

# Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families,

I am delighted to share some exciting news about the continued development of our school site. Malvern has been successful in its bid to join the Department for Energy's *Great British Energy Solar Partnerships Programme* (GBESP). This national initiative supports schools in reducing carbon emissions, generating clean energy and investing in long-term sustainable technologies.

As part of the programme, Malvern will soon have solar panels installed across the school buildings. This achievement directly supports one of our key strategic objectives: to embed environmental sustainability within the school's infrastructure and culture, investing in initiatives such as renewable energy and sustainable technologies.

This news follows the recent installation of electric vehicle chargers on site, marking another step in our journey towards becoming a more energy-efficient and environmentally conscious school. We are proud to be working alongside Knowsley Council, LocatED, and the Barker Consortium to deliver this project, and we look forward to sharing updates as installation progresses.

Together with our pupils, staff, and families, we remain committed to making Malvern the greenest school in the country.

Mr James  
Headteacher



## Visit from Ian Byrne MP

We were delighted to welcome our local MP, Ian Byrne, to Malvern. Ian spent the morning meeting our children and learning more about school life. He began with a lively question-and-answer session with our Junior Leadership Team before facing some thoughtful questions from Year 3 about what is needed in their local community.

The visit concluded with a performance from *Malvern's School of Rock*, which Ian described as a real highlight of his time with us. It was a pleasure to share the enthusiasm, confidence and creativity of our pupils, and we look forward to welcoming him back to Malvern again soon.



## Active Travel

It has been fantastic to see so many children taking part in our Cycle or Scoot to School campaign this term. Pupils across the school have embraced the challenge, choosing fun, healthy and environmentally friendly ways to travel each day.

Congratulations to all our prize winners who received a range of exciting rewards, including activity wristbands, free swimming passes and vouchers for Rampworx.

These prizes were chosen to promote active and healthy lifestyles, encouraging pupils to stay fit, have fun and enjoy being outdoors. Well done to everyone who took part – you are true Cycle or Scoot to School champions.



## Reading for Pleasure Newsletter

Our monthly Reading for Pleasure newsletter, curated by Mr Kynaston, is a fantastic source of inspiration for families who love books and reading.

Each edition is packed with recommendations, author features and ideas to help children develop a lifelong love of reading.

The newsletter is published every month and can be accessed through the school website. With over 200 editions already available, there is a wealth of information to explore. Historic newsletters can be found here:

<https://malvernprimaryschool.co.uk/reading/reading-for-pleasure-newsletters/>



Malvern's Reading for Pleasure Newsletter – November 2025

**Welcome!** I hope the autumn half term holiday provided everybody with lots of interesting reading opportunities! This edition will showcase several of my recent discoveries. Enjoy!

**The Waters and the Wild** With stunning, atmospheric illustrations by David Rooney, this beautiful verse novel by Elisha Fisher is about family and the power of hope. Rowan was raised in the forest. Growing up, all she's known is sunshine, warmth and love. Then tragedy strikes and everything changes. Now Rowan and her mum have moved from the hazy heat of the desert to the cold landscape of Ireland. Each of them hoping that living in the town Rowan's dad called home will bring them closer to him. But as soon as Rowan arrives, she knows something's not right. Why is it so cold, even in August? Why do lights turn on without warning or kettles boil with no one pressing a switch? Even more mysterious is The Wall. It surrounds the town, but no one can tell Rowan who built it or how long it's stood, or why it's forbidden to cross over to the other side. When she spots a crack in the stone, she can't resist a little exploration. In the woods beyond, she discovers an instant connection with a horse that brings the return of warmth and hope... but at what price? **A Poem:** The title of the book is in line from The Stolen Child – a poem by William Butler Yeats. Where does the rocky highland / Of Sleuth Wood in the lake / There lies a tiny island / Where happy harpists wait / The drowsy water rats.....

**Katherine Rundell:** In conjunction with the British Library, author Katherine Rundell will celebrate wondrous and mysterious maps in fiction. This live-streamed student Q&A event – inspired by her latest book *Impossible Creatures: The Poisoned King and the BL's Secret Maps exhibition* – will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. For further information, please visit [www.britishlibrary.org](https://www.britishlibrary.org). (We thank you to Y5 teacher Miss McCombs.)



**The Lone Husky:** All of Hannah Gold's books are beautifully illustrated by Levi Pinfold and are highly recommended. Her latest – *The Lone Husky* – revisits the world of *The Last Bear* and *Find the Bear*. April Wood is no stranger to adventure. After all, she lives in the Arctic and her best friend is a polar bear. But when April finds herself volunteering for the Polar Race – a long-distance dog sled race across the frozen tundra – even she wonders if this may be an adventure too far. April will need all the help she can get if she's to make it to the finish line. And competition is fierce – with experienced dog sledders, including new boy Finn, who will go to any lengths to win. But April has something the other teams don't: Blaise, a solitary husky with a troubled past, who may just prove to be her secret weapon... This is a breathtaking adventure that will take readers on an unforgettable journey through the Arctic and reunite them with some beloved characters.



