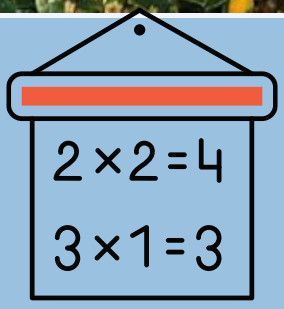
Good News Friday

Malmesbury Primary School

From the Headteacher:



Friday 16th October 2026



TIMES TABLE SUPERSTARS

Bronze: Iva, Taneem.

Silver: Marko.

Gold: Yasmin.

Gold Plus: Priscilla, Alina.

Platinum: Qamar.

Celebrating Success

Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Anaiyah.
Maple: Lana.
Willow: Lexie.
Ash: Megi.
Oak: Whole class.
Sycamore: Nevaeh.
Pine: Melisa.
Cedar: Joshua.
Rowan: Hamad.
Larch: Sonney.
Juniper: Karishna.
Redwood: Sophia.

Learners of the Week:

Nursery: Eva.
Maple: Jai.
Willow: Iga.
Ash: Elijah.
Oak: Kodi.
Sycamore: Manuela.
Pine: Jacob.
Cedar: Harry.
Rowan: Ella, Haddiya.
Larch: Mia.
Juniper: Jiaqi.
Redwood: Lily.



Best attendance: Sycamore with 99%

Learning this week in EYFS and KS1...

Nursery

What a lovely week everyone has had in Nursery! The children absolutely loved welcoming their parents - and one nanny - to the first Stay and Play session of the year. It's always so special for the children to show their grown-ups what they get up to during the day and share a little of their Nursery world with them. Everyone has continued to enjoy *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* story, and everyone has now had the chance to make their very own porridge! The Cosy Corner Café mud kitchen has also been incredibly popular, with lots of wonderful imaginative play taking place. Children, and staff, have been busy mixing, stirring and serving up their muddy creations. If you haven't already, do check out our Google reviews to see what people are saying about Cosy Corner Café!





Reception

Reception class dove into storytelling by using their class story map to enthusiastically retell *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Mathematical minds were at work exploring combinations to make 5, discovering how 3 and 2 or 4 and 1 join together. The high-energy learning continued as the children jumped right into testing out the new sand toys, getting creative at the new paint station, and eagerly tackling some hands-on woodwork projects!

Year 1

They have continued learning about chameleons in year 1 this week and have started their own versions of *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*. Independently, the children had a go at drawing their own pictures which were very detailed and with some lovely curly tails. In art, they have learnt about primary and secondary colours this week and have created some beautiful art work inspired by Piet Mondrian.





Year 2

On Wednesday, year 2 enjoyed a local walk to explore the area around our school. Following a route on a map, the children looked out for a range of human and physical features, including parks, churches and other schools. They particularly enjoyed spotting the different types of houses along the way and were very excited whenever they passed one of their own homes! Back in the classroom, the children put their geographical skills into practice by sketching and mapping out the route they had followed, adding key details and map symbols. In English, they also wrote a recount of their walk, using time connectives and the past tense to describe their experiences.

Learning this week in KS2...

Year 3

Another fantastic week of learning in year 3! The children have been having lots of fun comparing and ordering numbers through exciting, practical activities, putting their place value knowledge to the test! They are now building strong foundations ready to tackle addition and subtraction with numbers up to 1,000. In English, they have become wonderful instructional writers, producing fantastic recounts of their tasty tart-making adventures! Using time adverbials and descriptive vocabulary, they have worked hard to make their writing both informative and engaging for the reader. In PSHE, the children have been exploring the importance of kindness and friendship, discussing who they can turn to when things don't quite go to plan. They have also taken time to reflect on the wonderful qualities they each bring to a friendship and what makes them such fantastic friends. A lovely week filled with learning, teamwork and kindness!



Year 4



Year 4 have been on a journey to Tobago this week, learning all about the climate, landscape, animals and foods that can be found on this wonderful island. They have enjoyed listening to steelpan music and have even tasted some exotic fruits from the island. It has been wonderful to hear all the similarities and differences between Tobago and their own countries and those we have visited. All of this has really helped to immerse them into their new book *Gregory Cool* and they have enjoyed exploring the characters and writing poetry. In maths this week, they have been really busy with column addition and all the children have shown a great understanding of the method and how to set their work out clearly.

Year 5

Swimming has been the highlight of year 5's week. It is incredible how much progress the children have made as they build their confidence in the water. In English, they have started a new book - *The Man who Walked Between the Towers*. They made excellent predictions about what would happen, based on the front cover, before writing a letter to encourage Phillipe Petit not to walk on a tightrope between the two towers. In maths, they discovered strategies to check their calculations before applying their knowledge of rounding and inverse operations to check their work. Year 5 have also been finishing off their letters to their pen-pals in France, to be posted this week. We are looking forward to receiving replies from them soon!



Year 6



Year 6 children wrote biographies of Walter Tull, celebrating his remarkable achievements as a footballer and soldier during the First World War. In maths, pupils explored the order of operations, learning how to solve calculations accurately using the correct sequence. In art, they created striking photomontages using historical photographs and images of First World War objects to form the face of a soldier. The children also visited Harris Academy Morden to experience life in secondary school, taking part in science and PE lessons and getting a taste of what lies ahead as they prepare for their next educational adventure.

Enrichment...

I am delighted to announce that our annual firework night celebrations will be taking place on Thursday 5th November.

Book you tickets using the QR code on the poster.

Doors open at 5:30pm, there will be a choir performance at 6pm and the fireworks start at 6:30pm.



As part of our *Greening the Malmesbury Community* project and our 25th anniversary celebrations, we held a successful community bulb-planting afternoon in our KS2 playground. A huge thank you to all the parents and families who joined us and generously brought bulbs to plant, and to Merton Garden Streets for their kind donation of additional bulbs. Together, we are helping to make our school grounds greener, more colourful and more biodiverse, while providing valuable food for early pollinators. We look forward to seeing our daffodils bloom next spring!



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On Friday 9th October, our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football competition, and what a fantastic day it was! The girls played brilliantly, drawing two games and winning five, including an emphatic 7–0 victory! Their teamwork, determination and skill were outstanding, conceding just one goal throughout the entire tournament. We are delighted to share that the girls were announced as OVERALL WINNERS! A huge well done to all the girls for their incredible efforts and for proudly representing Team Malmesbury. What an achievement!