



MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

Autumn Term 2026

September	
28th	French Production "Au Pays Des Lutins"
30th	PTA Happy Bags Collection Have a clear out this weekend! Rev Lesley Charlton taking Collective Worship
October Black History Month	
1st	National Poetry Day
2nd	2027 Reception and Nursery Open Morning refreshments in the hall
Sunday 4th	Harvest Festival celebration at St John's
5th	Year 1-6 Assessment Week
6th	Mayoral Service at All Saints Church
7th	Harvest Service in school non-perishable donations please from 5th Oct, Thank you to the volunteer who has offered to transport the goods
12th	8.45am – 9.30am Reception Parent Reading Workshop
12th - 16th	Year 5 Bikeability (a.m and p.m. sessions)
13th	Drama4All Workshop - R,1,2,3
16th	2027 Reception and Nursery Open Morning refreshments in the hall Wear Red for Anti-racism 8.15-9.15 Share my Learning – parents welcome in class
19th	Nasal Flu Immunisation Spray (Rec-Y6)
19th - 23rd	Year 4 Learn to Ride (a.m and p.m. sessions)
Tuesday 20th	Parent Consultations (in-school) 3.45pm - 6.45pm Felt Poppy Making Workshop
21st	Felt Making Workshop
Thursday 22nd	Parent Consultations (in-school) 3.45pm - 6.45pm
23rd	PTA Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser
26th - 30th October - Half Term	

Please be advised that changes to Free School Meal (FSM) funding came into effect in September 2026. Under the updated national guidelines, eligibility for Free School Meals has been expanded to all families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of annual household earnings. Benefits-based Free School Meals are now divided into two distinct categories:

- Targeted FSM: For households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- Expanded FSM: For households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings above £7,400.

If you are currently in receipt of Universal Credit or believe you qualify under either category, we strongly encourage you to apply.

To help us verify your eligibility and ensure your child receives the correct funding support, please complete our online eligibility check form ([click here](#)). Thank you for the 20 families who have already checked their eligibility.

If you have any questions or require assistance completing the form, please contact the school office.

Ofsted Inspection July 2026

We are delighted to share the official Ofsted inspection report following our inspection on 7 and 8 July 2026. I would like to thank the incredible team of staff and governors for their hard work and to the parents and families for their ongoing support. My thanks as well to the children who are fantastic and an absolute joy.

The report celebrates many wonderful aspects of our school. We were judged to be at the Expected Standard in all areas and at a strong standard in: Attendance & Behaviour and Personal Development.

[Ofsted Report 2026](#)

What it's like to be a pupil at this school

The school's Christian ethos and motto of 'enriching and transforming lives' underpins everything that happens here. Pupils benefit from a supportive environment where they have extensive opportunities to develop their skills both inside and outside the classroom.

Pupils feel safe at school and know that staff will support them. They speak warmly about school life. Bullying is not tolerated. Pupils behave well at all times of the school day and work well in lessons. They show tolerance and respect to each other and the wider world. Older pupils help younger pupils to behave well and resolve issues, for example through the 'buddy system'.

Pupils achieve well, and they are very positive about their learning. In reading, writing and mathematics, nearly all pupils reach the expected standard in national tests by the time they leave the school, and some exceed it. Disadvantaged pupils and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities achieve well alongside their peers.

Pupils benefit from a wide enrichment offer. Through the use of facilities such as forest school, the school library and the brand new dance studio, pupils are encouraged to explore their interests. They also participate in workshops and attend trips and visits to enhance their learning. For example, pupils participated in a dance opportunity with the Royal Ballet School. Pupils develop their character and sense of responsibility by taking on leadership roles, such as school councillors, digital leaders and heads of houses. Pupils enjoy school and attend school regularly. They arrive punctually each day and settle quickly to their work.

Pupils value their education and are proud to be part of the school community. They understand the importance of respect and actively contribute to school initiatives, such as fundraising for Christian Aid.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Board of Governors would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Malden Parochial Church of England Primary & Nursery School for another year and, for our newest children, we welcome you for the first time. As a small Church of England primary school, our vision is **Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives** and we are committed to providing the very best environment for our children to learn, grow, and flourish. One way we are able to do this is through the **Governors' School Fund**, which we ask our families to support through a small regular charitable donation for each child in the school throughout their time here.

This fund plays a vital role in helping us to provide a safe, secure and engaging learning environment for our children including, funding repairs and improvements that the school budget alone could not cover. Thanks to generous contributions from families like yours, we've been able to complete important projects such as the creation of our wonderful **art and design classroom and after school club space** in recent years and planned improvements include **enhancements to our playground area as well as the old swimming pool area**.

How to contribute:

The easiest way to contribute is by monthly direct debit through JustGiving, which you can set up by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code below:



<https://checkout.justgiving.com/iquxnmjd>

Please do use the link / QR code above rather than searching for our page on the JustGiving website as this avoids unnecessary fees, meaning we receive your full contribution. Further details on the school fund and alternative payment options can be found on our website: <https://www.maldenparochial.co.uk/page/?title=School+Fund&pid=96>

Thank you for your continued support of our school and its mission.

