



Malvern Parish C of E Primary School



The Half-Termly Times



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LATEST NEWS

Welcome to the Half Termly Times. I think it is fair to say that we have had our fair share of challenges since January the 5th and returning to school after the Christmas break. However, there is no denying that there has been some fantastic and very impressive learning going on in and around school. We have welcomed our PeaceMaker visitors into school, undertaken First Aid training, visited The Commandery in Worcester, organized parties, competed in 'Bake-offs' amongst many, many other fun activities. The children really do deserve their half termly treats.

We very much plan on inviting you more into school to share this learning with you as we undertake our topics in the second half of the Spring term. To give you a little insight Year R, 1 & 2 will be continuing their topic of 'Where The Wild Things Are' where we hope to invite little visitors into school! Year 3 & 4 will be learning about The Romans and plan to support their learning with an off site visit and Years 5 & 6 will be learning about the Extremities of the Earth. Like I say, we really do hope to be able to invite you more into school next half term so please do continue to look on the website for further updates.

You will have noticed that the new foyer and office are now operational, we hope to have the new telephone system installed during the first week back and we await a new doorbell! Apart from that you will no longer have to call the school office to enter school.

Finally, I just want to pass on all our thanks for all of your kind words during our outbreak. It really was a comfort and your support was very much appreciated. Have a restful week and we shall see you on Monday 28th February.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This is a plea for Volunteers to come into School and read with the children.

If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

Many thanks in advance.



PE DAYS FOR NEXT HALF TERM



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| Monday | Y3 |
| Tuesday | YR, Y4, Y1, Y5 & Y2 |
| Wednesday | YR, Y5 & Y6 |
| Thursday | Y6, Y4 & Y3 |
| Friday | Y2 & Y1 |



Have a great half term!

We will see you all on Monday 28th February 2022



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VALUE

Our Christian Value for this half term has been Respect.



Our Christian value for next half term will be Trust.



ATTENDANCE

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| YR — 94% | Y1 — 89% |
| Y2 — 92% | Y3 — 93% |
| Y4 — 93% | Y5 — 92% |
| Y6 — 92% | |

The above attendance figures are for this current academic year. It is vital that your child has very good attendance and punctuality if they are going to make good progress.

Despite the circumstances we find ourselves in attendance, our attendance this year so far stands at 92.2%. Attendance is closely monitored and reported to the DfE on a daily basis. **If your child is ill, please telephone, send an in-app message or email the school office as soon as possible, on the first day of absence.**

We urge parents to take their annual holidays during school holiday time as even short periods of absence disrupt a child's education. The government expects that children will not take term-time holidays, absences maybe permitted if there are exceptional circumstances.

SEVERN ARTS MUSIC LESSONS

Music payments will be available on ParentPay for the Summer Term by the end of the Spring Term. Payment will be due by **Friday 29th April 2022**. Thank you.

Please remember that Severn Arts need half a terms notice for any changes including cancellations to music tuition.



MESSAGE FROM RED HEN

Red Hen Cookery school meal menus for the 2nd half of the Spring Term are now online. If you require a meal to be delivered on the first day of term, please be aware the order cut-off date is **Tuesday 22nd February 2022**.



Please note that if you do not receive a confirmation email with an order number then the order has not been placed/processed correctly and the meals will not have been recorded on the system and therefore will not be delivered.



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RECEPTION

Our Start to Reception Class at Malvern Parish!



We are extremely proud of how the children have settled into life at Malvern Parish! We have been busy getting to know each other through stories; such as the Rainbow Fish and play - both inside and outside of our lovely classroom.

Building relationships and friendships are very important in reception class. Working together, sharing and taking turns along with being kind and thoughtful are paramount characteristics to ensure that we all feel happy and can learn well at school.



Many of gross and listening Me!



our activities help us to build our physical skills; both fine motor control. We also develop our speaking and skills through stories, play and especially Marvellous

During our Celebrations topic, we had lots of fun learning about Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays and also how Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time.

We planned a birthday party celebration

where we decided on a party food menu and the children loved preparing sandwiches – even though spreading and



cutting was tricky! We baked and decorated cupcakes and used the musical instruments to play along to the beat to the Happy Birthday song! We enjoyed the traditional party games; pass the parcel and musical statues and had lots of fun!





