

Whole School Messages:

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

Attendance
"Every child has the right to an education."

Nursery - 98.36 %
Reception - 97.87 %
Year 1 - 97.92 %
Year 2 - 99.55 %
Year 3 - 98.09 %
Year 4 - 96.46 %
Year 5 - 96.1 %
Year 6 - 97.66 %
Whole School
Attendance - 97.67 %

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.

A warm welcome back to all Malvin's children and grown ups. Teachers returned on Monday and met up with staff from our partner schools Morpeth Road and Croftway Academy. Although the schools are no longer under the leadership of Mrs Ward, we are still working closely together and as part of WISE Academies. After a bit of lunch and a catch up, the staff spent the rest of the day getting school ready to welcome the children back.

We were delighted to welcome the children back on Tuesday morning. I am particularly proud of our new starters in Reception and Nursery who have mostly come into school without a hitch. I have been spending some time with the children in the provision and I am blown away by how settled they are.

The Malvin's team has welcomed some new members this year including: Mrs Walton, who is now working alongside Mrs Hughes in breakfast club; Miss Simmons, a Year 1 Teacher; Miss Seamark, a Teaching Assistant in Year 3; Miss Lockey, a Teacher in Year 5; Mr Bridge, a Teaching Assistant in Year 5; Mrs Thompson who has returned to Malvin's to offer additional nurture support; and Miss Coombs who will be supporting the three Blyth WISE schools as a teacher. We are all really looking forward to getting to know our new team mates, as are the children.

This week is 'Inspirational People' week across the whole school. Each year group is designated a category and then each class works together to research inspirational people in their category, vote on their favourite and produce a piece of writing and a piece of artwork for a whole school display. Some of our chosen people are: Tom Daly, Elon Musk and Beatrix Potter.

Malvin's Close considers itself to be an inclusive school and where it is possible and safe to do so, we will make adaptations to our school policies. If you feel that your child requires an adaptation to a policy e.g uniform, collection/drop off, breaktimes and you are working with an external agency, please get in touch with me or a member of the team to discuss. Otherwise, we ask that you respect our school policies by adhering to them.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Holmes

Subject Spotlight: MATHS

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:

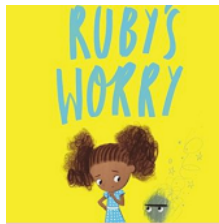
- Year 1: Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- Year 2: 2x, 5x, 10x
- Year 3: 3x, 4x, 8x
- Year 4: All x and ÷ facts up to 12x12
- Year 5 and 6: Revision of all x and ÷ facts up to 12x12



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 Table 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!

Share a story

EYFS & KS1 - Ruby's Worrry by Tom Percival



KS2 - The Midnight Gang by David Walliams



Online Safety Updates:

At Malvin's Close, we like to support our parents/carers in Online Safety matters. We will share the latest information to our newsletter and our Facebook page to help you keep your children safe online.





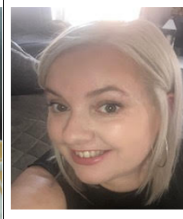



Age ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.
- Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.

Remember you are a **TEAM**
Talk about staying safe online with your child.
Explore the online world together.
Agree rules about what your child can go on.
Manage your families settings.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

							
Mrs Holmes Headteacher	Mrs Campbell Deputy Headteacher	Hollie Rankin Family Team Lead	Miss Felgate Family Team	Mrs Rushworth Early Years Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Stonebanks Key Stage One Assistant Headteacher	Miss Canner Key Stage Two Assistant Headteacher E-Safety Officer	Mrs Quinn Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)