With kind regards,

Peter Wickenden

Chair of Governors

Malden Parochial CofE Primary & Nursery School

After-School Clubs

We still have spaces available in a selection of our after-school clubs, including **Spanish, Korean, Hockey, Judo, and Chess**. If your child would like to learn a new language, try a new sport, or test their strategic thinking, please sign up soon to secure a place.

Additionally, **Examberry** sessions are continuing, and children are welcome to join.

Please [visit the school website](#) for further information and to register a place.

Night Owls – empty toilet rolls and newspapers needed for crafting activities

[Autumn Menu](#)

[Night Owls Activities](#) on offer

Some Year 6 children own young adult sized hoodies and according to **General Product Safety Regulations 2005** alongside the British Standard **BS EN 14682:2014** (*Safety of children's clothing — Cords and drawstrings*): these need to be removed.

In the UK, the rules surrounding hoodie strings are strictly enforced under **Trading Standards** and product safety laws.

UK Law & Safety Standards

The legal framework is set by the
Scribd

Age Category	Hood & Neck Area Rules	Other Areas (Waist, Hem, Chest)
Young Children (Ages 0 to 7 / Height up to 134 cm)	Banned. Hoodies and coats must not have any functional or decorative drawstrings, cords, or ties in the hood or neck area.	Functional cords must not hang below the hem or have free ends longer than 7.5 cm.
Older Children (Ages 7 to 14 / Height 134 cm to 182 cm)	Hood cords must not have free ends, knots, or toggles. They must be continuous loops or secured so they cannot dangle.	Adjuster cords and waist ties must have a maximum free-end length of 7.5 cm and no toggles.

Why the Law Exists in the UK

The standard exists to prevent serious injury or fatal strangulation:

[GOV.UK](#)

- Younger Children (0–7):** Hood strings routinely get caught in gap hazard areas on playground slides, climbing frames, and swings, leading to swift strangulation.
 - Older Children (7–14):** Dangling waist or hem cords get caught in bus and train doors, car doors, ski lifts, or bicycle spokes, leading to dragging accidents.
- Selling or Handing Down Clothes:** If you sell second-hand kids' clothes (e.g., on Vinted or eBay) or run a charity shop, **it is illegal to sell non-compliant items** under Trading Standards laws.
 - Schools and Daycares:** Many UK schools, nurseries, and wrap-around care providers have strict **health and safety policies** banning hood strings. While this is an institutional rule rather than a national law on parents, they can ask you to remove the string or change the hoodie.
 - Quick Fix:** If your child has a hoodie with neck drawstrings, simply **pull the string out entirely**. It takes seconds and immediately eliminates the safety hazard.

Good Work Bags given out this week

Year 4

- Sakinah
- Kiara
- Luke

Year 5

- Jianne

Year 6

- Marnie
- Josh
- Arav
- Yezen
- Heidi



Celebration Station

Congratulations this week's Class Stars! (6) Alice (5) Natty (4) Grace (3) Theo (2) Yu Ya (1) Oscar (R) Eden

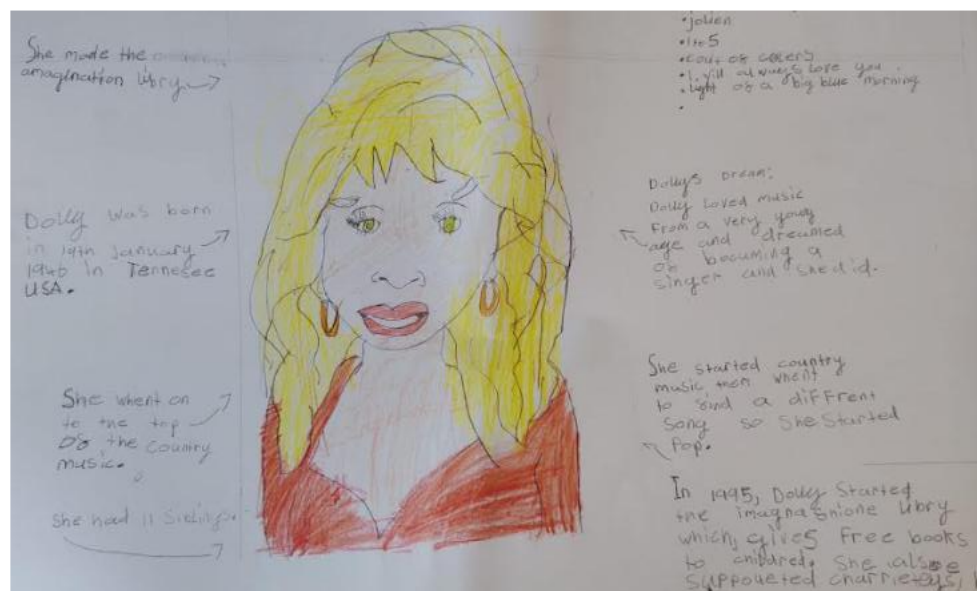
We also had children receive **Values** and **Bee A Blessing** certificates. Zainab, Erin, Edie, Rose, Ian, Clara, Reggie, Hadley, Eden, Renza, Sebby, Nicole.

Well done everyone!



