



# MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives



May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas time and the New Year ahead!

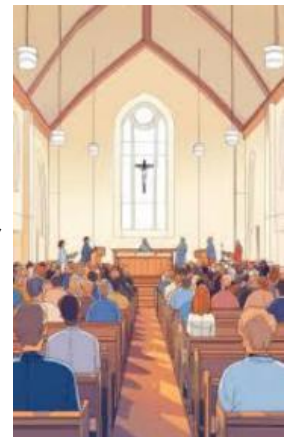
## St John the Baptist Church Carol Singing – 21<sup>st</sup> December

See you at the Community Carol Service at St John's this Sunday at 6.30pm.

## Crib Service - 24<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm

All Malden Parochial School families are invited to join a service led by the children on Christmas Eve. They will be re-telling the Nativity through actions, narration, poems and carols.

We will be singing well-known carols and Christmas songs that we sing at school so come and join in! Invite grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends. Margaret Barrington (Children's lead) and Father Michael look forward to seeing you there.



January	
5th	INSET all staff in school no pupils
6 <sup>th</sup> (Tues)	8.30am Children return to school
14th	Year 6 Trip to the Lyceum Theatre (The Lion King) – pick children up from Malden Manor station at 6.45pm
15th	Reception 2026 Application deadline
16th	Bible Club starts
20th	Year 5 Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena
21st	10.30am Year 6 trip to St Mary's, Long Ditton
23rd	Year 6 Class Assembly
28th	Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum
29th	International Puzzle Day. Watch this space for more information in the new year
30th	9am PTA meeting in Art/DT room. All parents/ carers welcome to come meet the new PTA and hear about plans for 2026

<b>February</b>	
4th	Happy Bags Clothes Recycling Year 4 Skipping Workshop
6th	NSPCC Number Day - wear a number
9th - 13th	Children's Mental Health Week Safer Internet Week Mock SATS Week Year 6
9th	9am 2026 Nursery Open Morning
10th	Safer Internet Day
11th	Year 4 Trip to the Polka Theatre - 'Who Let the Gods Out' Year 6 Junior Citizen Programme
13th	Year 1 Trip to the Polka Theatre - 'Ruby's Worry'
<b>16th to 20th February - Half Term</b>	
23rd	8.30am Children return to school
25th	Ash Wednesday service
26th	Year 6 Trip to Troubadour, Wembley Park Theatre (Starlight Express)
<b>March – Women's History Month</b>	
2nd	St David's Day St David's House wear yellow
3rd	Happy Bags Clothes Recycling
5th	Dress up for World Book Day Year 3 Trip to the Science Museum
6th	Nursery 2026 Application deadline
7th	PTA Quiz Night
9th	National Child Measurement Programme (Rec and Y6 only)
9th – 13th	Science Week Assessment Week
11th	Year 6 at St John's with Year 6 children from St Mary's, Long Ditton
13th	Reception Class Assembly
17th	St Patrick's Day St Patricks house wear green
18th	Year 5 Easter Experience at New Malden Baptist Church
19th	Year 5 Tudor Day
23rd	10am Rocksteady Concert
24th	Parent Consultations (in-school) 3.45pm - 6.45pm
26th	Easter Bonnet Parade/Competition Parent Consultations (in-school) 3.45pm - 6.45pm
27th	Celebration assembly End of Spring Term children leave at 2pm - <b>No Night Owls</b>



### Wrap Around Care September 2026

Thank you to those who have shared feedback regarding the intention to not have a provision for wrap-around care for nursery-aged children in September 2026. We recognise the importance of this service for working families and are currently exploring the feasibility of making this possible for September 2026

To ensure our compliance, the safety of the children and the success of the programme, any potential service must align strictly with current government guidelines and Ofsted necessity requirements. These regulations dictate specific staffing ratios and environmental standards that we are legally bound to maintain.

