

Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families

I often say how fortunate we are at Malvern to have such dedicated and supportive families. The strength of our partnerships and the positive relationships between home and school continue to shape our success and make Malvern the special place it is.

We are now seeking to appoint a new parent governor to join our highly effective Governing Board. The board plays a crucial role in supporting and challenging the school, ensuring that we continue to move forward with ambition and clarity. Governors help to shape our vision, monitor progress and drive the strategic priorities that benefit every child.

Further information about the role and how to express an interest will be shared with parents later this week.

Mr James
Headteacher

Halloween Celebration

At the start of the academic year, we challenged all pupils to maintain attendance above our school target. We are delighted to share that since September, attendance has been an impressive 97.4%. This is an excellent achievement and a reflection of the children's commitment and enthusiasm for school.

As a reward for meeting our attendance target, we will be holding Halloween discos for all pupils throughout the school day on **Thursday 23rd October**. There is no cost for this event and all children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress if they wish. Costumes should be spooky rather than scary, and masks are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote excellent attendance at Malvern.



Streamlining School Communication

Following our recent Q&A meeting with parents, we are pleased to share that we are making good progress with introducing new systems to strengthen communication between home and school. We fully appreciate how important clear, consistent communication is for families and this development marks a positive step forward in making information easier to access and manage.

Next week, families will receive a link with further information about Arbor, a new platform that will help us to streamline communication and, over time, reduce the need for multiple apps. We hope this will make staying connected with school life simpler and more convenient for everyone.

We are currently preparing for the full launch of this new system in January 2026 and will continue to keep parents informed as we move forward.



Arbor

Read Write Inc Workshop

Last week, our Year 1 Read Write Inc workshop took place, giving parents the chance to join a live RWI lesson in action. The children were brilliant, confidently demonstrating their growing phonics and reading skills while families joined in and supported their learning.

It was a wonderful morning filled with enthusiasm. We are very grateful to all who attended and for the continued support of our families in helping every child develop a love of reading.



Parking Considerations

We have received a report this week from a local resident on Willoughby Road that a member of our school community has been parking across their garage and, when asked to move, responded in a verbally abusive manner. This type of behaviour is unacceptable and does not reflect the values of our school.

We fully understand that parking near school can be challenging, particularly at busy times. However, it is essential that we all show respect and consideration for our neighbours. The school is part of a wider community, and maintaining positive relationships with local residents helps ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our efforts to make travel to and from school safer and more sustainable. It has been wonderful to see so many families choosing to walk, cycle and scoot this week - small changes that make a big difference.



Late Collections

We understand that, on occasion, things can go wrong and families may find themselves running late. We always appreciate it when parents contact us to let us know if this happens.

However, since September we have seen an increase in the number of children being collected late from school. In some cases, groups of pupils have been waiting in the school office for over an hour. This places significant pressure on office staff and creates a potential safeguarding risk, as teachers are often required to attend meetings or lead after-school clubs.

From after half term, any child not collected by 3.45pm will be taken to After School Club, where they will remain until collected. An After School Club fee will apply.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us to keep all children safe and well cared for at the end of the school day.



Karate Success

We are delighted to share that another Malvern pupil has recently taken up karate and is already enjoying great success. Over the past month, Mila has shown impressive focus and determination as she develops her skills and builds confidence in the sport.

This week's session was an extra special occasion, as Mila had the opportunity to meet the Mayor of Whiston and demonstrate some of the techniques she has been learning. It is wonderful to hear about her achievements and the dedication she is showing beyond school.

We are very proud of Mila's success and look forward to following her progress as she continues her karate journey.



Online Safety Newsletter

Each month, in collaboration with Knowsley CLC, we release an online safety newsletter tailored for our families. Packed with invaluable insights, these newsletters serve as a guide to help families navigate the digital world safely. In October's edition, we explore crucial topics such as: YouTube, WhatsApp and the risks of AI.

For those who may have missed previous editions or wish to revisit valuable information, all our online safety newsletters are conveniently archived on the school website. Access them anytime via this link:

<https://malvernprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>



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Online Safety Newsletter

Oct 2025

Risks of using AI for mental health

AI chatbots and wellness apps are becoming increasingly popular, which may lead to your child accessing them to support their mental health.

What should I be concerned about?

YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:



Celebrating Active Travel

We have been so impressed with how many children have been cycling and scooting to school over the past week as part of Cycle to School Week. It has been fantastic to see so many pupils choosing active, healthy and sustainable ways to travel.

To celebrate and encourage even more active travel, our Junior Leadership Team will continue handing out raffle tickets to children who arrive at school on their bike or scooter from now until half term. Every ticket will be entered into a special prize draw with some great prizes to be won. Tickets are available at both entrances each morning, and children attending Breakfast Club can also request a ticket if they have travelled by bike or scooter.

Last week, we were delighted to be joined by Cllr Morgan and Cllr Dever, who helped to hand out raffle tickets and support our active travel initiative. We remain very grateful to them for their continued encouragement and for arranging our excellent bike storage facilities, which were installed free of charge through their support.



Rugby Success

A huge thank you to Knowsley School Sports Partnership, St Helens Rugby Club and Portico Vine RFC for hosting a fantastic rugby event this week. Our pupils took part in a series of exciting challenges and matches, showing great teamwork, energy and determination throughout the day.

Everyone had a brilliant time representing Malvern - and to top it off, our team finished the event undefeated! Well done to all involved for their outstanding effort and team spirit.



Interform Competition

Our Interform competition is well under way this half term and the theme is football! Pupils from Knights, Iguanas, Ninjas and Dragons have been working hard in their matches, showing great energy, teamwork and determination.

The scores are very close, and every goal counts as the teams battle it out for the top spot. It has been brilliant to see such enthusiasm and team spirit across all year groups - good luck to everyone as the competition continues!



October Holiday Provision

Our October Holiday Provision is available for children in Reception to Year 6, offering a safe and engaging environment during the half-term break. Parents can drop off from 8.00am, and the day runs until 4.00pm. The cost is £15.00 per child, per day.

Places are limited to maintain high quality and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Children will be provided with light snacks throughout the day but should bring a packed lunch. The provision will be managed by familiar Malvern colleagues, ensuring a warm and secure setting for every child.

Bookings should be made in advance through Parent Pay, and places are only confirmed once payment has been received. Please note that fees are non-refundable as they cover staffing costs. The booking deadline is **Thursday 23rd October 2025**.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the school office.



Attendance League Standings

POSITION	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	POINTS
1	The Happy Horans	4	4	0	14
2	Resilient Reception 2	4	3	0	13
3	The Smashing Sheikhs	4	3	0	11
4	The Corn Dogs	4	3	0	11
5	Resilient Reception 1	4	2	0	10
6	The Fiery Phillips	4	1	0	9
7	Worthington's Wishmakers	4	1	0	9
8	Brown's Busy Bees	4	3	0	9
9	The Corn on the Cobs	4	2	0	8
10	The Magical Murphys	4	1	0	7
11	The McMinions	4	2	0	6
12	Pyne's Pynecones	4	1	1	4
13	Davo's Dino Nuggets	4	1	0	3
14	Donno's Dragons	4	0	1	1

Attendee of the Week

At Malvern, we love to celebrate pupils who show exceptional effort and determination and this week, Bonnie has done exactly that. Despite not feeling at her best, she has attended school every day and made sure to take her antibiotics on time, showing great responsibility and maturity.

Her resilience, positive attitude and quiet commitment to learning have really stood out. Well done, Bonnie – you are a wonderful example to others and a true credit to our school.



**Weekly School
Attendance**

96.7%

**Overall School
Attendance**

97.4%

Every day 
COUNTS! 
 School success starts
 with attendance

Key Dates - Autumn Term

Below are some of the key dates for the coming Autumn Term. Please note that they are subject to change. Any changes or updates will be communicated with families as soon as possible.

Date	Event
Tuesday 21 October	Y4 - Parent Showcase 2.45 pm
Wednesday 22 October	Y2 - Parent Showcase 2.45 pm
Thursday 23 October	Halloween Disco
Thursday 23 October	School closes 3.30 pm
Half Term	
Monday 3 November	School re-opens
Wednesday 5 November	Open Afternoon for New Prospective Parents
Tuesday 11 November	Y6 - Remembrance Assembly
Friday 14 November	Children in Need – Wear your pyjamas
Monday 17 November	Be Bright Be Seen Competition - Wear a bright item of clothing
Thursday 20 November	5JMc - World Museum Visit
Thursday 20 November	EYFS - Animals Take Over in school
Friday 21 November	Own Clothes - Christmas Chocolate Donations
Friday 28 November	Own Clothes - Christmas Bottle Donations
Monday 1 December	Christmas Jumpers can be worn from today
Tuesday 2 December	Y2 - Church Visit
Friday 5 December	Rocksteady Christmas Performance @ 9.30am
Friday 5 December	Festive Friday @ Malvern
Saturday 6 December	Breakfast with Santa
Monday 8 December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 9 December	Y3/4 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 10 December	Y5/6 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 10 December	Festive Film Night
Thursday 11 December	EYFS Nativity 2.30 pm
Friday 12 December	EYFS Nativity 9.30 am
Monday 15 December	KS1 Nativity 2.30 pm
Tuesday 16 December	KS1 Nativity 9.30 am
Wednesday 17 December	Drama Theatre Club Evening Performance
Thursday 18 December	Drama Theatre Club Evening Performance
Friday 19 December	School closes 1.30 pm