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YEAR 1

Year 1 have been busy this half term with their topic 'Where the wild things are'. We have done some superb writing - retelling the story of 'The Gruffalo' and have enjoyed looking for all sorts of living and non living things in our forest school sessions. The children have been exploring winter, too, and we are finding out about animals that live in cold environments. - Great work Year 1!





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YEAR 2

Over the past few weeks, Year 2 have become 'Wildlife Explorers' and travelled all across the globe! They've researched and studied a range of different species, placed them into correct classification groups and learnt amazing facts about penguins in the Arctic. Alongside being Zoologists, they've also become weather reporters by discovering the world's climates and identifying and recording seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK (mostly cold so far!).

Throughout their new and exciting careers, Year 2 had the time to create their own 'Gruffalo' character, re-write the story and create a book! They used drama to help inspire their new characters as well as using their bodies in P.E to become the Owl, Fox and Mouse. Not only that, in October 2021 they entered a competition called 'The Poetry Bus' and submitted fantastic sense poems all about Autumn and...they were chosen to be published! We couldn't be any prouder.

In Maths, they have worked extremely hard to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers using a variety of methods, plus, they have recently transferred these skills when discovering money! Not only that, they have developed their problem-solving skills through the use of visual and practical resources.

To reward their resilience and determination, Year 2 had their own animal themed party and they dressed to impress! We had a range of animals including bumble bees, cats and giraffes! They made their own decorations and used their math skills to create an inventory. How organised!





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YEAR 3

We have had a really busy half term in Year 3, and the children have been a credit to the school and we couldn't be more proud of them.

We have had Liz from Peacemakers come and work with us. We have had 6 sessions and this has helped us to develop and improve our self-esteem. The children have all had a chance to fly on the magic carpet and their peers have all told them why they are special. They have spent time getting to know each other, discussed what makes a good friend, discussed feelings and how we can help each other during tough times. Such a positive experience and one we have learnt a lot from.

Year 3 spent a morning at Malvern Library, it was very exciting to walk up there and spend time learning outside the classroom. We met James and he taught us about how the library works, how we find out information and how we can access other activities the library runs. We spent time sorting books, ordering them and completing a Healthy Eating Quiz. Lots of children borrowed books and were excited to visit again.



We have also spent some time learning how to keep our bodies healthy and what to do when things go wrong. We had a first aid session with Grace from Mini First Aid and learnt how to do CPR, how to treat a burn and how to put someone in the recovery position. We all got given homework to know where we live in case we need to ring 999. A very worthwhile afternoon and the children learnt lots.





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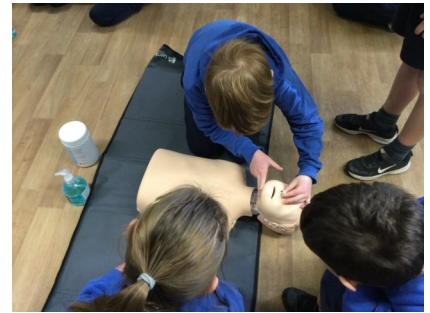


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YEAR 4

Year 4 have had an excellent half term exploring how the human body works and what it needs to keep healthy. They've all researched and produced their own healthy lunchbox leaflets and applied their learning through our 'Great Parish Bake Off' in their design and technology lessons. The children were very enthusiastic about testing some new foods and flavours and had great ideas for their granola bars. We're all looking forward to the final and choosing our winning bar.

We were also very happy to be able to welcome some visitors into school this term. Grace from Mini First Aid gave us all some training in what to do in an emergency and how to do CPR, put people in the recovery position, treat cuts and burns and what to do if someone is choking. Everyone had a go at chest compressions on the mannequin and we were really impressed at how well they answered questions and remembered everything after.



The Peacemakers have been visiting Y4 every week this term. We have been 'Celebrating our differences and enjoying our similarities'.

First, we read a story about a family who had an autistic daughter and how her brother had both similarities and differences to her. The children really enjoyed the music session, particularly watching the effect music had on animals!

