

Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families

I have been informed by Knowsley Council that essential traffic calming works are scheduled to take place in the Swanside area until the 5th December 2025. These works will affect several local roads including Greystone Road, Regent Avenue, Norbreck Avenue, Hilary Avenue, Westfield Avenue, Willoughby Avenue and both Penrose Avenue East and West.

The works will be carried out in phases which means that not all roads will be closed at the same time. Access will be maintained where possible and the closures will be managed onsite by the Highways and Capital Delivery Team.

Families who travel to school by car will need to allow extra time for their journey during this period. I would also like to encourage as many families as possible to continue walking, cycling or scooting to school. These active travel choices reduce congestion around the school site and help to keep everyone safe.

Further information, including details of the phased closures, can be found at the following link:

<https://one.network/?tm=GB146172434>

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as this essential work takes place.

Kind regards,

Mr James
Headteacher

Learning Review Meetings

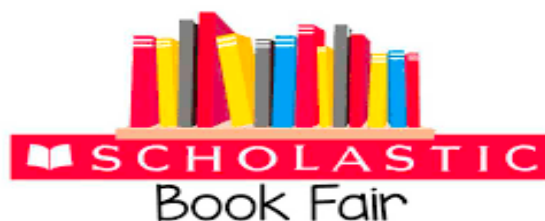
Autumn term learning review meetings will take place in school on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th November between 3.40pm and 6.00pm. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for families to discuss their child's progress and learning.

A more detailed letter will be shared with parents this week explaining how to book a meeting slot and confirm availability.

By Friday 7th November, class teachers will contact families to confirm appointments based on the information provided. Each meeting will last ten minutes, and we kindly ask parents to arrive five minutes early to help the schedule run smoothly.

Book Fair

Thank you for your wonderful support with our autumn term book fair. We are delighted to share that we sold £730 worth of books, earning the school a commission of almost £300. This commission will be used to purchase new books for our library and classroom book nooks, helping to keep our reading spaces exciting and well stocked.



Drama and Theatre Club

Members of our Year 5 and Year 6 Drama and Theatre Club recently enjoyed an inspiring evening at Prescott's Shakespeare North Playhouse. The HandleBards provided the inspiration, filling the theatre with laughter, creativity and boundless energy. Their performance of *The Tempest* was a lively, action-packed production featuring a talented cast of five actors who played multiple roles and held the audience spellbound from start to finish.

After the performance, our pupils met the cast and proudly spoke about Malvern's involvement with Shakespeare North and the Coram Shakespeare Schools Theatre Festival. Theatre staff and audience members commented on the children's enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour throughout the evening.



National Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

Monday 10th November marks the start of National Anti-Bullying week. At Malvern, we mark this special day by wearing odd socks to school to celebrate that we are all different and unique. Our ambition is for all pupils to leave our school the very best version of themselves. As such, we aim to celebrate unique attributes and nurture these so that our pupils thrive. We look forward to seeing lots of children wearing their odd socks to symbolise our uniqueness.



National Maths Week - England Rocks

Maths Week England returns on Monday 17th November. To celebrate, Malvern will once again take part in England Rocks as we aim to become five-time national champions. As this is already a particularly busy time of year, we will hold our annual Rock Star Own Clothes Day in February 2026 to coincide with NSPCC Number Day.



Poppy Appeal

During the first week back, our Junior Leadership Team will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling a selection of poppy merchandise.

If children would like to purchase an item, the Junior Leadership Team will have these available during each break time and over lunchtime at the school library.



School Car Park

We understand that parking near school can be challenging at busy times, but we must remind families that the school car park is for staff and authorised vehicles only.

Please do not use it as a drop-off point or follow staff vehicles through the gates. In addition, we ask all families to park considerately in the surrounding area or walk to school whenever possible to help keep everyone safe.



Attendance Update

Before half term, all parents received an individual attendance letter which included their child's current attendance information.

We would like to thank families for their continued support with attendance this term. Our current whole-school attendance stands at an excellent 97.4%.

Every day in school matters, helping children to make progress, grow in confidence and stay connected with their friends.



Football Success

Congratulations to our Year 1 football team who recently won the Year 1 Everton Football Club competition. The team topped their group with an outstanding display of teamwork, skill and enthusiasm.

Every player represented Malvern brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and determination throughout the tournament. Well done to all involved - we are very proud of you.



Healthy Packed Lunches

Knowsley Council has launched a new *Healthy Packed Lunch Guidance* page to help families plan balanced and nutritious lunches. The page includes portion advice, lunch box ideas, top tips and a downloadable weekly planner. Families can visit the page here:

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/healthy-schools-packed-lunches>

At Malvern, we fully support this initiative and kindly remind families that nuts and products containing nuts (including Nutella and similar spreads) must not be brought into school due to severe allergies. We also ask that food for younger children is prepared safely, with items such as grapes, raw vegetables and sausages cut into small pieces.

If your child enjoys bringing a healthy packed lunch, please share a photograph with school so we can forward it to the Public Health Team at Knowsley.

Getting started

Childhood is a time of rapid growth and development, so it's important your child eats a healthy, balanced diet to make sure they're getting the nutrients and energy they need to stay healthy.

Get started here >



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

This week we celebrated Jonah as our Attendee of the Week. Although he was not feeling his best in the morning and initially planned to stay home, after some rest he decided he was ready to come into school. This showed great resilience and a positive attitude - exactly the qualities we value at Malvern. We are all very proud of Jonah's determination and commitment to his learning.

Well done, Jonah!



Weekly School Attendance

96.7%

Overall School Attendance

97.4%

HOT Winners (Here On Time)

Cristian M
Savanna R
Mayiah D
Alfie E
Connie R

Key Dates - Autumn Term

Below are some of the key dates for the remainder of the 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
Monday 3 November	School re-opens
Wednesday 5 November	Open Afternoon for New Prospective Parents
Monday 10 November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11 November	Y6 - Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 12 November	Learning Review Meetings
Wednesday 13 November	Learning Review Meetings
Friday 14 November	Children in Need – Wear your pyjamas
Monday 17 November	Be Bright Be Seen Competition - Wear a bright item of clothing
Monday 17 November	National Maths Week
Tuesday 18 November	Times Table Rock Stars - England Rocks Competition
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

