**
PENNY & ADA	MARTHA & TEDDY

Class 4 Forest School

From Monday, 9 November, wrap up warm...

Forest School

Explore • Learn • Grow



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to starting Forest School for Class 4 from Monday, 9 November.

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please remember that we do try to go to Forest School whatever the weather. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed.

Whatever the weather... we go!

They will need:

- Long sleeved top and MW hoodie, jumper or cardigan
- Dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings (no coloured trousers or jeans please)
- Trainers
- Hats, gloves and scarves



Please could your child bring the following:

- Wellies or appropriate outdoor footwear
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- A water bottle



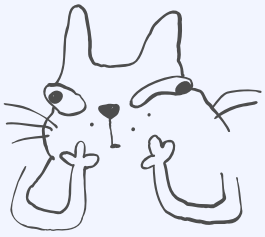
Your child will need to be collected from **St Wulstan's Nature Reserve** at **3:20pm.**
If your child attends WRAP, I will walk them back to school after Forest School.



Thank you so much for your support with Forest School.
Kind regards,
Mrs Hernandez-Cox

5 Sessions on:
NOVEMBER 09,16,23,30 & December 07

Highlight of the week



Here's a little glimpse into what each class has been learning.

Class 1

Celebrating the Festival of Light. Let there be light, colour and creativity! Class 1 immersed themselves in the beautiful Festival of Light for Diwali. We explored different sources of light and discovered why light plays such an important part in this celebration. The children got creative making their own Diya lamps for our display, while also investigating the colourful world of rangoli patterns and the intricate designs of mehndi. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore different traditions, express our creativity and learn about the celebrations of others. Our classroom has certainly been filled with colour and light!

Class 2

Stepping Back in Time! What would London have been like in 1666? We became history detectives this week as we travelled back in time to investigate the conditions of London before the Great Fire of London. We explored what the city was like, considered how people lived and investigated how the fire first started. The children developed their historical thinking by looking at the events and conditions that contributed to one of the most significant events in London's history. A fascinating journey into the past!

Class 3

Finding our rhythm and our Words! A little rhythm, a lot of imagination! Class 3 have been bringing their learning to life through movement and language this week! We began exploring African dance, discovering new rhythms, movements and ways to express ourselves through dance. We also got creative with our vocabulary, using sentences and adjectives to describe characters and bring George's Marvelous Medicine to life. The children explored how carefully chosen descriptive words can make writing more exciting, imaginative and engaging. A fantastic combination of movement, creativity and language!

Class 4

Learning, leading and showing us what we're made of! We have had a fantastic week! The children had a very special opportunity to shine during our Open Morning. We were also incredibly proud of the children as they confidently led tours around the school for our prospective families. They were enthusiastic, informative and wonderfully mature throughout. They spoke so positively about our school, shared their experiences and demonstrated just how confident and responsible they have become. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we couldn't have asked for better representatives. A huge well done, Class 4, you really did make us proud!

We've also had wonderful opportunities to strengthen friendships, celebrate teamwork and recognise the importance of kindness through our Positive Play activities. Our Friday Disco tonight should also bring plenty of smiles, dancing and laughter, while Monday's whole-school Think Tank trip gave everyone the chance to explore, discover and learn together beyond the classroom. We also took time to mark Remembrance Day by pinning our hand made poppies to the police TOMMY, encouraging the children to pause, reflect and understand the importance of remembering others.

What a week of learning, laughter, new experiences and special memories! We are incredibly proud of all our children and the enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness they bring to school each day. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our school community.

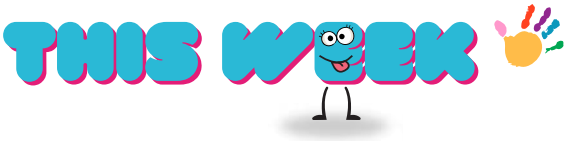






Positive Playtimes

Positive Playtimes is a whole-school initiative, which we are developing alongside Thérèse Hoyle, Founder and Director of Positive Playtimes, to make breaktimes and lunchtimes positive, purposeful opportunities for wellbeing, friendship and learning. Through a range of activities and supportive routines, we aim to help every child feel included, build social connections and enjoy their play.



We have kicked off our latest developments this week by introducing three new activity zones: a Sport of the Week, a Craze of the Week and a Traditional Game of the Week. These were introduced in collective worship this morning and are displayed on our Positive

Playtimes noticeboard outside Class 3. This week, children can enjoy:

- Sport: Hockey
- Craze: Space hoppers
- Traditional game: The clapping game A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea

These activities join the wonderful zones already available across our grounds: the pavilion quiet area, which is being equipped with a new rug, cushions and beanbags; the adventure zone, with its playground and slide; the gym zone, with balancing beams and monkey bars; our newly tidied garden zone; and the open field zone with its tyres.

Children will also now have set places at tables in the hall at lunchtime. Having a familiar place to sit will help reduce any anxiety about finding a space and provide a reassuring routine. Sitting with a mixture of classmates will give children opportunities to build new friendships. Together, these arrangements will help create a calmer, more relaxed atmosphere where everyone can enjoy their lunch.

Thank you to the families who have supported our latest developments. The donated dressing-up clothes will soon be available near the fort in the adventure zone, ready for imaginative play!

Positive Playtimes








Our next request is for bubbles! If you have any bottles of bubble mixture left over from party bags, or would be happy to donate some, we would be very grateful. These will make a lovely future Craze of the Week.

Many thanks for helping us make playtimes happy, active and enjoyable for all our children.

🦌 THE RUDOLPH RUN IS BACK! 🎄

Our Famous Whole-School Festive Fun Run!

Monday 14th December

St Wulstan's Nature Reserve



Ready, steady, RUDOLPH!

Back by popular demand, our much-loved whole-school Rudolph Run is returning this Christmas! Get those trainers ready for an afternoon of festive fun, laughter and running!

📍 **Important information for parents**

- **Collection:** 3:15pm directly from St Wulstan's Nature Reserve.
- **Helpers needed:** 2:00pm–3:15pm for marshalling.
- **Can you help?** Please let the school office know if you can volunteer.

🎅 Get training, everyone!

More details will follow nearer the time.

Let's make this year's Rudolph Run the best one yet!