

At Malvin's we are: Ready, Respectful and Safe**Key Diary Dates:**

Friday 21st July - School Closes at 3.30pm for Summer.

Tuesday 5th September - School reopens.

For the last 6 years, the Blyth WISE schools have been lucky enough to be led by our Executive Headteacher Mrs Ward. During this time, each of the schools have secured an 'Outstanding' Ofsted grade and have truly been transformed. This is due to her inspiring leadership, unrivalled dedication and relentless drive and determination. Mrs Ward has always put the children in Blyth and their needs and happiness first. She has never shied away from participating in school events; highlights include her World Book Day Snow White, her Christmas Grinch and her Children in Need Pudsey! You may also have seen her from time to time racing around Blyth in the Morpeth Road mini-bus. We wish Mrs Ward every happiness in her retirement, much of which will be spent with her gorgeous grandson. We hope it is filled with very well-deserved rest and relaxation. She will be a huge miss to the Blyth community; however the impact that she has had on our children, families and staff will remain her legacy. Goodbye Mrs Ward. We will miss you x

A message from Mrs Holmes

A huge thank you to you all for all of your support this year. It really has been an 'outstanding' year for Malvin's Close, with all of our children achieving so much this year. An enormous thank you to all of the staff at Malvin's Close for all of their hard work and dedication this year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer. We look forward to you all returning safely in September.

Whole School Messages:

Please visit our school website for our most up to date information

<https://malvinclose.wiseacademies.co.uk/>

For information on activities available through the summer holidays::

<https://padlet.com/Northumberland/summer-activities-2023-bs8sy746g1rf8p1j>

Attendance

"Every child has the right to an education."

Reception - 94.31%

Year 1 - 94.62%

Year 2 - 94.56%

Year 3 - 95.66%

Year 4 - 94.37%

Year 5 - 94.99%

Year 6 - 94.95%

Whole School Attendance - 94.55%

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.

Please do not report your child's absence by email, all absences must be reported in person or by calling the School office.

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

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Attendance Procedures from September

School attendance has a significant impact on the well-being, attainment and progress of children.

You must complete a leave of absence form when you take your child out of school for holidays/sporting events/bereavements/family circumstances. These are available from the office

You must contact school before 9am on the morning of your child's absence from school. School has an answer phone if you need to ring earlier.

School will contact you if no contact is made with school, if we are unable to contact you we will then contact the rest of your emergency contacts as this is part of our safeguarding policy.

Home visits will be made daily if we are unable to make contact regarding your child's absence.

If your child is absent five days a home visit will be carried out by the Pastoral Team.

Regular updates will be sent throughout the year regarding your child's attendance.

Lateness and punctuality - The doors close at 8.55am if your child arrives after that time they will be marked as late.

If you have to collect your child up early for an appointment, proof of appointment must be shown.

Any concerns raised by school regarding your child's attendance may be addressed initially by a letter and these following stages:

- Letters
- You may need to provide Medical Evidence
- Attendance meeting invite
- Referral to Education Welfare Officer

Holidays/Leave of Absence

You must complete a leave of absence form when you take your child out of school for holidays/sporting events/bereavements/family circumstances, forms are available from the office. Failure to complete a form could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued from Northumberland County Council.

Please note all Holidays are marked as Unauthorised. All unauthorised absences, including those taken as part of a holiday request, will be taken into account when a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued. Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued in conjunction with the Education Welfare Team and Northumberland County Council.

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EYFS News:

Nursery:

What a fantastic year. We have done some amazing learning, from growing plants, making soup and taking care of our tadpoles. Thank you for all your support. Have a great break and we will see most of you in September. Thanks again for your continued support

Reception:

This week, Reception have had an amazing time trying on their graduation gowns and hats. They thoroughly enjoyed walking across the big stage to receive their scroll in front of all of the grown ups. We have had a brilliant year and we thank you so much for all of the support.

KS1 News

Year One

What a fantastic year Year 1 have had! We took part in Harvest Festival Assembly, enjoyed a trip to Northumberland Zoo, Plessey Woods and then more recently a trip to Blyth beach to learn all about coastal tourism in our town. The children have worked incredibly hard, especially on their reading and writing skills. We are so proud of each and every one of them and wish them all the best of luck in Year 2!

Year Two

Year 2 loved this year's Local History and Geography week. We have looked at how Blyth Town centre has changed over the last 100 years. We visited Blyth Library for a workshop and learned all about Blyth's rich history then had delicious ice-cream in Ridley Park. We have had a brilliant year in Year 2 and Mrs Noble, Miss Walsham & Miss Elsey can't wait to see them thrive in Year 3!

