

Madginford Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May

From the Headteacher – Mrs A. Woolcombe

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, we would like to wish all of our families a wonderful half term break.

We would like to extend a huge well done to all of the children for their hard work and achievements this term. We are especially proud of our Year 6 pupils, who impressed all of the staff with their mature attitude, resilience and determination during SATs week. They approached the challenge with confidence and should feel very proud of themselves.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 6, which promises to be another exciting and memorable term. We have lots to look forward to, including Sports Day, school trips and many other special events.

It will also be a time to celebrate our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to secondary school. We are very proud of them and wish them every success and happiness for the future.

In other news, we are delighted to share the following update 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 have now reached an incredible total of £500, which they have kindly chosen to donate to our school.

We are extremely grateful for this generous contribution, which will help to benefit the children and enhance opportunities within the school.

To celebrate this achievement, the Store Manager and Community Champion from Tesco Grove Green will visit the school on Friday 12th June to present the donation during a special assembly.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Tesco Grove Green and to everyone who has supported the community book stand.

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

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 8th June and Tuesday 9th June**- Y3 'Rocking around Britain'
- **Monday 8th June- Friday 12th June** – UK PGL Trip
- **Monday 15th June-Friday 19th June**- PGL France Trip
- **Friday 26th June**- Sports Day
- **Tuesday 30th June**- Y1 Trip to Port Lympne Safari 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

Thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you all wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st June.

Warm regards,
Mrs. A. Woolcombe
Headteacher

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