

Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Primary School and Pre-School



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the summer holidays now a distant memory, the children at Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls have been hard at work. The school's values of Aspiration, Respect and Love have been evident across the first half term and the children have sought opportunities to bring the community and school together.

Our new Hedgehogs, have settled well and have all completed their baseline assessments. It has been wonderful to see them settle so quickly, making friends and interacting positive with each other. Seeing the Year 6s support their BoBs has been a particular highlight for me and I am proud of the role models they are being for their younger peers.

Year 4, 5 and 6 children enjoyed an encounter with exotic animals as part of their Science curriculum. ZooLab's visit brought with them animals and creepy-crawlies to help the children understand adaptations, camouflage and the different habitats they live in. Snails, tarantulas and a corn snake were the stars of the show. Year 6 children have also taken part in Bikeability Sessions, developing their cycling skills by learning how to ride bicycles safely, understanding the rules of the road and the necessity to wear a helmet. Thank you to both Zoolab and the Bikeability team for these wonderful opportunities.

Democracy has been in full swing this term with pupil leadership elections having taken place for class council representatives, Eco-Warriors and a Year 6 Pupil Leadership team. The successful candidates have been quick to share ideas and their new responsibilities have been embraced fully. It was lovely to see so many parents attend our celebration assembly for them, where they received their badges. The Year 6 leadership team, in particular, were keen to support with the planning of the Harvest Service, held in St Birinus Church, and I am grateful for the ideas they provided. The service was a wonderful celebration of church and school, with many of the parent community attending. I was immensely proud of the children, who had written prayers, shared poems and sang beautifully to thank God for the food we eat and the colours they have. The address by Rev Veronica was interactive and fun, with children using the word HARVEST to demonstrate the values and beliefs associated with SHARE, EARTH and STARVE the key themes explored. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to Veronica and the team for their support, and pre-service coffee.

Two of our Head Pupils represented the school at the recent Magna Learning Partnership Pupil parliament event, speaking about what the school is already doing to address, 'Including Everyone'. The focus this year is on Inclusion, an education term for meeting the needs of all pupils, especially the most vulnerable, with the children returning full of ideas on how to improve the lived experience of children within school. I look forward to working with them to make this a reality.

Finally, I want to thank the staff, parents and children at Mini Morgans as we explore options for the essential upgrades required to the nursery space and to apologise for any disruption that has been caused. I hope to be able to give further updates soon.

As you continue reading, you will see plenty of causes for celebration, information and upcoming dates. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Have a restful and enjoyable half term,

Mr Webber
Executive Headteacher



News from Mini Morgan's



What a busy, joyful, and creative term we have had! The children have settled in brilliantly, explored wonderful stories, investigated the changing seasons, and celebrated exciting events together. Here is a look back at everything our amazing little learners have accomplished over the last few weeks:

All About Me and Spreading Kindness

We kicked off the term by welcoming everyone back from the summer holidays with our "All About Me" topic. Grounded in *The Big Book of Kindness*, the children explored what makes each of us special while learning how to be thoughtful friends.

Self-Portraits: The children carefully looked at their features and created wonderful self-portraits to celebrate their uniqueness.

Understanding Feelings: Using *The Colour Monster*, we talked about different emotions—learning how to identify our own feelings and show empathy toward others.

Autumn Changes, Nature and Caring for Our World

As the weather began to cool, we turned our focus to Autumn and all the exciting changes in nature around us. Inspired by the story *Tidy* by Emily Gravett, we learned all about our environment and why taking care of nature is so important.

Woodland Friends & Habitats: We explored autumnal animals and had great fun building cozy habitats for them.

Caring for Wildlife: The children made their own bird feeders to help keep local birds well-fed as the colder months arrive.

Recycling & Harvest: We talked about the importance of recycling to keep our world clean. To celebrate the Harvest Festival, the children also worked together to chop and make delicious homemade vegetable soup!

Spooky Fun with Meg and Mog!

To round off the term, we dived into the magical story of *Meg and Mog*. The classroom was transformed into a festival of Halloween excitement!

Arts, Crafts and Costumes: The children made adorable witches, black cats, and fun dress-up accessories, filling our space with vibrant, spooky artwork.