KS2 News:

Year Three

Mrs Buckle and Mrs McShane have had a great couple of weeks in Year 3, we have loved seeing the children being able to now tell the time and had a couple of fantastic PE lessons with everyone demonstrating great teamwork skills in our striking and fielding unit.

Year Four

The children have been trying their best with new learning of angles in maths. The children had competitions to find the most right angles and shapes in the classroom. In science, Year 4 has been experimenting with ice to see how heat can change its state of matter. Miss Elliff and Miss Armstrong have really enjoyed the last couple of weeks and wish them the very best in year 5.

Year Five

We enjoyed a trip to County Hall in Morpeth where we voted on our favourite place in Blyth. This has been a great year for year 5 and Mrs Campbell is very sad to let her class go but is looking forward to seeing them develop and mature even more in Year 6.

Year Six

Year 6 had a fantastic time performing their end of year production, 'Beauty and the Beast'. They demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm throughout. Also, we thoroughly enjoyed the Year 6 Leavers' Festival. Both pupils and staff had a brilliant time. All of us at Malvin's wish Year 6 the best of luck for the future.

Maths at Malvin's:

The quick recall of multiplication and division facts (times tables) is essential for all children. The ability to recall these facts quickly enables children to answer related questions with ease. According to the National Curriculum the expectation of times tables in each year group is as follows:

- Year 1: Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- Year 2: 2x, 5x, 10x
- Year 3: 3x, 4x, 8x
- Year 4: All x and ÷ facts up to 12x12
- Year 5 and 6: Revision of all x and ÷ facts up to 12x12



To support with times tables we use Times Table Rock Stars. TTRS is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables! Your child's teacher has introduced them to how Times Tables Rock Stars works and they use it regularly in class. This programme can be accessed online via the [web address](#) or you may also download the app. Your child has their own login and password. It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times table practice every day. Thank you for your support and I am sure your hard work and theirs will have a direct impact and make them a Times Table Rock Star!

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What are we reading at Malvin's Close?

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed reading The Snail Trail. 'Slimy Snail sets out on a trail. But where exactly does he go? Up a hill, over a bridge, down a slope...'

Reception

Reception always love listening to different stories but it's fantastic to hear them retelling some of our favourites. This week we enjoyed We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen.



Year One

Year 1 has loved reading Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne. We designed our own characters and created pictures to show what they would look like if they lived in the Hundred Acre Wood.



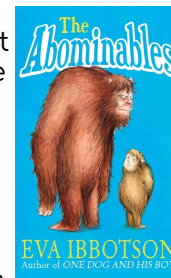
Year Two

Year 2 have loved reading all about Mildred Hubble a.k.a. The Worst Witch, her best friend Maud and her tabby kitten! We have enjoyed reading all about her misadventures at Miss Cackle's School for Witches!



Year Three

Year 3 are just coming to the end of The Abominables. We have absolutely loved getting to know the amazing yetis in the story which is full of twists and turns!



Year Four



enjoyed it!

Children have finished reading There's A Boy In The Girls Bathroom and thoroughly

Year Five

Year 5 have enjoyed their last week in school by watching the film Wonder in class. This tied into our last class reading book.

Year Six

Year 6 continued to read their Beauty and the Beast scripts to prepare for their live performances. We have enjoyed learning the script and understanding the meaning behind the story.

Share a story
EYFS & KS1



Look Up! Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola

KS2



The Creakers Tom Fletcher & Shane Devries

E-safety Updates:

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children online more or having more screen time. Childnet have produced this blog, which includes how to help your child with managing their screen time:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/screen-time-boundaries-parents/>

You may also be looking for activities to do with your child. Google and Parent Zone have produced some great resources that are free to download. They include a mix of online and offline activities, such as asking them to create a poster to show what they would do if they were worried about something they see online.

You can access all the resources here: <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/download>



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PESSPA Updates:

Physical Education

A huge well done to our Year 4 and 5 children who have made excellent progress in their swimming lessons during their PE lessons this year! From the very beginning, we have been amazed at how quickly they have developed their skills and confidence in the water. They have developed a range of techniques and strokes and have shown great enthusiasm, always keen to learn and improve.

School Sport

If your child is interested in joining a sports club outside of school, please speak to Mrs Buckle who will be able to provide you with information about local sports clubs.

Physical Activity

What a year it has been! It has been so wonderful to see all of the children in school develop lots of different skills. They have built their resilience, confidence, teamwork and independence through building with crates, playing football, constructing obstacle courses and so much more. We can't wait to see what the children create next year!

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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