

# MALMESBURY NEWSLETTER



## Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week offers a valuable opportunity to pause and reflect on children's mental health and wellbeing. This year's theme 'This is My Place' invites schools to think about belonging.

### COMING UP...

Reception Half Moon  
Theatre trip: Monday  
9<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental  
Health Week  
9<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day:  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Half term: school  
closed Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Ramadan begins

Y1 Lunar New Year  
Assembly  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day:  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Eid Holiday:  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Feeling like we belong can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

For many children, school is one of the most important places in their lives. It is where friendships form, learning happens, and relationships with trusted adults grow. How children feel in our school matters.

### ***How do we help children feel like they belong at Malmesbury?***

- Our morning meet and greet at the gates and in the classrooms
- Wearing our uniform with pride - it tells our children they are part of the Malmesbury team
- Understanding that our children are unique young people - taking time to get to know their passions and interests.
- Ensuring our children can see themselves in our curriculum offer - our books and our curriculum need to reflect and celebrate the diversity of our children
- Having fun together.... smiling, laughing and connecting.



A reminder that on Monday, part of our main playground will be cordoned off for 4 weeks whilst our 'trees for cities' project is installed. At the end of the project, our new eco-council will work to help plant up some of our new and existing spaces.

### LUNAR NEW YEAR

During half term, some of our school community will be celebrating Lunar New Year. We are looking forward to learning and celebrating together in school.

Year 1 will lead on our Lunar New Year assembly for parents on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9:10am.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, our PTFA will also have 150 goody bags packed full of Lunar New Year treats on sale in our playground for £3 each at the end of the day.

Scan the QR code to learn more about Lunar New Year - CBBC and Cbeebies have great information for children.



Next Tuesday's Safer Internet Day is based around the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.



We will be helping our children learn about the benefits, risks and challenges of AI after the half term break.

Our March parent teacher consultations will also provide an opportunity for our IT support to look at devices from home to help parents understand how they can help keep children safe online.

**This week's attendance:**  
95.79%

Y2 Lionhearts: 99.20%  
Y3 Yorkists: 99.20%  
Y3 Lancastrians: 98.60%

Well done everyone! A strong week for attendance.



BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE.