

Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families,

This time of year is always incredibly busy at Malvern with many events, performances and activities taking place across the school. I would like to thank our staff team for their continued professionalism, commitment and care. Every event, performance and enrichment activity happens because colleagues voluntarily give their time and energy to create opportunities for our pupils. From choir and sports fixtures to trips and special projects, the effort behind the scenes is significant and often unseen.

In recent weeks a small number of situations have arisen where staff have faced unnecessary criticism for decisions made in the best interests of children. While we always welcome constructive feedback, it is important that communication with school remains respectful and measured. The staff at Malvern work tirelessly to ensure children are safe, well cared for and have every chance to thrive.

We are incredibly proud of our school and the experiences we offer. Malvern is a special place where pupils benefit from the dedication of an exceptional team. I ask all families to remember this and to support us in maintaining a positive and respectful partnership between home and school.

Thank you for your continued understanding, encouragement and trust. Together we can ensure that Malvern continues to be the warm, ambitious and caring community that makes it such a privilege to be part of.

Mr James
Headteacher

Leadership Skills Foundation Centre of Excellence

We are very proud to share that Malvern has been awarded Centre of Excellence status by the Leadership Skills Foundation. This national recognition is given only to the top one per cent of schools, which makes this an outstanding achievement for our whole community.

The Foundation praised the way leadership is embedded across Malvern and highlighted the positive impact it has on pupils. They noted how children form new friendships through collaborative projects, build supportive networks across year groups and show increased motivation and ownership of their learning.

This success has been led by Mr Hunt, whose commitment to developing leadership at Malvern has played a central role in shaping the opportunities available to our pupils. His work has been recognised at a national level and we are grateful for the dedication he continues to show.

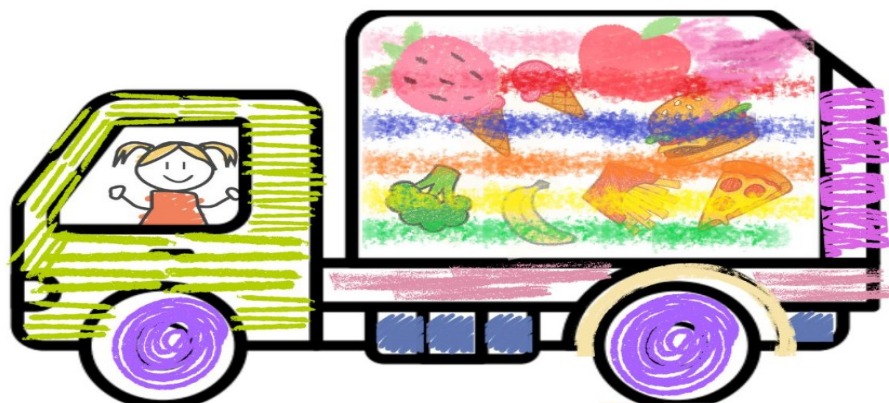
We look forward to continuing our work with the Leadership Skills Foundation and will proudly display our Centre of Excellence certificate in school.



Knowsley Council Recycling Competition

Knowsley Council has invited Malvern pupils to take part in a naming competition for the borough's new food waste collection vehicles. From April 2026, households across Knowsley will receive a weekly food waste collection, and nine new vehicles have been added to the fleet in preparation. Four winning names will be chosen to appear proudly on the side of the new vehicles.

This is a great opportunity for pupils to learn more about recycling, reducing food waste and looking after the environment. A letter with full details about how pupils can take part will be shared by Mr Pyne and our Green Machine team. We look forward to seeing the creative ideas our pupils come up with.



Winning names will be proudly displayed on our vehicles

Competition running from
10.11.2025 - 19.12.2025



National Attendance Awards

We are proud to share that Malvern has once again been recognised as a winner in the FFT National Attendance Awards. These awards acknowledge the hard work and dedication of staff, pupils, parents and carers in supporting excellent attendance throughout the year.

Malvern has received two awards. One celebrates our attendance across the full 2024 to 2025 academic year, and the other recognises our strong attendance during the 2024 to 2025 summer term. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects the commitment of the whole school community.

Thank you to all families for your continued support with attendance. Every day in school matters and your efforts make a real difference to pupils' progress and wellbeing.



Reception Health Questionnaire

The School Nursing Team is inviting parents of our reception children to complete an online health questionnaire to support pupils' health and wellbeing.

Families should now have received a text message from the service containing the link to complete the questionnaire. The information shared will help the nursing team identify any health concerns and offer appropriate support.

If parents have not received the text, families are encouraged to contact the duty hub on 0151 514 2666 to update their details so the link can be resent.