Sensory Play and Creativity: From potion-making to messy autumn play, the children loved getting hands-on with Halloween-themed activities.

A Note of Thanks to Our Families

We want to send a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your patience, support, and understanding during our move back down to the main school building. Transitions can be tricky, but your continuous support has made the move smooth and positive for the children.

We will keep you fully updated regarding the future plans for our preschool base as soon as we have further news.



News from Hedgehogs



What a fantastic half term we have had in Year R and Year 1! The children have shown enthusiasm, creativity and determination in all areas of their learning, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

In English, we have loved exploring stories such as *The Colour Monster*, *Big Feelings*, *The Name Jar* and *In My Heart*. These books inspired thoughtful discussions about emotions, friendships and identity, while helping us develop our storytelling, sequencing, reading and writing skills. Year 1 children have worked hard on writing clear sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

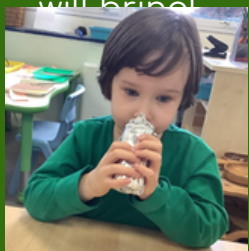
Our phonics learning has continued to blossom, with children growing in confidence when reading and spelling new words. In Maths, EYFS have been busy counting, comparing numbers and building strong number knowledge, while Year 1 have impressed us with their work on addition, number sentences, number bonds and part-whole models.

In History, we enjoyed reflecting on how much we have grown by comparing what we could do as babies with what we can do now. In Geography, we explored maps and thought about the different features we might see on our way to school. We also celebrated our creativity by producing wonderful self-portraits in Art and composing our own feelings song in Music.

In PE, the children have been developing their balance, coordination and movement skills through a range of fun activities. They have enjoyed practising balancing in different ways, moving safely with control and building their confidence when travelling and changing direction. The class particularly loved taking part in the exciting popping pirate game, which encouraged teamwork, listening skills and quick reactions while keeping active.

In Science, we have been exploring our five senses and learning how we use them to understand the world around us. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of practical investigations, using their senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell. Our favourite activities were the tasting and smelling challenges, where the children enthusiastically identified different foods and scents while describing what they noticed.

A huge well done to all of hedgehogs for their hard work, kindness and achievements this half term. I can't wait to see what exciting learning next half term will bring!



News from Foxes



Foxes Class have had a fantastic start to the year!

In English, we have been developing our writing skills through first-person narratives, putting ourselves in a character's shoes and writing a narrative from the stimulus of going through a door. We used adverbs, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions to make our writing interesting for the reader. We have also been learning how to write non-chronological reports, organising information into clear sections and using factual language.

In Reading, Year 2 have enjoyed exploring Beegu and Where the Wild Things Are, while Year 3 have been reading Greta and the Giants and The Pebble in My Pocket. These texts have inspired thoughtful discussions and helped us develop our comprehension skills. In Science, we have been investigating rocks, learning about their different properties and how they are formed. We really enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a rock and the layers of the Earth.

Our History lessons have taken us back to the Stone Age, where we have discovered how people lived, hunted and created tools thousands of years ago. We have learnt about the 3 periods of the stone age and how the peoples lives changed during that time. In Art, we created our own cave paintings using a variety of materials and techniques. We also studied Vincent van Gogh's famous painting The Postman, exploring his use of colour, texture and brushstrokes.

In Maths, we have been strengthening our understanding of place value and have now begun our work on addition and subtraction, using a range of practical resources such as Base 10 and tens frames as well as different strategies to support our learning. In PE, we have thoroughly enjoyed our gymnastics lessons, developing our balance, coordination, jumping and landing as we explore the different apparatus.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and hard work that Foxes Class have shown this term.

Well done, everyone!



News from Owls



Owls class have been learning about Shackleton's journey in Antarctica. They have been discovering what his crew were like and how he was an inspirational leader.

Owls have been fascinated in reading about what happened on his expedition and loved the drawings seen in the book.