**The Big Dreaming** by Michael Rosen. The Cold is coming, and it's time for Big Bear and Little Bear to get ready for the Big Sleep – for bears sleep all winter long and wake up in the spring. But Little Bear is worried. What if they run out of dreams during the Big Sleep? And so Little Bear sets out bravely to find enough dreams to see them through the long winter. On his journey, he discovers dreams of happiness, dreams of homecoming and dreams of hope. But with the Cold approaching fast, will Little Bear make it back home in time for the Big Dreaming? An uplifting tale from a master storyteller and former Children's Laureate, *The Big Dreaming* is a classic in the making, filled with luminous illustrations by award-winning Daniel Egnerus. The *Guardian* says: "A simply beautiful book for young children."



**I Follow the Fox:** From the bestselling author Rob Biddolph (*Gigantic* / *Blown Away*) comes a magical tale about a boy, his teddy and a very special winter adventure. Little Fox has gone missing in the park. The family searches high and low but the teddy can't be found. Then, one night, a beautiful (real) fox calls at the window – and the young boy decides to follow her. They go on a magical winter adventure, moving through the city, past snowy meadows and icy rivers, until the boy realises the fox has led him to something special, and that she needs his help. Can the fox help him find his own beloved Little Fox?

## World Kindness Day

**Thursday 13th November** is World Kindness Day. This day is a global day of celebration that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, to your community and to our planet. This day helps everyone remember that compassion for others is what binds us together.

At Malvern, we understand kindness to be the single character attribute that sits at the heart of all we do. As such, we cultivate and nurture this in ourselves, in our pupils and in our community at every single opportunity.

To celebrate this important date in the diary, children will take part in a special assembly and will be challenged to demonstrate their kindness throughout the week. We would also encourage all Malvern families to share any acts of kindness with us via social media throughout the week.



# Christmas Dates

<b>1st</b> DECEMBER	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM Wear your Christmas Jumper! You can wear it today, and everyday, until Christmas!	<b>Christmas Activity Days</b>
<b>3rd</b> DECEMBER	<b>Pre-Loved Toy Swap</b> During School Day Bring in a Pre-Loved toy (1.12.25) for sale in our Pre-Loved Toy Shop and help raise funds for charity!	
<b>5th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Festive Friday</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM Enjoy a spectacular evening of festive family fun! Join us on our courtyard to sing, laugh and make merry!	
<b>6th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Breakfast With Santa</b> 9:30 AM OR 11:00 AM Enjoy a morning of festive cheer with the 'Big Man' himself. See newsletter for further details.	
<b>8th</b> DECEMBER	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Christmas Dinner</b> 11:30 TO 1:00PM Wear your Christmas jumper to enjoy a festive lunch with all of the trimmings.	
<b>9th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Year 3 &amp; Year 4 Christmas Dinner</b> 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM Wear your Christmas jumper to enjoy a festive lunch with all of the trimmings.	
<b>10th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Year 5 &amp; Year 6 Christmas Dinner</b> 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM Wear your Christmas jumper to enjoy a festive lunch with all of the trimmings.	
<b>10th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Festive Film Night</b> 3:30 PM To 5.30 PM Enjoy a festive movie and snacks on our cinema screen!	
<b>11th</b> DECEMBER	<b>EYFS Nativity Performance</b> 2:30 PM Nursery & reception performance for families. Class teachers organise tickets.	
<b>12th</b> DECEMBER	<b>EYFS Nativity Performance</b> 9:30 AM Nursery & reception performance for families. Class teachers to organise tickets.	
<b>15th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Key Stage One Nativity Performance</b> 2:30 PM Year 1 & Year 2 performance for families. Class teachers to organise tickets.	
<b>16th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Key Stage One Nativity Performance</b> 9:30 AM Year 1 & Year 2 performance for families. Class teachers to organise tickets.	
<b>17th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Drama &amp; Theatre Club Performance</b> 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM Drama & Theatre Club performance.	
<b>18th</b> DECEMBER	<b>Drama &amp; Theatre Club Performance</b> 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM Drama & Theatre Club performance.	
<b>20th</b> DECEMBER	<b>School Closes</b> 1:30 PM Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!	



# Christmas Events

## Early-Bird Reverse Advent Calendar

Throughout November, our Junior Leadership Team invites you to join us in collecting donations for our local food banks. During the month, families are encouraged to add one item to a carrier bag or basket each week. These donations can then be brought into school on Monday 1st December. Representatives from our Junior Leadership Team will present the collected items to local charities in preparation for Christmas.

### Ideas for what to include:

- Tinned Meat / Potatoes / Vegetables / Fruit / Fish
- Tea / Coffee
- Personal Hygiene Products / Nappies



## Festive Friday and Breakfast with Santa

Following the success of last year's celebrations, we are delighted to confirm the return of our much-loved Christmas events. This year, *Festive Friday* will take place on **Friday 5th December** from **5.00pm to 7.00pm**. The evening will bring together our whole community for festive activities, delicious food and live music performances.

We will also host *Breakfast with Santa* on **Saturday 6th December**, giving Malvern families the chance to enjoy a magical morning of Christmas fun while sharing breakfast with a very special guest.