We encourage all reception families to complete the questionnaire as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in helping us work closely with health colleagues to promote the wellbeing of every child.



Year 2 Football

Well done to our Year 2 football team who reached the final of the LFC competition. The team played with great determination throughout the tournament and produced some excellent football along the way. The final was a close and hard fought match, with the team narrowly missing out in a 4–3 defeat.

We are incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork and positive attitude. They represented Malvern brilliantly and showed real sportsmanship from start to finish.



Bikes & Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many children and parents choosing to walk, cycle and scoot to school. These active journeys help promote healthy habits and reduce congestion around the site.

However, we would like to remind all families that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground or courtyard at the start or end of the school day. We politely request that all cyclists dismount before entering the school gates. This is to ensure the safety and welfare of everyone in our community.

Parking

We fully appreciate that parking around school can be difficult at times. However, if you need to drive, please be considerate of local residents and their driveway access. We would also encourage families to choose an active way to travel where possible as this supports healthy routines for children.



Anti Bullying Week 2025 - Odd Socks Day

This week we marked Anti Bullying Week 2025 by taking part in Odd Socks Day. The school was filled with bright and colourful socks as pupils and staff celebrated being unique and proud of who they are. The theme, Power for Good, encouraged everyone to think about the positive influence we can have on others.

Small acts of kindness, standing up for someone or offering support when it is needed all help to create a school where everyone feels safe and respected. Odd Socks Day reminds us that our differences make us who we are. By recognising this and showing kindness in our words and actions, we help to make Malvern a welcoming and caring place for all.



Interform Competition

Our interform competition has begun with great enthusiasm and pupils across the school have shown excellent teamwork and determination in the first round of events. We are pleased to share the class winners from this opening round and certificates will be displayed proudly in classrooms.

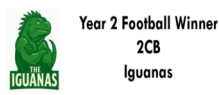
The competition has been very close so far, with scores reflecting the effort and commitment shown by all pupils. Well done to every child who has taken part. We look forward to seeing how the competition develops as the year continues.

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Interform Competition 2025/2026



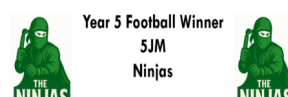
Year 1 Football Winner
1SH
Knights

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Interform Competition 2025/2026



Year 2 Football Winner
2CB
Iguanas

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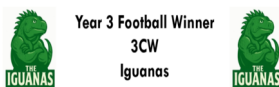
Year 5 Football Winner
5JM
Ninjas

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Round 1 League Table

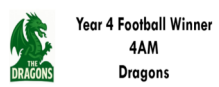
	Group	Score
1	Iguanas	46
2	Ninjas	46
3	Dragons	33
4	Knights	32

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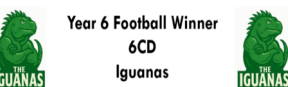
Year 3 Football Winner
3CW
Iguanas

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Year 4 Football Winner
4AM
Dragons

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Year 6 Football Winner
6CD
Iguanas



Support for Young Carers

We would like to make families aware of the support available for young carers in Knowsley. A young carer is any child or young person aged 6 to 17 who helps to care for a family member, either through physical tasks, emotional support or by supporting a sibling with additional needs.

Knowsley Young Carers offers guidance, activities and practical support for both the young person and their family. If you believe your child may be a young carer, or if you are aware of a young person who may need support, referrals can be made by contacting Knowsley Young Carers at:

knowsley.youngcarers@knowsley.gov.uk.

Families living in Knowsley can request an external referral form or seek advice directly from the team. If you would like further information, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist.

Supporting you and your family



Junior Leadership Team @ UN Awareness Day

Well done to our Junior Leadership Team who attended the LFC Foundation's UN Awareness Day. Pupils took part in a series of workshops exploring impact and sustainability projects across the local area. One session included a business challenge in which schools were invited to pitch a new idea. A Malvern team won the overall competition with their proposal for a business that generates money from recycled plastics.

All pupils returned with an excellent prize bag and a real sense of pride in their achievement. They represented Malvern brilliantly throughout the day.



