



# MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

## Dates for Your Diary

### September

30th Bishop Martin visiting

### October Black History Month

2nd PTA Happy Bags Collection

6th New to 2026 Reception and Nursery Open Morning 9am tour

7th Nasal Flu Immunisation (Rec-Y6)

8th Harvest Service in church non-perishable donations please

17th Wear Red for Anti-racism

20th - 24th Year 5 Bikeability (a.m. and p.m. sessions)

24th New to Reception parent meeting 2.30pm

21st Parents Consultations (face-to-face) in school hall

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### 27th to 31st October - Half Term

1st Year 4 Boys Football

3rd Children back in school in winter uniform

4th School photographer in

6th Assessment Week

7th Year 5 Class Assembly

10th - 14th Anti-Bullying Week: Power For Good  
Time Tables Rock Star Challenge Week  
Wear Odd Socks and slippers to celebrate that we are all unique

11th New to 2026 Reception and Nursery Open Morning 9am tour

12th 9.45am Remembrance Service at St John's

13th SEND parent meeting week

14th Children in Need - bring a £1 and wear spots/Pudsey for spotty dress up

21st Year 4 Class Assembly  
SEND SUPPORT Team from Your Healthcare parent information/advice coffee 9.30am

24th Christmas Making Day £6.50 donation on ParentMail  
New to 2026 Reception and Nursery Open Morning 9am tour

26th Year 3 Trip to the Polka Theatre - 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'  
2.30pm Writing EYFS workshop for parents

28th St Andrew's Day, children in St Andrew's House wear blue

### December

2nd Year 2 Christmas Journey 1.15pm - 2.30pm

5th Year 2 Trip to the Polka Theatre - 'The Snowflake'

8th Christmas Baking Week  
10am Rocksteady Concert  
Alice in Wonderland Week

9th Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols Rehearsal in church 10.45am  
Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal (a.m.)

10th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols in church 9.15am Nursery and Reception Christmas Nativity 2.15pm
11th	Christmas Jumper Day
12th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 9am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 2.15pm
15th	Year 4, 5 and 6 to Rose Theatre - Cinderella
16th	Alice in Wonderland performance (in-school)
17th	Christmas Lunch
18th	Christmas Parties
19th	End of Autumn Term children leave at <b>2pm - No Night Owls</b>

### Wondering about Worship this Week

One day, Jesus saw Matthew collecting taxes for the occupying Romans, Jesus said, "Follow me" and without hesitation, Matthew got up and followed Jesus. They shared a meal together and Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

We learned.

Jesus **did not judge** Matthew by his job or past so we can learn to be kind to everyone, even those others might ignore.

Just like Matthew was given a **fresh start**, we learned it's okay to make mistakes, **choose to do better**.

We can **be brave, make good choices** and change for the better.

### Help Needed: Spiritual Gardening

Are you looking for a fulfilling way to connect with our community and help create a beautiful, tranquil space? We're seeking dedicated volunteers to help maintain our spiritual garden. No prior gardening experience is needed - just a willingness to lend a hand. Tasks will include planting, weeding, watering, and general upkeep to help the garden flourish.



If you're interested in helping, please contact the office with your availability at your earliest convenience. Your time and effort will help us cultivate a peaceful retreat for the children.



### Halloween Themed Own Clothes Day

Maya won an 'own clothes day' at last year's auction, and she has chosen a Halloween theme! Children can come in wearing their favourite costume on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure outfits and footwear are suitable for the classroom and playground.

We can't wait to see all the wonderful and creative characters!



### 'Share My Learning'

Parents are invited to attend the 'Share My Learning' presentation in class on 17<sup>th</sup> October, from 8.30am -10am. Families will have the opportunity to see their children's work and life in the classroom as well as a talk on what to excel this year and how parents can help.

This also coincides with the PTA AGM which will be taking place in the school hall from 9am. We hope to see you there!



**Join the Fun, Make a Difference!**

**Malden Parochial PTA AGM is here!**  
Join us for an hour of community, creativity, connection, coffee and pastries!

**Date:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 9am  
**Location:** School Hall

**Your PTA Committee Needs You!**

**Our current PTA committee is stepping down at the end of this term, and we need new volunteers to keep the fun going! Its time to pass the baton on!**

**Roles Available:**

- ✦ **Chair** – Leads the team, keeps things running smoothly, and represents the PTA.
- ✦ **Vice Chair** – Supports the Chair and steps in when needed.
- ✦ **Treasurer** – Manages the money, budgets, and fundraising totals.
- ✦ **Secretary** – Keeps notes, organises meetings, and shares updates.
- 📍 **Everyone is welcome – no experience needed! Just bring enthusiasm and ideas.**

**WHY GET INVOLVED?**

MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS  
SHARE IDEAS TO MAKE SCHOOL LIFE EVEN BETTER  
GET INVOLVED IN EXCITING EVENTS AND PROJECTS  
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



### Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 400 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

#### Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

#### Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

#### Shopping list

- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Tinned Veg/Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Coffee
- UHT Milk
- Cereal
- Mayonnaise/Ketchup
- Tinned Soup
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo/Conditioner



### Our food bank:

1. Provides emergency food and practical support to local people in their hardest moments.
2. Works with local partners to get people the right help, so they're less likely to need the food bank again.
3. Is part of a UK-wide community of food banks, working together with Trussell to ensure no one needs a food bank to survive.

