

MALMESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter: 6th September 2024

Dear parents, carers,

We've had a great start to the term with our children. They look really smart and have enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and spending time with friends and classmates. This week the focus has been establishing new routines and expectations and helping children settle back in.



Thank you to the many, many families who commented on their children's annual reports right at the end of term. This week, we fed back to staff your pride in your children's achievements and how you valued staff's hard work and care. Several of you wrote that you are keen to ensure your children miss as few days of school as possible - this is great news. We can't help our children learn and thrive if they aren't in school. A handful of parents asked us to check attendance percentages - we will get back to you if this is the case.

We finished last year with an overall attendance of 94.5%, up from 92.8% the year before. This is really significant and jumped us up to 25th out of Tower Hamlets 66 primary schools. The school was 47th only two years ago. Let's aim for the top 20 for 2024/25.



Most importantly, the number of children classified as 'persistently absent' because their attendance was below 90% dropped from 28% to 16%. More work to be done to get this number to be as low as possible but this is better than Tower Hamlets, London AND National data.

Sooooooo, our staff will continue to work with you to ensure no child misses any more school than they should. We'll keep communicating with you about expectations and how we can work together. Please do talk to us about your child's absences and anything we can do to support you. We are here to help your children get the education they deserve. Have a good weekend everyone.

Claire Stewart (Headteacher)

This term's after-school clubs offer

Our after-school clubs are good opportunity for children to develop current skills, try new things and spend time socialising with different children. Our **sign-up deadline is Tuesday 10th September at 9am**. Clubs will start from Monday 16th September. If we have sufficient interest, we are also trialling a new KS2 inventors club run by an external agency.

Our <u>Malmesbury</u> After-School Club offer: Autumn Term 2024						
	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Cooking club Follow recipes to make and taste a delicious range of healthy snacks		Multi sports/team sports A chance to try a whole range of sports and games, practise turn taking and play with others	Cooking club Follow recipes to make and taste a delicious range of healthy snacks	Fun Fitness Go over, under and through a whole our indoor gym frame and apparatus	Playground games Learn and play a range of games: turn take, follow instructions and play with others
KS1 Year 1 Year 2	Multi sports/ Athletics Develop and practise a range of sports skills. Learn what it means to be an athlete	Art Use paints, collage, drawing, sculpture to create a range of exciting mini-art pieces	Cooking Follow recipes to make and taste a delicious range of healthy snacks	Football Learn the skills of football and how to be an effective team-mate.	Yoga Fitness Learn how to be mindful and to move flexibly to be both calm and strong	Cooking Follow recipes to make and taste a delicious range of healthy snacks
Lower KS2 Year 3 Year 4	Football Learn the skills of football and how to be an effective team-mate.		Basketball Learn the skills of basketball and how to be an effective team-mate.	The Inventors Club *External provider – see separate letter and costings (including discounted Maximum rate)	Art Use paints, collage, drawing, clay to create a range of exciting art pieces	Cooking Follow recipes to make and taste a delicious range of healthy snacks
Upper KS2 Year 5 Year 6	Harry Potter Learn how to play Quidditch, make potions, create invisibility cloaks and enjoy the imaginary world of Harry Potter.		Hockey Work with a professional hockey coach to learn the skills of hockey and how to be an effective team-mate. Invitation only: Sports Academy sessions working towards competitions	Build, experiment, explore hands-on projects to develop creativity, problem-solving skills, teamwork and self-confidence as well as a love for science, art and technology	Athletics Develop and practise a range of athletics skills. Learn what it means to be an athlete	Football Learn the skills of football and how to be an effective team-mate. Girls' football Learn the skills of football and how to be an effective team-mate. Girls only session as we work on our sports equity.

This term's clubs cost £15 for 12 sessions, with the exception of 'The Inventors Club' which runs with an external provider.

Medical Tracker

Tower Hamlets has purchased an online tool to support schools with logging and communicating to parents any accidents/medication. This replaces the googleform we have previously used to inform you.

A reminder that, whilst we work hard to ensure children are safe. Our children also need to be physical and active. This means that sometimes they fall or bump into each other. This is particularly the case for our younger children as they learn to manage themselves and spaces/equipment.

Playground donations needed

Do you have any action/superhero figures or dolls you could donate to our playground play equipment? If so, please drop them off at the main gate next week. Thank you!



Parent Partnership Sessions

Next week our 'Parent Partnership sessions' begin. This is where we outline key priorities and information for your child's new year group. It is also your opportunity to ask any initial questions you may have about the year ahead.

These will be in-person in school at 9am (with tea/coffee) and repeated online at 4:45pm for families who cannot make it into school.

Y6: Tuesday 10th September

Y5: Thursday 12th September

Y4: Monday 16th September

Y3: Tuesday 17th September

Y2: Thursday 19th September

Y1: Tuesday 24th September

Reception: Wednesday 2nd October

Nursery: 9th October