We thought about what it would be like to be a refugee in a new country and what we would choose to take with us if we had to leave in a hurry and pack all we needed into a rucksack. After the story, we planted beans.



The children were visited by a person with a disability and learnt how not all disabilities were obvious. They also thought about their own abilities.



Finally, we listened to Baroness Floella Benjamin's autobiography about her arrival in Britain, how she felt different and attitudes towards her. The class worked in groups to find out about different religions around the world.

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed the weekly visits and activities and finding out about how people are similar, yet different.



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YEAR 5



This half term, Year 5 have been learning about the English Civil War. To start our topic, we travelled all the way back to the 1600s and found out what life was like in Britain - it was very different to how life is today!

Let Battle Commence ...



Then, we found out that the English Civil War started because of a disagreement between King Charles I and Parliament. We found out lots of information about the two sides involved in the fighting - the Cavaliers and the Roundheads - and made propaganda posters to encourage people to join 'our' side.

Later in the half term, we found out that towards the end of the Civil War, Charles I was executed for treason. We held our own mini trial to decide what should have happened to Charles and discuss whether or not his trial had been fair. Unfortunately for Charles, we agreed that his head should be chopped off!

We also completed a science investigation to find out which shape of ammunition would travel the furthest. We chose different shapes to test and used our knowledge of forces to explain what happened. We found that the shapes that created the least air resistance travelled the furthest.



To finish our topic, we found out about life in Britain after the death of Charles. We found out that Oliver Cromwell, the leader of the Parliamentarians, was in charge for a while but when that didn't go too well, the people of Britain invited back Charles II to be king instead.



On Friday 11th February, we were also lucky enough to get to visit The Commandery in Worcester. After a short coach trip to the city centre, we spent the day exploring the museum and seeing lots of Civil War artefacts. During our battle workshop, we got to see replicas of armour and weapons that the soldiers would have worn and we even got to have a go at doing our own pike drills. We then got to walk up to Fort Royal and see where the last battle of the Civil War happened. It was a great day and we all enjoyed finding out more about our topic.



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YEAR 6

Y6 have had a brilliant half-term. We've been working really hard preparing for our SATs but have also had lots of fun. We were learning all about the English Civil War and really enjoyed finding out about the highs and lows of life in the 1600s. We got messy in art as we created heads from modroc - something that was new to us. We had to work hard to form facial features from wire before covering our creations in modroc - all before it went hard! The heads are looking fantastic - it's like having an extra 30 people in our classroom! We also learned all about what type of a king Charles I was - we looked at lots of evidence from people who thought he was a good king and evidence that suggested he could have done better! We had a fun afternoon where we put King Charles I on trial - we presented our evidence and then voted on whether he was guilty of treason or not. We decided he was guilty and therefore it was right that he was beheaded. To round off our topic, we headed out of the classroom to Worcester. We spent a day visiting the Commandery which was the Royalist headquarters during the Battle of Worcester. We found out all about getting ready for battle as we learned all about the different weapons and clothing that were worn during battle. We had



a tour of Fort Royal which was partly where the Battle of Worcester took place and we took part in the process leading up to firing a cannon. One of our favourite things though was the pike drill. We were all given a long, wooden pike and got into formation before marching and charging at the enemy! It was a great day and the children really represented Malvern Parish brilliantly!





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MABAWA

The children in reception class have been learning about our friends at Mabawa Primary School and have loved comparing what life is like there to Malvern Parish. The environments are so very different and many of the children felt compelled to help with the next project which will be to improve the toilet facilities for the children of Mabawa. The school grounds are very different and the number of children in each class (about 120!) surprised us! We noticed that the classrooms had some lovely displays to help the children learn which was a shared learning experience for the teachers at Mabawa and teachers from Malvern Parish! We really hope that they will be able to visit us again one day.

