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Key Diary Dates:

Wednesday 20th July- Reception Graduation (2pm)

Friday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm)

Friday 22nd July - School closes for Summer.

Tuesday 6th September - School opens for Autumn Term

Messages from Mrs Holmes:

Thank you to everyone who attended the school fair, it was a great afternoon! We've raised lots of funds (totals to follow) which will contribute to new resources across the school. As always, your support is incredibly appreciated and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to more events next year.

I can't let this newsletter pass without mentioning the incredible performance of 'The Lion King' last week. It was a truly West End worthy production. I was blown away with the singing, dancing, acting and the whole production. Thank you to the staff for their efforts with this and to the children, an enormous well done! The bravery and confidence that they showed blew me away. I know I was not the only one with a tear in my eye.

Thank you to everyone who attended sports day, every session was a huge success and we hope to be able to have even more adult participation in September.

Thank you to everyone who returned the report survey. If you wish to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, please contact the school office. Please note that attendance is reported as sessions, not days. Your child in YRec to Y6 attends two sessions per day.

Please see the website with regards to the uniform required from September, you will be asked to change your child's uniform if it is not correct. NO TRAINERS other than on PE days (children will be expected to be in the correct PE uniform on these days) and NO EARRINGS, this includes clear studs. You will be asked to remove any type of earring that your child is wearing.

The whole staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a fantastic summer. Hopefully the weather will stay as it has been over the last few weeks (maybe not quite SO hot) and there will be lots of opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Stay safe everyone, we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Mrs Holmes and the whole Malvin's Family.

School Uniform

School uniforms can be ordered via Borders Embroideries, our school uniform suppliers.

The school no longer take orders for uniform, all orders have to be placed via their website [www.border-embroideries.co.uk/](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/)

If you are placing an order for September the last day for ordering is Sunday 25th July. Any orders placed after this time cannot guarantee delivery before September.

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### Pupil Data Sheets

You will soon receive a data sheet which shows the information and permissions held in school for your child and details of our Privacy Notice.

It is essential that your child's data is kept accurate and we would be grateful if you could read the enclosed letter and check the information as soon as possible and return the signed data sheet showing any necessary amendments needed.

### Jubilee Souvenirs

We have been gifted books by The Department of Education to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will be distributed one per family

Your child will also receive a Jubilee medal gifted by Blyth Town Council.



PIC-COLLAGE

The School Parliament are pictured with the souvenirs and they will be sent home with your child on Monday 18th July

### Whole School Messages:

Please visit our new school website for our most up to date information  
<https://malvinclose.wiseacademies.co.uk/>

Remember to report your child's absence for each day that they are off school. This should be done by contacting the main school office on 01670 354082.

Failure to report an absence will result in a home visit. All children should aim to have 100% attendance.

### Children should not wear earrings for school under any circumstances

Children should be in PE uniform on PE days. There is no need to carry a PE uniform in a bag. If your child is not in the correct PE uniform, they will be asked to come to school in their uniform and change into their PE kit.

**Children should not bring any toys into school. If children are found to have toys from home they will be confiscated until the end of the day where they will then be handed to the parent/carer collecting.**

### OPAL & Outdoor play

Please can you provide your child with a sunhat and water bottle if possible as the days are getting a lot warmer and we will be outside at playtimes and lunchtimes.

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### Head lice

As parents/carers it is important that you are checking your child's hair regularly. As with any medical issue it is your responsibility to ensure that your child and family are treated as soon as possible if head lice or eggs are present. If you would like any support or advice please contact the family team, local pharmacy or GP.

### Climbing Frame

Please do not allow your child to use the climbing frame at the beginning or end of the school day. The climbing frame is closed for repair.

### EYFS News:

Nursery have continued to enjoy their learning about farm animals. We have also spent lots of time outside and have continued hunting for mini beasts! Nursery staff are so proud of how many children can now write their first name, well done everyone! Reception have been working hard on their independent writing by writing some arctic animal fact files. In maths, we have practised finding one more, one less and even explored a bit of data collection with some fun team games!

### KS1 News:

Year 2 have worked so hard to improve their writing over the past few weeks and we are all so proud of them! We have been learning about position and direction in our maths lessons and have enjoyed directing our partners around the playground.

### KS2 News:

KS2 are still working hard in lessons and looking forward to their new teachers seeing what they are capable of. They have spent Friday in their new classes, meeting their new teachers in preparation for September! The teachers have been absolutely delighted to meet their new class and the children have been happy and well behaved: the Malvin's way! We have completed some self-portraits in our sketch books and we have also made sure our teachers know everything about us!

### E-safety Updates:

#### WhatsApp: group chats

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages and videos.

