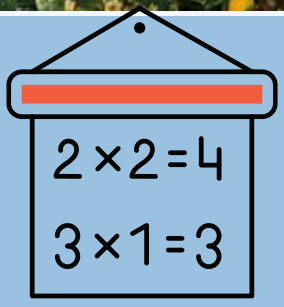
Good News Friday

Malmesbury Primary School

From the Headteacher:



Friday 23rd October 2026



TIMES TABLE SUPERSTARS

Bronze: Skyla, Alivia.

Silver: Akira, Omar, Waleed.

Gold Plus: Saria, Clara.

Celebrating Success

Learners of the Half term:

Nursery: Marvin.
Maple: Mason.
Willow: Iga.
Ash: Elijah.
Oak: Umar.
Sycamore: Ava.
Pine: Omar.
Cedar: Maira.
Rowan: JJ.
Larch: Ayat.
Juniper: Danny.
Redwood: Basel.

Stars and Learners of the Week:

Nursery: Charlotte, Yusuf.
Maple: Leon.
Willow: Nayara, Amelia.
Ash: Lexi, Luna-Louise.
Oak: Duclie.
Sycamore: Aisha, Taneem.
Pine: Armira, Dolly-Rai.
Cedar: Laney, Clara.
Rowan: Minahil, Rowan class.
Larch: Haneen, Larch class.
Juniper: Antonia, Billy, Blake.
Redwood: Ermin, Ben.



Best attendance for the Half term: Larch with 97.6%

Learning this week in EYFS and KS1...

Nursery

If you go down to the woods today, you are in for a big surprise - you will spot Nursery, Reception and their favourite teddies huddled together to enjoy a teddy bears picnic to celebrate the end of a terrific half term. Miss Gunderson was delighted with the efforts that the new children put into their first woodwork sessions. Such focus and determination at the workbench! The stationery cupboard had a tidy-up and countless boxes were delivered which were quickly transformed into robots, double decker buses and cameras. Pumpkins were found in every corner of the room with children talking animatedly about autumn and their plans for Hallowe'en. Sticky fingers and laughter were the perfect way to end the half term.





Reception

This week, Reception children continued their exciting *There's a Bear Over There* theme by diving into the fantastic story *We're Going to Find the Monster*! They were quick to spot clever links to *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and absolutely loved every minute of the adventure. Indoors and out, our keen shape detectives have been exploring 2D shapes, carefully counting sides and corners on everything they could find. The outdoor magic didn't stop there—armed with trusty magnifying glasses, the children turned into mini-beast explorers and discovered a wonderful world of slimy snails, squiggly worms, and busy spiders!

Year 1

Year 1 put on their geographer hats this week and went out into the school grounds looking carefully at the features that make up our school. They noticed that some things had been put there by humans and some other things, like the trees, were a natural part of our playgrounds. They recorded what they found by drawing and labelling. They will be using the information they collected to create a map of our school grounds. They have also finished their own stories of *The Mixed-up Chameleon.*





Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed watching their cress grow this week. The children used magnifying glasses to take a closer look at the seeds in different flowers and vegetables before sowing their own and writing a recount of how they grew their cress, using time words and carefully considering the correct sequence of events. Their cress heads are designed to resemble the main character from *Wild* by Emily Hughes. The children have loved exploring this story and bringing the characters to life through freeze frames and written thought bubbles. They have thoroughly enjoyed developing their oracy and writing skills while engaging with this wonderful book!

Learning this week in KS2...

Year 3

What a wonderful way to end a busy and exciting half term in year 3! The children have been working incredibly hard in English, developing their recount and narrative writing skills by using time adverbials across different genres and revisiting expanded noun phrases to make their writing even more descriptive. They even shared their stories with Ash class! In geography and RE, they have been exploring the fascinating world of symbols, discovering what makes them meaningful and memorable and why they play such an important role in our everyday lives. In computing, the children became network engineers, creating their very own computer networks and exploring how computers communicate with one another, including the important roles of switches and servers. To top off a fantastic half term, year 3 enjoyed a brilliant performance of *Toto* at the Polka Theatre, enthusiastically joining in with the songs and actions! What a lovely way to celebrate a half term full of learning, curiosity and achievements.



Year 4



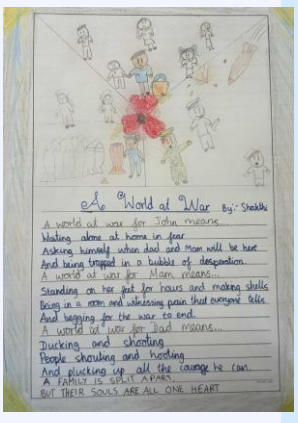
This half term, year 4 have really enjoyed their tennis sessions in PE lessons. This week they played mini games with the tennis nets and they did an amazing job showing off the skills they have learnt, in particular their forehand and backhand shots. It was great to see their improved control when playing against a partner. In maths this week, they have worked really hard to subtract four-digit numbers, including those that require an exchange, explaining each step of their calculations with confidence. We have been super impressed with everyone's writing in role as Gregory Cool in English. They all showed such a deep understanding of the character's thoughts, feelings and experiences and have demonstrated this when writing a letter home to mum.

Year 5

Showing super sportsmanship, incredible resilience and courage, year 5 have continued their swimming lessons this week, making Malmesbury proud with their excellent representation of our values both in and enroute to and from and the pool. Their progress has been phenomenal! In English, year 5 also explored newspaper reports, looking at language and presentation features. They dramatised the events, of Phillipe Petit's walk between the twin towers, before writing their own news story about it. In maths, they have continued to develop their addition and subtraction calculations.



Year 6



Year 6 have continued to explore the impact of the First World War through a range of thoughtful and creative activities. They began reading *War Is Over* and wrote some beautiful poems reflecting on what war meant for families between 1914 and 1918, capturing the emotions and challenges experienced by those left at home. They then prepared and delivered persuasive speeches arguing why women should be allowed to work in munitions factories, discussing equality and women's changing roles in society during wartime.

Enrichment…

Don’t forget 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.





It’s been a very healthy week!

Over 100 children had their flu vaccinations on Thursday and today we were visited by the school nurse and 35 NHS dentists who inspected the teeth of 60 children!

Our pumpkin-weighing competition was a great success! Thank you to everyone who took part in our Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin challenge. Congratulations to our two winners, who guessed closest to the pumpkin’s weight! All the money raised will go towards supporting our school garden and helping us continue to develop our green spaces. We’re already looking forward to growing even more pumpkins next year – hopefully an even bigger one!



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Half term whole school attendance **94.6%**

Have a great half term.
We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd November.