To ensure both the sustainability of the program and the consistent maintenance of staffing ratios, any future provision would be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Advance Termly Bookings: To secure staffing in accordance with legal ratios, bookings would need to be made and confirmed one full term in advance.
- Full Session Provision: We would offer paid full sessions only from 3.15-6pm but with flexible pick-ups.
- Commitment of a minimum of 3 days a week
- Minimum number of 3 children each day
- Available to only 8 children aged between 3 and 4
- Fixed days and no flexibility
- Cost will be in the region of £25
- Likely only Monday to Thursday

We are currently assessing the feasibility of this model and need to know how many families will take up this offer. We understand that these requirements are a significant commitment for families, but they are essential to providing wrap around care for nursery. We realise these conditions may be restrictive and seem harsh, but we are being as transparent as we can with the situation we are in and why we need definite commitment from families before we can be certain this can go ahead.

We need to understand if this model meets the needs of our families. Please let us know your level of interest by answering the following questions in the below Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/9iZ8nVCMbPpgncUd8>

Alice and Wonderland week ended with a performance from the Cat's Grin Theatre Company; the children loved it. Thank you to the PTA for funding the visit.



### Nativity News

As you are aware, Sky News came in last week to film the Year 1 and 2 Nativity for a news piece. We have been informed that this has been planned to air on 24<sup>th</sup> December, so make sure to tune in!

We have heard from the Diocese that funding has been withdrawn for the new Kingston CofE Secondary school in Norbiton. This project has been carefully and meticulously planned in close collaboration with the Royal Borough of Kingston for nearly ten years - and would have delivered SEND provision in a mainstream setting.

### **Educational Excellence at Malden Parochial What is happening in schools these days?**

Educational Excellence at Malden Parochial: Why Fun Matters!

We are committed to ensuring every child not only learns but thrives! While English and Maths are essential, modern educational research shows that a child's sense of belonging, enjoyment, and motivation are equally vital for their long-term success.

That's why we place a high value on our wider curriculum activities, dress-up days, and enrichment opportunities. These are not 'extras' but are carefully planned activities that:

- Boost Academic Success-Recent Department for Education reports and the latest Ofsted framework confirm that children who feel happy and valued are more motivated and achieve better outcomes. As educational theorists suggest, imagination and discovery are how children learn best.
- Nurture Life Skills-Activities like Creative Projects, Sports, Forest School, and Dress-Up Days (such as our upcoming Alice in Wonderland theme) build crucial skills in confidence, teamwork, communication, empathy, and resilience.
- Strengthen Our Community- School celebrations and events strengthen a sense of belonging and pride, contributing to a joyful school culture.

Children who enjoy school are more likely to attend regularly and engage positively in their learning.

We have been contacted this morning by Surplus Food Kingston who have been donated 2500 Christmas meals that they would like to give out to HAF/ FUEL eligible families in Kingston.

These boxes can be collected from The Malden Centre on the following dates and times:

All families would need to do is show their FUEL code at collection and they can take as many meals as they need for the whole family,

Address - The Malden Centre Blagdon Rd, New Malden KT3 4TA

Collection dates are -

**Today (17th) until 5pm**

**Friday 19th - 11am - 2pm**

**Monday 22nd - 9am- 5pm**

**Tuesday 23rd - 9am - 5pm**

### Unopposed Parent Governor

Dear Parent or Carer,

The Governing Body of Malden Parochial C of E Primary School are pleased to welcome Graham Miller as Parent Governor when his current term ends at the end of this month. The appointment has been confirmed with theirs being the only application for the appointment by the close of nominations on 12th December 2025.

Their initial personal statement has been added below for information.

I trust you will join us in wishing them well in their new role.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs P Brown  
Chair of Governors

### Personal Statement

I am an existing Governor co-opted in September 2020. I then switched across to a Parent Governor for a four-year term in December 2021 as my children were at school and will remain there till July 2027. In my time as a Governor, I have served on the Resources, Admissions and Curriculum committees, chairing the Resources committee in 2022 and 2023. I am currently the link Governor for Early Years, previously having served a three-year term as Health and Safety Link Governor.

**MPS Feedback Form** – [click here](#) if you would like to give any feedback or comments to share with Mrs McMullan.

### Celebration Station

Congratulations to this week's Class Stars! (Y6) Anneline (Y5) Gabi (Y4) Ibby (Y3) Delilah (Y2) Aaryan (Y1) Benjamin (R) Clara.



We also had children receive Values and Bee A Blessing certificates. Ayman, George, Mieke, Reena, Nathan.

Well done everyone!



