

MALMESBURY

NEWSLETTER



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Primary School
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COMING UP...

Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May

Polling Day: School closed. Thursday 7th May (Y6 in 9am - 1pm)

Class Photos

Tuesday 19th May

Half term

25th - 29th May

Not Just Sport Holiday Club

Tues 26th - Thurs 28th May (see separate ping)

Sports Day (KS1/2) at Mile End Stadium

Tuesday 2nd June



London Mini Marathon

Last weekend a group of 20 of our children joined 18,000 others running the London Mini Marathon.

We had a brilliant afternoon, with a warm up led by Joe Wicks, before our mile run from Horse Guard's Parade, round Buckingham Palace and up the Mall through the official Marathon finish line. Our children were fabulous and left the adults working hard to keep up! A special shout-out to Ryel in Y5 who finished 17th in his age range (out of 18,000 runners)- he'll be one to watch on 2nd June's Sports Day.

Our runners brought their medals in on Monday and spoke in assemblies about their day, what inspired them to keep going and why other children should get involved next year.



Class Photos

On Tuesday 19th May, the photographer will be in for our class photos. These will be available for parents to purchase shortly afterwards and are always a really treasured memory.

Children need to be in full school uniform for the photo please.

WHY EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS

As parents and carers you are our most important partners in helping children thrive. We want to share why attendance is so crucial for your child's success and wellbeing.

When children miss school, they miss out on:

- Learning they can't get back – even a day here and there adds up quickly (it particularly impacts areas such as maths and phonics).
- Friendships and social connections that are vital for their emotional development.
- The security and routine that helps them feel safe and supported.

What the numbers mean

If a pupil misses 10% or more of school – that's a day or more every 2 weeks – this is considered 'persistent absence' over a year. 90% attendance is 19 days of missed learning (that's a whole month of school).

How we can work together

- Talk to us early if your child is reluctant to come to school – we're here to help remove any barriers.
- Book medical appointments outside school hours wherever possible.
- Plan holidays during school breaks.
- Establish good routines around bedtime and morning get up and outs.

We're here to support you

If you're finding it difficult to get your child to school, or if there are challenges we should know about, please speak to us. We want to understand and help remove any barriers your child might be facing.

Every day your child is in school is a day they're learning, growing, and building their future. Thank you for working with us to make attendance a priority.



This week's attendance: 95.48%

★ Danes: 100% ★

Y5 Stuarts: 98.8%

Reception Green Dinosaurs: 98.6%

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