

# Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families,

Apologies for the slightly later-than-usual newsletter this week — we have been waiting on some wonderful images from our recent CHET residential to include and share with you all.

As we head into the final week of what has been an incredible year, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank all of our families for the support you've given throughout. At Malvern, we strive to provide the very best opportunities for our children, our families and the wider school community. With your continued support, we can keep going from strength to strength.

Wishing you all a great weekend as we look forward to a fantastic final week.

Mr James

**Headteacher**

## Class Allocations

Please find below the details for class transitions for the next academic year.

As part of this process, all children will spend some time with their new class teacher on Monday afternoon to help them feel comfortable and excited about the year ahead.

Reception children will receive their class allocation via Tapestry.

Current Class	New Class
Miss Carr	Miss Brown
Miss Horan	Miss Donnelly
Miss Donnelly	Mr Phillips
Miss Brown	Mrs Worthington
Mrs Worthington	Miss Murphy
Mr Phillips	Mr Pyne
Mr Pyne	Ms McCombs
Mrs Matthews	Mrs Davies
Miss Byrne	Miss O'Brien / Miss Carr
Ms Brown	Miss Doherty / Miss Carr

## Athletics Success

Last week our KS2 athletics team delivered an outstanding performance, winning 6 out of 8 individual events!

Their hard work, determination and team spirit really shone through in every event. It was fantastic to see each pupil give their best and support one another throughout the day.

A huge well done to all involved — we are incredibly proud of your efforts and achievements!



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## **Farewell and Thank You**

As the academic year draws to a close, we take this moment to say a fond farewell to several colleagues who are leaving Malvern. Each has made a unique contribution to our school community and we offer our heartfelt thanks for the time, care and dedication they have shown during their time with us.

Mrs Gaughan is retiring after an extraordinary 29 years at Malvern. Throughout her time here, she has worked predominantly with our youngest pupils, offering them the warmth, patience and gentle encouragement that are so vital in the early stages of education. Many children have taken their first steps in learning with her by their side, and the foundation she has helped to lay will have a lasting impact on their futures. Over the years, she has built strong and lasting relationships with colleagues and has been a steady presence within the school. Her commitment and care will be greatly missed and we are delighted for her as she steps into a well-earned retirement. We wish her all the joy and relaxation that this new chapter brings.

Mrs Matthews has taken on a range of roles over the many years she has worked at Malvern and is a long-standing member of our school community. She has worn many hats during her time here, including Maths Champion, EYFS Lead and PSHE Champion. Most recently teaching in Year 4, her experience and steady approach have been valued by the children she has supported. I am certain many within our Malvern community will remember their time in her class. As she moves on to new opportunities, we thank her for all she has contributed to Malvern and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Ms Brown has worked with pupils in both teaching and pastoral roles, including as a Learning Mentor and class teacher. She has been a generous and thoughtful colleague, often giving her time to support school trips and residentials, contributing significantly to the wider life of Malvern. Her calm presence, care for the children and team-focused spirit have made a lasting impression. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in whatever comes next.

We also say goodbye to Miss Banton, who has spent the past year working as a Teaching Assistant. In her time with us, she has supported children with care and consistency and played an important part in the classroom. We thank her for her contribution and wish her all the best in the future.

To all of our departing colleagues — thank you. You leave with our sincere appreciation and best wishes for the future. You have each played an important part in the story of Malvern and you will be missed.

## **Staffing Update**

I am delighted to share some exciting staffing news as we look ahead to the new school year. In September, we will be joined by new colleagues. Miss Sheikh joins Malvern following a successful interview and will be taking on the role of Year One class teacher. We are confident she will quickly become a valued part of the team.

Miss Murphy, who has been working in Year Four this term, will continue in her role as class teacher next academic year. She has already built strong relationships with both pupils and staff, and we are thrilled she is staying with us.

We also welcome Miss McCombs, who brings with her fourteen years of teaching experience across schools in Merseyside. She is passionate about sport and physical education and I know she will be eager to bring that enthusiasm to our school community.



**Miss Sheikh**



**Miss Murphy**



**Miss McCombs**

### Twelfth Night

Drama & Theatre Club's last theatrical outing of the year took place this week. The venue was the historic Knowsley Hall and the event was The Lord Chamberlain's Men performing *Twelfth Night*. Picnics, a talented cast, a fantastic performance and beautiful weather made for a brilliant evening.

At the end of the performance, members of the audience approached Malvern staff to comment on the children's 'perfect' behaviour – and to say how good it is that primary aged children are given such theatrical opportunities.



### All The World's A Stage

During the last school year, Dr Elizabeth Parr (Principal Lecturer in Initial Teacher Education at Liverpool John Moores University) interviewed several members of staff about Malvern's approach to engaging children with the plays of a certain Mr William Shakespeare.

The resulting article was recently published in the 'English 4-11' magazine – a joint publication from The English Association, The National Association for the Teaching of English and the United Kingdom Literacy Association. The three-page article celebrates Malvern's involvement with the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescott and the Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation. It also discusses the approaches used in school and contains quotes from Malvern teachers and children. Here are two examples:

*'Give [the children] an experience of Shakespeare as it was intended to be. Take them to a live performance, have performances come into school, or even just one person. Model how these words are performed, bring them to life, help them to realise that it's not just awkward words on a page, but it can flow and create this wonderful dynamic and entertaining story.'* **(Teacher)**

*'I didn't think I'd have the confidence to be an actor - but I love it! We've seen loads of plays at Shakespeare North - and getting to perform on the same stage is amazing.'* **(Pupil)**

Please click the link below to access the full article.

<https://englishassociation.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/English-4-11-84-Summer-2025.pdf>

### Drama & Theatre Group 2025 - /2026

We are already booked to see *Romeo and Juliet* and *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Liverpool Everyman and *The Tempest* and *Cinderella* at Shakespeare North. And of course, plans are in hand for our Shakespeare Festival performance... watch this space !





## Year 3 Residential – CHET

Last week, our Year Three pupils enjoyed their very first residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust (CHET), and what a brilliant experience it was! As their first time away from home with school, the children rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and resilience. Throughout the trip, they grew in independence and confidence, taking part in a wide range of activities and making memories to last a lifetime.

As part of the experience, pupils also began an exciting link with the University of Liverpool through an archaeology project. They will be bringing some of this learning back into the classroom, helping to deepen their understanding and extend their curiosity.

We are incredibly proud of how they represented Malvern – well done, Year Three!





## Year 4 Residential – Barnstondale

Our Year Four pupils recently took part in their residential trip to Barnstondale and were absolutely outstanding throughout. They approached every activity with enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience, growing in confidence and independence along the way. From outdoor adventures to shared challenges, they made the most of every moment.

We were especially proud to receive a message from the Operations Manager at Barnstondale, who described the children as “a credit to the school” and praised both pupils and staff for being “an amazing example for other schools to follow.”

Well done, Year Four – you did Malvern proud!