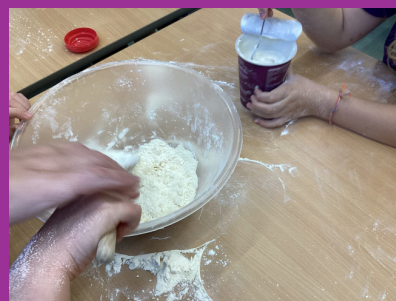
In English Owls have been writing their own scary and interesting stories based on the Greek myths and legends. Their focus was to include a range of dialogue between their characters and they really enjoyed giving their characters a voice. They have also begun writing their own Haiku poems. These are traditional Japanese poems and are based on the pattern of 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables but they are only 3 lines long! please see some examples if you pop into school on the writing notice board.

In Maths Owls have been focusing on addition and subtraction. We have been working with 4 and 5 digit numbers thinking carefully about showing our work out!

Owls have loved doing their own experiments this half term based on reversible and irreversible changes. They got to make their own solutions as well as testing what happens when you add bicarbonate of soda to vinegar and mints into coke!

Owls have had a wonderful day on Wednesday this week making their own flatbreads. They had to measure the ingredients, make the dough and cook them. After this they then had to put dressings and toppings onto them. All of the Owls got to think about food hygiene and safety. They seemed to enjoy the experience and talked about it for the rest of the day! There were lots of happy faces and flour covered clothes.

Owls have also completed and filled their marble jar and will have chosen their class reward of a non-uniform day.



News from Otters



A Fantastic Start to the Term!

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to Otters Class this term.

They have returned with a positive attitude, showing focus and determination in their learning across all areas of the curriculum. We have been particularly impressed with how many children have stepped up to take on leadership roles and responsibilities around the school, demonstrating maturity, confidence and excellent role-modelling for others. They will focus on developing inclusion within school for this year.

Bikeability was a real highlight this term, most children were able to complete the levels and learn all about how to ride their bikes safely on the roads.

In Science, we were delighted to welcome Zoolab, giving the children an exciting opportunity to experience and learn about a variety of animals firsthand. This linked perfectly to our topic on Living Things and Their Habitats, including Humans. The children asked thoughtful questions, handled the animals responsibly and showed excellent respect and care throughout the visit.

Our Geography learning has focused on biomes, where we have explored different environments around the world and investigated the animals that live within them. The children have enjoyed learning why certain animals are suited to particular biomes.

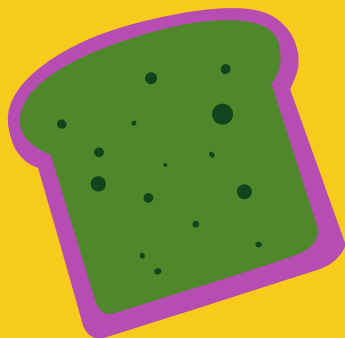
In English, we have been developing our writing skills through setting descriptions, relative clauses and explanation texts. The children have worked hard to make their writing more descriptive, detailed and informative, showing increasing confidence in applying these skills independently.

In Mathematics, we have been fine-tuning our understanding of place value, alongside strengthening our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. We have also begun linking our learning to SATs-style reasoning and problem-solving questions, helping children explain and justify their mathematical thinking with increasing confidence.

Overall, it has been a lovely start to the term. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort and positive attitudes shown by the children and look forward to all the exciting learning still to come this year.



Wraparound Care



Breakfast Club
08:00-08:45
£3.50 per session
To be booked in
advance



**Discount
for siblings**

Afterschool Club
15:15-17:00
£6.00 per session
To be booked in
advance



Please book via the School Gateway App

Please ensure your School Gateway app has a zero
balance before the new term.

Thank you.

After School Clubs

Please book via School Gateway App for our registers



We are delighted to announce our Afterschool Club program for Term 2

Monday - Year 3-6

Singing Club with Mrs Westmore

Location: The Den



Tuesday - All year groups
Construction Club with Mrs Welch

Location: Hall

Tuesday - Year 3-6

Multi-sports Club with Tino (MLP)

Location: Field



Thursday - Year 2-6 (Max 20)
Football Club with Jody (Astrella)

Location: Field



Thursday - Year 2-6 (Max 16)
Dance/Drama Club with Olly (Astrella)
Location - Hall



All clubs are free

Donations Require

If you have any construcion items you would like to donate to school please hand them into the office.

Notice Board



Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting



Safeguarding

We would like to invite our Year 6 Parents/Carers and children to a meeting on Wednesday 4th November at 15:15 for a 15:30 talk and presentation from Mr Webber and Mrs Black about a proposed residential trip.