#### Group chats

One of the main features is that it has a Group chat function that is set up by one person (who is the admin). Everybody in the group, even if they're not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

#### Change Group Privacy settings

In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups, for example, you can change the settings to 'my contacts', which means that only those in your child's contacts can add them to a group.

#### Blocking/Reporting

If your child is using WhatsApp, then show them how to block and report a contact. You can find out how here: [https://faq.whatsapp.com/573499606555345/?helpref=search&query=how%20to%20block&search\\_session\\_id=e484a459b4b3493eedab71bd7f95b0a&sr=1](https://faq.whatsapp.com/573499606555345/?helpref=search&query=how%20to%20block&search_session_id=e484a459b4b3493eedab71bd7f95b0a&sr=1)  
Further information: <https://www.whatsapp.com/safety/>

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**CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?**

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers and how to act safely when using the internet. We are therefore delighted to announce that Malvin's Close Academy have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online and have worked with National Online Safety to deliver an interactive online workshop for all our parents & carers.



The course can be taken at your own convenience and covers:

- \*Information about online dangers and the newest platforms
- \*What online risks to look out for and how to protect your child

Please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select Parent/Carer.

[https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/malvin-s-close-academy?fbclid=IwAR2kVGq7e9OH0Pc\\_Ks4L4c2LAUicBJpoh9163lcXCLpX61DrGFfseuzadWw](https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/malvin-s-close-academy?fbclid=IwAR2kVGq7e9OH0Pc_Ks4L4c2LAUicBJpoh9163lcXCLpX61DrGFfseuzadWw)

We need at least 10 parents/carers to complete the course to become a certified National Online Safety school so we would really appreciate it if you could help us.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Pastoral Updates:****Pastoral Team - who are we and what do we do?**

The Pastoral Team at Malvin's Close are available to support you and your child with a range of concerns, difficulties and are available for advice.

Mrs Quinn - SENCo - Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Ms Felgate - Pastoral Support

Mrs Carroll - Nurture and Emotional Well being support

Mrs Stables - Speech and Language Teaching assistant

The summer holidays offer an opportunity to recharge, but some young people may find themselves struggling without the structure and support network of school.

Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It's a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised. Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health.

This self-care pack features a range of creative activities based on self-care strategies that helps children identify activities that they can use to support their mental health.

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/my-self-care-plan-primary>



Mental Health and Well-being Support for parents/carers and young people:



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<https://www.beyounorthumberland.nhs.uk/support/parents-carers-support>

Thank you to all those parents who have completed the 'Mental Health Support in School' parent questionnaire. The results will help us to improve the offer of support around Mental Health and wellbeing in school for parents/carers and pupils.

### School Parliament:

What a lovely time we had doing our performance with The Oaks! Our pupils were brilliant and performed their songs with enthusiasm alongside the residents of the care home. All the adults and staff involved in the making of this experience commented upon how well-behaved, kind, polite and funny the School Parliament were - they truly represented Malvin's Close at its best!

We've had a fantastic year and can't wait to see what those elected next year will achieve.



### Anti-Bullying Updates:

This week is Don't Face it Alone 2022. This is a campaign run by The Diana Award which Malvin's Close Academy participates in. The campaign supports children speaking out about any concerns and reminds them who they can talk to and how they can report any bullying. We will be focusing on reminding the children they deserve to be heard and the support that is available to them.

Video from the campaign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4f6dXDzy2c>

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### Reading updates

This week, all of the children from Year 2 to Year 5 have visited Blyth Library. The children have learnt how to use a library and have been issued with their own library card. They really enjoyed their visits and spent some time sharing the books they borrowed with their friends when they got back to school.



During the visit, the children found out about this year's summer reading challenge. This year's theme is 'Gadgeteers' and the aim of the challenge is to get children to read six books of their choice from their local library during the summer holidays.

### What are we reading at Malvin's Close?



2JS - The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy. Mildred Hubble is a trainee witch at Miss Cackle's Academy, and she's making an awful mess of it. She's always getting her spells wrong and she can't even ride a broomstick without crashing it



4LJC - Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo. Gracie and her friend Daniel have always been warned to stay away from the Birdman and his side of the island. But then they find a message in the sand and discover the Birdman is not who they thought.

### Maths at Malvin's:

We've had a fantastic year of maths at Malvin's and the children have impressed us all with their progress and enthusiasm for the subject. We asked them what they have enjoyed and what else they hope to learn. Here are some of their responses:

#### EYFS

"I love to count see 1,2,3,4,5"

"Subitise means you don't count you just look"

#### Year 1

"I really liked it when we do problem solving because we get to explain it and write all about what I know."