We look forward to celebrating the festive season together once again.

**JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST...**

# **FESTIVE FRIDAY**

**DECEMBER 5TH 2025  
FROM 5PM TO 7PM**

**Malvern Primary School**

Write a letter to Santa  
Christmas Workshop  
Stalls  
Tombolas  
Festive Sing-a-long  
Live performances  
Food & Drink  
Special Guest

**MALVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS...**

# **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 6TH  
MALVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
09:00AM - 11:00AM**

**Ticket: £5 per child**  
TICKET INCLUDES:  
BREAKFAST FOR EACH CHILD  
(PANCAKE, MUFFIN, FRUIT, YOGHURT, JUICE)  
STORYTIME WITH SANTA  
FESTIVE SING-A-LONG  
VISIT TO SANTA'S TOYSHOP

**NO MORE THAN TWO ADULTS TO ATTEND  
PER FAMILY  
ALL CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE REQUIRE A  
TICKET**

Further details coming soon

# Christmas Events

## Festive Cinema

**Wednesday 10th December @ 3.30pm**

On **Wednesday 10th December**, we are excited to invite children from Reception to Year 6 to a Festive Film Night in the school hall, where they will enjoy a screening on our cinema-sized screen. The film will begin immediately after school and will conclude at 5:30pm.

During the screening, children will be treated to a hot dog, drink and snack, ensuring they have plenty of energy to enjoy the show. Tickets for the event will go live on Wednesday 12th November. To secure your child's place, please make payment via ParentPay at your earliest convenience.

Please note that tickets are limited, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. All bookings must be made by **Friday 5th December** in order for us to organise staff and catering for the event.



## Christmas Toy Swap

Following the huge success of last year's Toy Swap, our Junior Leadership Team is delighted to announce the return of this special pre-loved toy event. Our Junior Leadership Team has taken the lead in organising the swap and will also choose a charity to receive all funds raised.

Toy donations can be brought to school from Monday 1st December to Wednesday 3rd December. We kindly ask that all donated toys are gently used and in good working condition.

On Wednesday 3rd December, all children will be invited to take part in the Toy Swap. During the event, pupils can choose a toy to take home in exchange for a voluntary contribution.

Any remaining toys will be donated to local charities, helping to share a little extra joy across our community this Christmas.





# Christmas Dinner

## YOU ARE INVITED TO CHRISTMAS DINNER AT MALVERN

At Malvern, Christmas is a time of celebration and our annual Christmas Dinner is no exception! In order to ensure children have a memorable experience, lunch is eaten in smaller groupings on designated days. This ensures that all children receive a delicious dinner with all of the trimmings served by a member of school staff.

**Nursery & Reception - 8th December**

**Year 1 - Year 2 - 8th December**

**Year 3 - Year 4 - 9th December**

**Year 5 - Year 6 - 10th December**

The cost of a Christmas Dinner is £2.00 and can be booked and paid for via Parent Pay. A vegetarian and vegan option is available if required. If you have any further queries, please contact the school office.

Please note, on these days, all other children will eat lunch in classrooms (unless eating Christmas Dinner). There will be no other school meal choice available on these days. If not eating a Christmas dinner, choice will be limited to packed lunch option.

## Children in Need

Children in Need Day takes place this year on **Friday 14th November**. To raise awareness for the charity, we are inviting all children to come to school in their pyjamas, wear something spotty, or choose an item linked to the Children in Need charity.

We will not be expecting any monetary contributions at school. However, for those who wish to donate, we encourage you to make an online contribution to Children in Need. You can find the donation details at:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

We hope all children will enjoy this fun and meaningful day. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible participating by dressing up to raise awareness for this fantastic cause.



## 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 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

# Attendance League Standings

POSITION	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	POINTS
1	The Happy Horans	5	5	0	17
2	The Smashing Sheikhs	5	4	0	14
3	Resilient Reception 2	5	3	0	13
4	Worthington's Wishmakers	5	2	0	12
5	Brown's Busy Bees	5	4	0	12
6	The Corn Dogs	5	3	0	11
7	The Magical Murphys	5	2	0	10
8	Resilient Reception 1	5	2	0	10
9	The Fiery Phillips	5	1	0	9
10	The Corn on the Cobs	5	2	0	8
11	Pyne's Pynecones	5	2	1	7
12	The McMinions	5	2	0	6
13	Donno's Dragons	5	1	1	4
14	Davo's Dino Nuggets	5	1	0	3

## Attendee of the Week

This week we are proud to celebrate Lenny as our Attendee of the Week. Lenny has shown outstanding commitment to improving his attendance and has approached every school day with determination and positivity. He arrives ready to learn, take part and make the most of every opportunity.

Lenny's effort, resilience and attitude make him a wonderful role model for others. Well done, Lenny – your hard work is paying off and everyone at Malvern is incredibly proud of you.



### Weekly School Attendance

95.4%

### Overall School Attendance

97%

### HOT Winners (Here On Time)

Cristian M  
Savanna R  
Mayiah D  
Alfie E  
Connie R  
Samuel K  
Isaac C