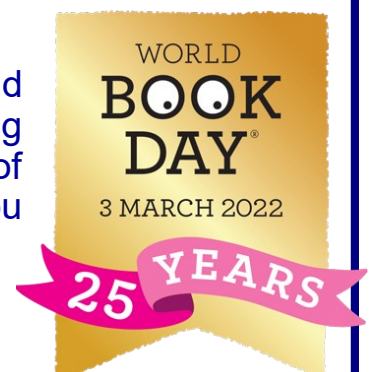
Before the end of the year, we will hope to have a fund-raising day where we will try some uji and will teach the parents about our link with the school in Tanzania. After seeing all of the big smiles on the faces of the children at Mabawa we know that they love going to school as much as we do at Malvern Parish! Take a look at the Mabawa tab on our school website to find out more about our Tanzanian link.

Also, we want to send huge congratulations to Mr Ntulwe from Mabawa. He has been selected by the local educational board in Tanga to take on the role of Headteacher at a different local primary school. We know he will miss Mabawa and miss the link with us here in Malvern but we wish him all the very best in his new role. Here is a picture from a special time when Mr Ntulwe came to visit us here along with Madam Msemu.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day Week is very nearly upon us...although World Book Day is officially Thursday 3rd March, we will be making the whole week commencing February 28th a celebration of reading, linked to the World Book Day theme this year - 'You Are a Reader'.





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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2022

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| 28th | School open to pupils |
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MARCH 2022

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| 1st | Parent Consultations (afternoon) (no after school clubs are running w/k beg 28th Feb) |
| 2nd | Parent Consultations (evening) (no after school clubs are running w/k beg 28th Feb) |

APRIL 2022

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| 8th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Easter Service at The Priory—10am TBABreak up for Easter |
| 25th | INSET Day—School closed to pupils |
| 26th | School open to pupils |

MAY 2022

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| 2nd | Bank Holiday—School closed |
| w/b 9th | SATs for Year 6 |
| 27th | Break up for half term |

JUNE 2022

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| 6th | School open to pupils |
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There will be no after school clubs week commencing 28th February due to Parent Consultation meetings (Late Bird will be running as normal).

Thank you.

PARKING

We are asking that everyone be thoughtful and careful when parking during school drop off and pick up times. Parking is an issue for all schools, but if we all take extra care we can keep the children safe.

- Don't park in the staff car park.
- Don't walk through the car park to access school, please use the main footpath.
- Don't park on school markings or double yellow lines.
- Don't park on the pavement.
- Don't block driveways.
- Don't double park - remember vehicles need to get through and that might include emergency vehicles or vans/lorries.
- Don't speed - watch for pedestrians.

We appreciate your support with this important matter.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

MALVERN LIBRARY FEBRUARY HALF-TERM READING CHALLENGE!

Libraries and Learning Service

Calling all young readers!



Sign up this February Half-term
for Malvern Library's
Mini Magical Book Challenge!



To enter:

- Pick up a Mini Magical Book Challenge sheet from Malvern Library.
- Read three books of your choice including one non-fiction book.
- Complete either the 'Bears on the Loose' (KS1) or 'Harry Potter Magical Journeys' (KS2) Treasure Hunt.
- Hand in your completed Mini Magical Book Challenge sheet to a member of the Library Staff by Monday, 28th February.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MalvernLib>



Find out more online:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries



MALVERN SEA CADETS

Malvern Sea Cadets are welcoming all 10-18 year olds to join their fun and exciting unit based in Spring Lane Malvern. They meet up every Thursday between 6.30-9pm, and in the summer months the Cadets also meet at Upton Marina to learn boating skills and participate in water-based activities on the River Severn. If you would like the opportunity to experience a wide range of both water and land based activities, developing life skills and qualifications, as well as making lifelong friends, please visit the cadets website at <http://www.sea-cadets.org/malvern/>. If you are interested in joining as a cadet or as a volunteer, or would like further information please email: uaomalvern@gmail.com.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



**LEDBURY AND MALVERN
SWIMMING CLUB IS
ACCEPTING NEW
MEMBERS!**



**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE AGED 7
TO ADULT WHO IS AT LEAST STAGE 6 IN
SWIMMING LESSONS OR EQUIVALENT.**

**IF YOU'RE NOT QUITE THERE YET, WE MIGHT
STILL BE ABLE TO HELP!**

DROP US AN EMAIL AT

CONTACT@LAMSC.CO.UK

TO FIND OUT WHEN YOU CAN COME ALONG

OR, HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US.

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