MPS Feedback Form – [click here](#) if you would like to give any feedback or comments to share with Mrs McMullan. If you would like a response, please leave your name so we can get back to you.

Good Work Bag Creations – Banksy Art and Dolly Parton Biographies



Wear Red Day for Anti-Racism – Friday 16th October

On Friday 16th October, our school will be taking part in Wear Red Day in support of *Show Racism the Red Card*, the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for pupils, staff, and families to come together, reflect, and celebrate diversity, equality, and inclusion across our school.

To show our solidarity, children and staff are invited to come to school wearing an item of red clothing. This could be a t-shirt, jumper, socks, or a hair accessory worn alongside their usual school uniform or non-uniform attire, creating a clear visual message that racism has no place in our community.

If you are able to support the cause, small voluntary donations can be made at the school gate or via a QR code to help fund the vital educational resources and workshops delivered by the charity in schools across the UK. We look forward to seeing a sea of red across the classrooms as we stand together for kindness, respect, and equality for all.



The hall was buzzing with excitement as our children stepped out of their routine and onto the dance floor for a high-energy Dance Workshop this week! From mastering the synchronised steps of line dancing to striking a pose in disco and bringing serious style to modern hip-hop, the energy across every single session was off the charts.

The children had the chance to explore three distinct dance genres, challenge their coordination, and let their creativity shine. Whether it was learning a classic grape vine step or locking down a hip-hop beat, the hall was filled with music, laughter, and incredible teamwork. Seeing everyone encourage one another and build confidence with every track was a true highlight for the staff.

A massive **THANK YOU** to our fantastic PTA for funding this workshop! It is through your hard work, dedication, and funding that enrichment events like this are possible. You've given our children an unforgettable day of fun, fitness, and movement, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support. It was great that families came to watch the showcase at the end of the day.





CROSS COUNTRY

LONDON YOUTH GAMES

Take part in the London Youth Games Cross Country competition and represent Team Kingston against young athletes from across London on **7 November 2026**.

SCAN TO APPLY

Date
Saturday 7 November 2026

Venue
Parliament Hill, London

Team
Selected based on Parkrun times

Application closing date
1am on 19 October 2026

The event brings together runners from all 32 London boroughs to compete at Parliament Hill, with races for different age groups and abilities.

Whether you're an experienced runner or looking to take your running to the next level, the London Youth Games is a great opportunity to compete, meet other young athletes and represent Kingston.

Complete the Jotform and submit your Parkrun time to be considered for the team.

TEAM KINGSTON
CROSS COUNTRY

RUN • COMPETE • REPRESENT



TEAM KINGSTON

BOROUGH FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026
Blenheim School 3G Pitch (KT19 9BH)

YEARS 6 & 7 (U11 & U12 BOYS)	YEARS 8 & 9 (U13 & U14 BOYS)
2:00pm – 3:00pm (Arrive 1:45pm)	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Arrive 3:15pm)

SCAN TO SIGN UP

DEVELOP / COMPETE / BE PART OF TEAM KINGSTON

HENRY Newsletter for Parents

September 2026



Update from Kingston's HENRY Coordinator

Hello from the Kingston HENRY Growing Up Team, and a very warm welcome to our first HENRY newsletter of the 2026–2027 academic year! We're really looking forward to meeting lots of parents and carers over the coming year and sharing helpful support, ideas and encouragement along the way. We're delighted to be offering FREE group programmes and workshops for parents and carers, and we'd love you to join us.

Spaces are available on our upcoming programmes and workshops, so please take a look at the details below.

What is HENRY all about?

We know every family wants the very best for their children, but busy family life can sometimes make it difficult to keep everyone feeling healthy, happy and supported. That's where the HENRY Growing Up Team can help.

Our HENRY Growing Up programme is an 8-week group programme for parents and carers of children aged 5–12. HENRY is for everyone, and the sessions explore a wide range of helpful topics, including, setting boundaries, healthy lifestyles, screen time, being active and much more.

We also offer two online workshops for parents and carers: **Looking After Ourselves**, which focuses on wellbeing, stress and practical ways to recharge, and **Understanding Children's Behaviour**, which explores the reasons behind children's behaviour and offers support, ideas and reassurance for family life.

Our programme and workshops are FREE for parents and carers of children attending Kingston schools. You can self-refer by scanning the QR code or to find out more please feel free to email us on henry@yourhealthcare.org



Upcoming HENRY Programmes and workshops

Healthy Families Growing up 8-week programme

Venue: Online

Day/Time:
Tuesday: 10-11:15am

Dates:
6th October - 1st December 2026

Break over October half term

Looking After Ourselves (LAO)

&

Understanding Children's Behaviour (UCB) workshops

Venue: Online

Day/Time:

Wednesday: 10 – 11.30am

Date:

18th November 2026 (LAO)
21st April 2027 (UCB)

Healthy families

• What do parents say who have already accessed HENRY?

- "What I enjoyed most about the programme was the opportunity to share experiences with other parents and hear different perspectives. It was reassuring to know that others face similar challenges, and I found it helpful to learn from their experiences"
- "This programme has helped me realise that small changes can make a big difference."