

### Whole School Messages:

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

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 31st January - Friday 2nd February - Year 4 Residential to Robinwood  
Thursday 8th February - Dental Check for 5 Year old's only - More Information to follow.  
Thursday 15th February - School breaks up at 3.30pm for Half Term  
Friday 16th February - Teacher training day (School closed to pupils)  
Monday 26th February - School reopens for pupils at 8.30am (Breakfast club at 7.45am)  
Friday 8th March - World Book Day - costumes will be encouraged - More info to follow  
Thursday 14th March - School Disco - More information to follow.  
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March - Book Fair in school - More information to follow.

#### Attendance

"Every child has the right to an education."

Nursery - 93.64%  
Reception - 93.57%  
Year 1 -94.54%  
Year 2 -96.49%  
Year 3 -96.77%  
Year 4 -96.52%  
Year 5 -94.67%  
Year 6 -96.41%  
Whole School Attendance -95.45%

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. Before 9am

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.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back in 2024! The children have really enjoyed sharing their festive stories with their friends and staff. Although the end of term was somewhat disrupted, it seems that everyone was still able to really enjoy the break.

I'm proud to share that since returning we are one of the top three schools for attendance in the WISE Academies Trust. This is a huge achievement for Malvin's Close and we hope that this continues for the rest of the year.

The cold snap has really taken hold since Christmas with temperatures consistently below zero this week. It's great to see the children coming in wrapped up and we're more than happy to help them in and out of their winter clothes if needed. It's really helpful if all of the children's clothes are clearly labelled, it's particularly important that their extra layers are labelled.

This month sees out Year 4 children head on their residential to Robin Wood, we look forward to sharing all of their adventures with you whilst they're away.

Since our return, Malvin's Close has managed to get back to the top of the TTRS leaderboard for the whole county! Well done to all of the children who practise at home and at school!

As always, thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Holmes

#### Class Spotlight:

This month we are shining our spotlight on Reception.

Reception staff are: Mrs Rushworth, Mrs Blythe, Miss McCarthy and Mrs Worsfold. We always have so much fun in Reception, this week we have been investigating a mysterious creature from the story book The Cave. We have predicted what we thought the creature might look like and have written fantastic sentences to describe our creations.

In maths, we have been focussing on creating equal and unequal groups. This has allowed us to begin solving simple mathematical problems e.g. sharing snack out between teddies.

In Reception we love to explore the outdoors and have recently been fascinated by the ice in our outdoor area. This has allowed us to revisit our penguins and arctic animal knowledge from before Christmas.

Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct NAMED uniform. Reception children are given a new library book and a new phonics book each Friday. Please make sure you sign their reading records- the more times you sign- the more points your child will get!

**Subject Spotlight: Art**

In Art so far this term the children in years 2, 4 and 6 have been enjoying their first lesson of a new art unit. Year 2 will be learning about how to create Van Gogh inspired art using mixed media, Year 4 will be learning to draw with scissors and creating work in the style of Matisse. Year 6 will be learning all about the dying technique of Batik and creating some of their own design on fabric. In school this half term, we will all also be entering a fantastic Sky Arts art competition focused on birds. We will be having a full afternoon of creativity on the 9th of February to help us create our artwork and will all have the chance to get our art shown on Sky Arts Channel.

**Share a story**



**EYFS & KS1** - Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt

**KS2** - The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, the school is celebrating **WORLD BOOK day** on Friday 8th March.

On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book.

The book fair will be available in school from 18th -21st March. Children will get to view the bookfair during the school day and a slip will be filled in to let you know of any books your child would like to buy.

Parents and children can buy books from the fair 3.30 - 4pm, once collected. World book day £1 vouchers can be used on all books at the fair.

**Reading Plus Champion**

We are thrilled to announce that Emily-Grace has been recognised as a Reading Plus Champion! She has been selected as one of 11 champions nationwide out of hundreds of nominated students. Check out the full article in the [Northumberland Gazette](#) for an in-depth look at her remarkable achievement.

Here's the challenge, Year 4, 5, and 6 students: the Reading Plus platform is ready and waiting for you. Who's going to be our next Reading Plus Champion? The spotlight could be on you! Dive into the world of Reading Plus, explore the incredible stories, and let's see who will rise to the occasion. The title awaits – are you up for the challenge?

**PE and School Sport updates:**

Our UKS2 boys and girls football team took part in the National League Trust Under 11s 6-a-side Football Competition with Blyth Spartans! The boys' teams showcased incredible talent, with impressive goals, great teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. The girls' team won all of their matches, taking the girls' team through to the next round of the competition! Amazing dedication and hard work from all of the players and staff involved. We could not be prouder.



**Online Safety Updates:**

If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls?



Consoles

All consoles offer parental controls such as limited the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with. Find out the specific settings below:

- PlayStation: <https://www.playstation.com/enq/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>
- Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>
- Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-ParentalControls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>



Mobiles/Tablets

You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access. Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.

- Apple devices: <https://www.apple.com/uk/families/>
- Android devices: <https://families.google/familylink/>

Further information

Internet Matters provide a checklist here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-gettingyour-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe>

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 Caver Key Stage Two Assistant Headteacher E-Safety Officer	Mrs Quinn Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)