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**Scan QR code**  
To find out more about our work and to make a financial donation.



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- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Vegetables
- Rice
- Mayonnaise
- Jam
- Shower Gel
- Sanitary Towels
- Toilet Rolls

#### Shopping list

- Cereal
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Potatoes
- Pot Noodles
- Cooking Oil
- Chocolate Spread
- Shaving Foam/Razors
- Household Cleaner
- Shampoo/Conditioner

#### Shopping list

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat
- Biscuits/Chocolate
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tomato Ketchup
- Instant Mash
- Men's/Ladies Deodorant
- Washing Up Liquid

#### Shopping list

- Tinned Fish
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Custard
- Squash
- Coffee
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta Sauce
- Soap Bar

### Celebration Station

Congratulations to this week's Class Stars! Maisie (Y6) Kate (Y5) Emilia (Y4) Finnian and Owen (Y3) Hana (Y2) Fabian (Y1) Verity (R)

We also had children receive Values and Bee A Blessing certificates. Cjey, Naomi, Livvy, Ibraheem, Mabli, Chue, Leah, Ida

Well done everyone!



### Good Work Bags given out this week

#### Reception

- Elise

#### Year 4

- Natty
- Max
- Aiden
- Ibby
- Kyron

#### Year 5

- Alexa
- Hadley
- Alice
- Mariella
- Heidi
- Joshi
- Marnie

## Next week as October begins.....

We look to our vision of **enriching and transforming lives**, by engaging in Black History learning across the school. Which is a meaningful step in reflecting the Kingdom of God, where every person's story, culture, and contribution is valued and celebrated. If you are able to contribute, please email the school off and let us know when you can come in.

### Why Are We Learning About Black History?

Black History Month helps us explore the rich cultural heritage and significant achievements of Black Britons and global figures of African and Caribbean descent. It opens conversations about identity, belonging, fairness, and resilience—topics that are essential in helping our children understand the diverse world around them.

We learn not just about the past, but about the bravery, creativity, and leadership of people of colour who have shaped society, faith, and community life. From athletes and authors to campaigners and politicians, these stories inspire our children to see the value in everyone and to dream boldly.

### How Does This Support Our School Vision?

We are a community that is **Reflecting the Kingdom of God's Kingdom by Enriching and Transforming lives**. Learning about Black History reminds us of the Biblical truth that each person is **"fearfully and wonderfully made"** (Psalm 139:14) and that our differences are gifts to be honoured.

We will learn to

Grow in empathy and learn to challenge injustice.

Celebrate community and culture, seeing God's image in all people.

Build confidence and creativity, learning from role models who may have overcome adversity.

### Who will we be learning about?

Children will explore stories of remarkable individuals such as Mary Seacole, Marcus Rashford, Benjamin Zephaniah, Kemi Badenoch, and Nicola Adams, through art, history, drama, and writing.

We encourage you to talk to your child about what they're learning—ask them whose story inspired them most, or what fairness means to them.

Together, let us continue transforming lives by recognising the beauty of every background and making space for every voice.

Black History Month (BHM) has been celebrated in the United Kingdom since October 1987. It was founded by Akyaba Addai-Sebo, a Ghanaian-born activist and special projects officer at the Greater London Council. He was inspired by the US version, which began in 1926 and became a month-long observance in 1970.

Since then, BHM has grown across the UK, with schools, libraries, and communities using it to highlight Black British history, celebrate achievements, and challenge racism.



Come along to St John's Parish Church on Saturday 4 October (2-5pm) for 'Catching Light in the Water: A celebration of the Hogsmill River'. This is an event for all the family and starts with storytelling from local (and international) storyteller Alastair Daniel, and then leads into a willow fish weaving workshop with Helen Clarke and Sharon Witt (of Attention2Space). The afternoon will finish with us taking our willow fish down to the river in a procession of light, and (those who wish) will plant their fish on the river bank.

- This is a FREE event funded through the church's Nature Hub.
- There is no need to book - just turn up
- Refreshments will be provided
- The church has accessible toilets and changing facilities
- Please note that children MUST be accompanied by an adult

If you are U17 and enjoy cross country running, you are invited to register your interest in competing for Team Kingston at the London Youth Games Cross Country competition, by clicking on the QR code or link below:

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/parks-sports-and-activities/london-youth-games>

Please note that you must either live in the borough of Kingston or go to school in the borough to be eligible for Team Kingston.

You must be available to compete on Saturday 8 November at Parliament Hill Fields, North London.

The closing date to submit an application (based on Parkrun times) to participate in the London Youth Games Cross Country event is 1am on 20 October 2025.



**Would you like the chance to represent  
Team Kingston at the London Youth  
Games Cross Country event?**

**U11, U13, U15, U17  
Saturday 8 November 2025 at Parliament Hill**

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