"I like how we do maths because I like fluent in 5. I love counting up and down."

"I like Maths because I like finding out what is the greatest number. I hope I can do it using even bigger numbers next year."

#### Year 2

"I have loved using rulers to measure the length of objects in the classroom."

"I can now use the column method to add."

#### Year 3

"I have learnt how to tell the time. It was hard at first but I kept practising and I am getting better."

#### Year 4

I like maths because you get to new brand new things.

I have learnt about areas, decimals and perimeter. I know how to add them now and work things out.

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I want to learn more about squared and cubed numbers.

*Year 5*

"I would like to learn more about algebra because it's exciting to try and work out the missing answer."

"I love converting fractions now but I never did at first."

"I used to struggle with fractions but now I'm really good with it. I can add with different denominators!"

*Year 6*

"I have enjoyed learning about percentages this year as I had no idea about them before."

"I liked using the four operations with fractions as it was fun learning the different methods."

"I'm excited to use things like BODMAS and algebra in Secondary school so I have more challenges."

TTRS and Numbots news: We are STILL number one in the area on Times Table Rockstars! This just goes to show how hard we're working on our times tables and how much fun they are!

Your child will still have access to TTRS and Numbots over the summer so please encourage them to play little and often to maintain their knowledge and be ready for their new year group in September.

#### PESSPA Updates:

##### Physical Education

It has been a pleasure watching all of the children develop both physically and socially during their PE lessons this academic year. They have developed skills which will help them to stay physically active and make them more determined and resilient individuals. We have covered a wide range of activities and we cannot wait to revisit and develop them even more in September.

Nursery have had an amazing sports day this week. Thank you to all of the adults who came and joined in! It was lots of fun and was lovely to see you all getting involved! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

##### School Sport

###### Sports Day

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Reception to Year 6 - Everyone had a brilliant day taking part in sports day. We saw some super sprinting, fantastic teamwork and a lot of smiling faces! Thank you for coming to watch and cheering on the teams.

###### Year 6 Netball

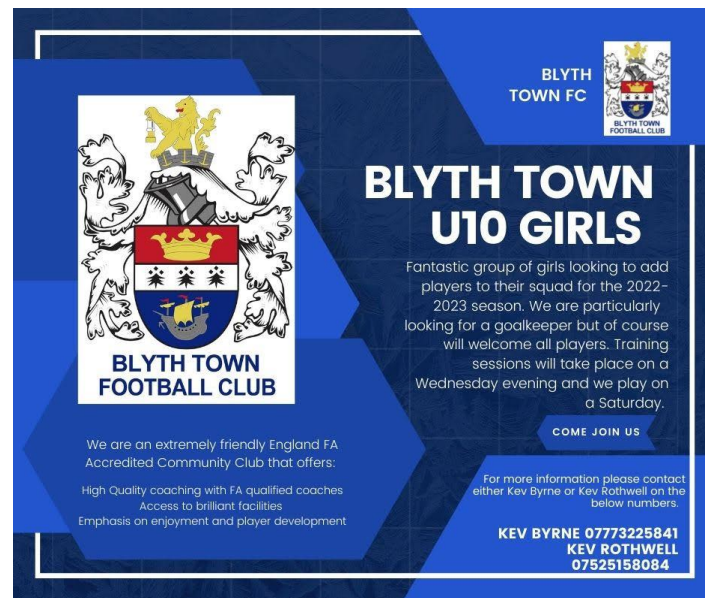
10 children from Year 6 took part in a netball tournament at Bede Academy. They spent some time developing their netball skills and knowledge of the rules before playing in competitive matches.

##### Physical Activity

It has been a pleasure to watch Malvin's children taking part in OPAL this year. We have had dens built, created pictures and played lots of different sports. Next year we are planning on having a big drive on OPAL and we will be introducing some more activities for the children to enjoy.



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**BLYTH TOWN FC**

**BLYTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

**BLYTH TOWN U10 GIRLS**

Fantastic group of girls looking to add players to their squad for the 2022-2023 season. We are particularly looking for a goalkeeper but of course will welcome all players. Training sessions will take place on a Wednesday evening and we play on a Saturday.

**COME JOIN US**

We are an extremely friendly England FA Accredited Community Club that offers:

- High Quality coaching with FA qualified coaches
- Access to brilliant facilities
- Emphasis on enjoyment and player development

For more information please contact either Kev Byrne or Kev Rothwell on the below numbers.

**KEV BYRNE 07773225841**  
**KEV ROTHWELL 07525158084**

### Designated Safeguarding Team

#### What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Governing bodies should ensure that the school or college designates an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection.

Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to social care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:



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