Christmas Dates

Christmas Activity Days	
1st DECEMBER	Christmas Jumper Day 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM Wear your Christmas Jumper! You can wear it today, and everyday, until Christmas!
3rd DECEMBER	Pre-Loved Toy Swap 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!
5th DECEMBER	Festive Friday 5:00 - 7:00 PM Enjoy a spectacular evening of festive family fun! Join us on our courtyard to sing, laugh and make merry!
6th DECEMBER	Breakfast With Santa 9:30 AM OR 11:00 AM Enjoy a morning of festive cheer with the 'Big Man' himself. See newsletter for further details.
8th DECEMBER	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner 11:30 TO 1:00PM Wear your Christmas jumper to enjoy a festive lunch with all of the trimmings.
9th DECEMBER	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Dinner 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM Wear your Christmas jumper to enjoy a festive lunch with all of the trimmings.
10th DECEMBER	Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Dinner 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM Wear your Christmas jumper to enjoy a festive lunch with all of the trimmings.
10th DECEMBER	Festive Film Night 3:30 PM To 5.30 PM Enjoy a festive movie and snacks on our cinema screen!
11th DECEMBER	EYFS Nativity Performance 2:30 PM Nursery & reception performance for families. Class teachers organise tickets.
12th DECEMBER	EYFS Nativity Performance 9:30 AM Nursery & reception performance for families. Class teachers to organise tickets.
15th DECEMBER	Key Stage One Nativity Performance 2:30 PM Year 1 & Year 2 performance for families. Class teachers to organise tickets.
16th DECEMBER	Key Stage One Nativity Performance 9:30 AM Year 1 & Year 2 performance for families. Class teachers to organise tickets.
17th DECEMBER	Drama & Theatre Club Performance 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM Drama & Theatre Club performance.
18th DECEMBER	Drama & Theatre Club Performance 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM Drama & Theatre Club performance.
19th DECEMBER	School Closes 1:30 PM Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Events

Breakfast with Santa

After last year's hugely successful event, we are delighted to announce that Breakfast with Santa will be returning to Malvern on Saturday 6th December. Tickets are limited so that everyone can enjoy a relaxed and magical experience.

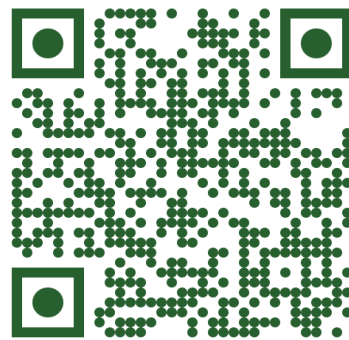
If your family would like to be considered for a place, please complete our expression of interest form using the link below or by scanning the QR code.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9K3TDPV>

Please submit the form no later than **Friday 21st November at 1.30pm.**

All names received will be placed into a draw, and tickets will be selected at random until all places are filled. Families will then be contacted to confirm either a successful booking or a place on the reserve list. To secure a confirmed place, payment must be made via ParentPay by **Friday 28th November at 1.30pm.** Any tickets not paid for by this time will be reallocated.

Thank you for your support in helping us make this special event fair and enjoyable for everyone.



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.

Reminder: Be Bright - Be Seen

A reminder that **Monday 17th November 2025** is our Be Bright Be Seen Day, linked to our Road Safety Competition. With darker nights now upon us, this day is designed to help pupils think about how to stay visible and safe when travelling to and from school.

As always, we want to make dress up days as accessible as possible for all families and therefore offer plenty of flexibility. Children may come in **full school uniform with something bright added**, such as colourful socks, a bright hairband or a reflective coat. They may also choose to come in **their own clothes wearing a bright outfit**. Families are welcome to choose the option that suits them best.

Competition entries are due on Monday 17th November 2025. Pupils can submit a drawn or painted poster, a computer based design or a short film sharing a road safety message.



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 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 Smashing Sheikhs	6	5	0	17
2	The Happy Horans	6	5	0	17
3	Brown's Busy Bees	6	5	0	15
4	Worthington's Wishmakers	6	2	1	14
5	Resilient Reception 1	6	3	0	13
6	Resilient Reception 2	6	3	0	13
7	The Fiery Phillips	6	2	0	12
8	The Corn Dogs	6	3	0	11
9	Pyne's Pynecones	6	3	1	10
10	The Magical Murphys	6	2	0	10
11	The McMinions	6	3	0	9
12	The Corn on the Cobs	6	2	0	8
13	Donno's Dragons	6	2	1	7
14	Davo's Dino Nuggets	6	1	0	3

Attendees of the Week



This week we are celebrating two fantastic Attendees of the Week, Jean and Harry. Both children have shown remarkable resilience and determination after suffering injuries that left them with some painful bruises. Despite feeling sore, neither of them made a fuss and both continued with their learning and daily routines with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

Their approach has really stood out, showing genuine strength and commitment. We are very proud of how they have handled themselves. They have set a wonderful example to others about perseverance and the importance of not giving up.



Weekly School Attendance

96.5%

Overall School Attendance

97%

HOT Winners (Here On Time)

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