## Good Work Bags given out this week

### Year 1

- Misha
- Rhys
- Ayman
- Lana
- Zayd
- Camilo

### Year 2

- Aaryan
- Arlen
- Isla
- Carys
- Heaven

### Year 4

- Charlie
- Lucas
- George
- Naomi

### Year 5

- Marnie
- Hadley
- Alice
- Yezen

## 25, 50 and 100 Reads Completed!

- Georgia (2)
- Rose (2)
- Roman (2)
- Isla (2)
- George (4)
- Lennon (4)
- Livvy (2)
- Jada (5)
- Hugh (3)
- Aiyla (3)
- Ida (3)
- Ibby (4)

## End of Term Certificates

**KS1 Star of the Term** – Misha

**KS2 Star of the Term** – Nicole

**Early Years Star of the Term** - Adam

**Music** – Sharanya

**Art** – Anisa

**Spelling** – Jada

**Computing and Technical Support** – Emily

**Science** - Ida



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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Experience the joy of Christmas Together in Kingston**



Kingston First, the town's Business Improvement District is proud to announce that from 13th November to 28th December 2025, Kingston will come together with joy, laughter, and community spirit, to celebrate the most magical time of the year.

New this year, **All Saints Church** will be surrounded by festive lights, a giant reindeer installation, and the new light-up KINGSTON sign, set to be one of the most charming festive photo spots of the season.

The **traditional Christmas Market** will return with an expanded range of festive stalls offering handcrafted gifts, delicious food, and a **bar serving mulled wine, cider and hot chocolate** - perfect for warming up after a day of festive fun. The stage is also back this year, with **live music** to sing-along to, and create cherished memories with your loved ones in the welcoming atmosphere that makes Kingston so special.

Our **bespoke Christmas lighting** - unique to Kingston - will make a comeback, spreading the festive joy in the streets of the town centre. Other beloved ground installations will return, including the **iconic Christmas tree**, and the whimsical **walk-through present**.

On top of all this, with **over 250 shops** - from big-name favourites to unique independents - Kingston offers one of the best festive experiences in south west London. The town's hospitality and entertainment scene is thriving too. Alongside much-loved pubs, cafés and restaurants, visitors can discover new venues such as Bonnie Rogues, Circuit, and Urban Fun -

a multi-floor arcade featuring darts, VR and games - as well as two cinemas and a theatre, perfect for festive get-togethers.

**Kirsten Henly, Chief Executive of Kingston First said:** *"We're excited to welcome everyone to Kingston this Christmas for an unforgettable festive season. This year, the town centre will become a vibrant place for families, friends and the community to celebrate together, whether it's shopping with friends or dining out with loved ones, there's something for everyone in Kingston. This year we welcome back the Christmas market and live music, as well as the dazzling light installations at All Saints Church. We're proud to bring our community together and create a magical experience for everyone. To discover what's on this festive season in Kingston, visit [www.kingstonuponthames.info/christmas](http://www.kingstonuponthames.info/christmas)."*

**Key dates:**

- Christmas in Kingston begins: 13th November-28 December 2025 (No official light switch-on event)
- Gift stalls, bar and stage in the Christmas Market will be open 16th November 2025 - 28th December 2025 (closed all day on 25th December)

Lastly, the brand new **InKingston app** is set to be the **ultimate Christmas companion** for visitors to make the most of their festive day-out in Kingston. From exclusive offers and discounts, to exciting events and hidden gems, the app makes it easier than ever to experience Christmas in Kingston. Available to download now on iOS and Android.

For more information, visit [www.kingstonuponthames.info/christmas](http://www.kingstonuponthames.info/christmas) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for the latest updates.

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**Notes to editors:**

Pricing & details

- The Christmas Market and the installations at All Saints Church are free to enter. Food and drinks prices vary.

**[IMAGERY CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)**

**About Kingston First**

As the UK's first Business Improvement District (BID), Kingston First has been driving initiatives to support the commercial success of the business community in Kingston since 2005. They deliver exceptional services that ensure Kingston is a thriving and attractive environment to do business in, as well as a vibrant and exciting destination for people to visit, shop, learn, live and work in. For more information visit: [www.kingstonfirst.co.uk](http://www.kingstonfirst.co.uk)



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