Please can we remind all parents to ensure our secure line around the school remains secure at all times. All entrances and gates should be kept closed and not wedged open.

Gates will automatically be open between:

Drop off: 08:00- 09:00

Collection: 14:45-15:30

Student Leadership Team

Head pupils – Year 6

Abi, Darcey, Felix and George

House Captains – Year 6

Felix, James, Timothy and Eleanor

School Council

Year 2 - Arthur

Year 3 – Jenson

Year 4 – Seb

Year 5 – Simeon

Year 6 – Hattie

Eco Warriors

Year 2 - Freyja

Year 3 – Charlotte

Year 4 – Jude

Year 5 – Athena

Year 6 – Oliver



To book school dinners

Please can parents/carers ensure that lunches are booked in advance and at the latest by 15:00 each Friday for the following week. This helps our catering team prepare and ensures your child receives their favourite meal. Thank you for your support and for helping us to keep things running smoothly



SWGS SIXTH FORM

Open Evening

Thursday 15 October 2026, 5-7pm

Open Afternoons

Tue 6 Oct & Thu 19 Nov, 2.15-3.35pm

To book your place: www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/sixthform

Notice Board



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended our recent Harvest Festival. It was a great event and our donations, which weighed in at an amazing 118.6kg! were gratefully recieved by Salisbury Food Bank.

Medicines in school

Please ensure we have all your childs medicines in school, clearly labelled with instructions. If you have any questions please email Ally, admin@mvwacademy.co.uk



Flu Immunisation

All Year R to Year 6 children's annual flu vaccination is due on Monday 16th November.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete the consent form using the link below, whether you wish to accept or decline the vaccination for your child.

The link for Morgans Vale and Woodfalls CofE Primary School can be accessed by clicking [here](#)

It will take less than 5 minutes to complete.



Whole School Photos

Our school photographer will be in school on 20th November to take individual photos of all our children.

If you have siblings in school and would like to have their photo together, please email admin@mvwacademy.co.uk and Ally will arrange this.

Email issues

We are aware of some recent issues with the admin email. If you have not received an acknowledgement of your email please call the school office.



November

Events at Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls
Primary School

Love ♥ Respect ♥ Aspiration

Date	Event	Time	Location	Notes
Mon 2nd	Term 2 Begins			
Thu 5th	Lunch with Rev Veronica Batchelor	12:00-13:00	The Den	
Tue 10th	Parents' Evening / Learning Plan Review	15:30-18:00	Classroom	Booking information to follow.
Wed 11th	Parents' Evening / Learning Plan Review	15:30-18:00	Classroom	
Wed 11th	Remembrance Day 	10:45	Held at War Memorial	Parents/Carers Welcome
Thu 12th	Reception Open Morning	09:00-11:00		Book online via our website
Fri 13th	Children In Need - wear something spotty for a £1 donation 			
W/C 16th	Anti-Bullying Week - Break the silence Monday - Wear odd sock day 			
Mon 16th	Flu Vaccinations	Morning	Hall	All children
Fri 20th	School Photos 	09:00-13:00	Hall	All children
Fri 27th	Movie Mob (Classic Disney) 	15:15-17:00	Hall	Friends event

Explore

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December

Events at Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls
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Kindness

Community

Brighter

Tomorrows

Date		Event	Time	Location	Notes
Wed 2nd		Reception Open Morning	09:00-11:00		Book online via our website
Thu 3rd		Lunch with Rev Veronica Batchelor	12:00-13:00	The Den	
Mon 7th		Christingle	09:00	Church	Parents/Carers welcome
Wed 9th		KS1 Nativity	09:30	Hall	
Thu 10th		Christmas Jumper Day			
		MLP Choral Celebration Service	15:00-16:00	Salisbury Cathedral	
Fri 11th		KS1 Nativity	13:30	Hall	
		Spirit of Christmas	17:00-19:00	Hall	Friends event
Wed 16th		Christmas Service -MLP	09:00	Church	Invitation only event
Fri 18th		Last day of term	Pupils leave at 13:15		
Mon 21st Dec- Fri 1st Jan		Half Term (Children return to school on Monday 4th January 2027)			

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