



Madginford Primary School Newsletter Tuesday 16th June

From the Headteacher - Mrs A. Woolcombe

We have had a very busy and exciting start to the term, beginning with Science Week in Week 1. Children across the school thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a wide range of scientific investigations and activities, showing great curiosity and asking some wonderfully thoughtful questions.

We are now looking forward to Sports Week, which is approaching very quickly, and of course Sports Day. This is always a highlight of the school calendar, bringing the whole school community together for a fun-filled day of encouragement, teamwork and celebration, as we recognise both individual achievements and team successes. A letter has been sent out via email to all Parents and Carers, please check this for important details regarding scheduling for Sports Day.

Our Year 6 children have also enjoyed an incredible week at PGL UK, creating lasting memories and embracing new challenges. Meanwhile, our Year 6 PGL Paris group and staff are eagerly anticipating their residential visit. We look forward to sharing photographs and highlights from both trips later this term.

Safe and Considerate Parking

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers to please park thoughtfully when dropping off and collecting children from school at both our KS1 and KS2 gates. We are very grateful for your support in helping to keep our school community safe by avoiding blocking nearby driveways, pavements, and access points, and by following local parking restrictions. A little extra care goes a long way in ensuring a positive and safe experience for our children, families, and neighbours.

Thank you for helping us to be considerate members of our local community





Please Park Considerately

We've received a number of concerns from residents about inconsiderate parking.

Parking on pavements, blocking driveways or restricting access for emergency vehicles can create serious problems - especially for those with mobility issues, parents with pushchairs and local services trying to do their job.

- **Avoid parking on pavements where it obstructs pedestrians**
- **Do not block driveways, dropped kerbs, or junctions**
- **Leave enough space for emergency vehicles to pass**
- **Park within marked bays where available**

A small amount of thought when parking can make a big difference to others in our community. We would always encourage considerate and lawful parking to help keep everyone safe and ensure roads remain accessible for all.

Thank you,



Friends of Madginford

We are excited to invite you to become part of the Friends of Madginford Primary School; a new fundraising group dedicated to supporting our school community and helping provide extra opportunities and resources for our children.

Our aim is to bring together parents, carers, staff, and local supporters to organise fundraising events, social activities, and community projects that will benefit the school and enrich the children's learning experience.

We would love for as many people as possible to get involved, whether by joining the committee, helping at events, sharing ideas, or simply supporting activities throughout the

year.

Thank you very much to those who have come forward so far to volunteer; we cannot wait to see the fantastic things which you will help to do for our school.

If you would like more information on our Friends of Madginford initiative, or to register your interest, please get in touch via our office email address: office@mps.kent.sch.uk

Funds Raised by Tesco Grove Green

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you; over the past few months, Tesco Grove Green has been raising money for local schools and charities through its community book stand.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the local community, they reached an incredible total of £500, which they have donated to our school.

We are extremely grateful for this kind donation and this will be used to benefit the children and enhance opportunities within the school.

To celebrate this achievement, the Store Manager and Community Champion from Tesco Grove Green visited our school on Friday 12th June to present the donation during an assembly.

A photograph was taken with members of the School Council and the Headteacher to mark the occasion.



School Improvement Priorities 2025-26

To be excellent readers

To provide a wide and ambitious curriculum that engages all learners

All children to recognise and celebrate their success

✦ Every Day Counts — Let the Magic Happen at Madginford! ✦

At **Madginford**, we believe every child deserves **magical learning experiences** — and those moments happen when children are **in school, on time, every day**.

Regular attendance helps children feel confident, settled, and ready to enjoy everything school life has to offer.

🌟 Did you know?

- Missing school regularly can make it harder for children to **keep up with learning** and friendships.
- Being **late** can be just as disruptive as being absent. Lateness **after the registers close** becomes an unauthorised absence.
- Missing **10% of school** (around **2 days each month**) can impact progress in **reading, writing, and maths**.

Small absences can quickly add up — and we don't want anyone to miss all the important learning and experiences!

♥ Why being here matters







Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Feel **happy, confident, and secure**
- Build strong **friendships**
- Enjoy learning and reach their full potential

Every school day brings new opportunities for **magical moments of learning**.

How families can help

You can support great attendance by:

-  Keeping a **regular bedtime and morning routine**
 -  Preparing **uniforms, book bags, and PE kits** the night before
 -  Having a **backup plan** for getting to school if something unexpected happens
 -  Booking **medical and dental appointments outside school hours** where possible
 -  Keeping an eye on your child's **attendance**
 -  Talking to the **class teacher or school staff** if your child feels worried or anxious; we're always here to help
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Attendance reminder

Persistent absence means missing **10% or more of the school year** — around **19 days**. That's why **every day really does count**.

Working together

If your child is unwell or you're unsure whether they should attend, please **contact the school office**. By working together, we can make sure every child feels supported and ready to enjoy the magic of learning at Madginford.

Be here. Be ready. Be part of the magic.  

Communication Reminder

If you have any concerns, please first contact your child's class teacher. If needed, you may then reach out to the Head of Year:

- **EYFS:** Mrs. South & Miss Perkins
- **Year 1:** Miss Verkely
- **Year 2:** Mr. Bevan
- **Year 3:** Mrs. Cross
- **Year 4:** Mrs. Ralph & Mr. Day
- **Year 5:** Mr. Hollamby
- **Year 6:** Mr. Roper

For ongoing concerns, please contact:

- **Mrs. Best** - Assistant Head (EYFS/KS1)
- **Miss Stamp** - Assistant Head (KS2)
- **Mrs. Woolcombe** - Headteacher

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Key Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 15th June-Friday 19th June- PGL France Trip**
 - **Friday 26th June- Sports Day**
 - **Tuesday 30th June- Y1 Trip to Port Lympne Safari Park**
 - **Thursday 2nd July- Y5 Trip to Mote Park**
 - **Wednesday 8th July- Y6 Production Evening Performance**
 - **Thursday 9th July- Y6 Evening Performance**
 - **Wednesday 15th July- Rocksteady Concert for Parents**
 - **Friday 17th July- Rocksteady Concert for Parents**
 - **Friday 17th July- Y6 Leavers Prom (subject to change)**
 - **Monday 20th July- Y6 Graduation**
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Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to updating you even more exciting achievements as we continue through Term 6.

Warm regards,

Mrs. A.

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Headteacher

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