



Madginford Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 21st July

From the Headteacher - Mrs A. Woolcombe

As another school year comes to a close, I am pleased to reflect on all of the fantastic things which we have achieved together over the last academic year.

From Rock Steady concerts to Christmas performances, our work in the community and our sporting achievements in inter-school netball and football matches, the children and staff have worked so hard across all aspects of school life and have shown incredible determination every step of the way.

For our year 6 pupils, it is a bitter-sweet time for many as their time at Madginford Primary School comes to an end.

We have so enjoyed your excellent performances in 'Matilda' and are so proud of everything that each and every one of you has achieved during your time here with us. You have all been excellent ambassadors of Madginford Primary School and we wish you all the very best of luck as you start this exciting new chapter of your lives. Please keep in touch; we would love to hear from you.

Throughout the school year, all of the children across the school have consistently shown fantastic dedication to their reading and times tables.

In celebration of all of this hard work, there will be a reward picnic and activity afternoon in September- details of this to come when we return to school for the new academic year.

Extra Special Achievements This Term

An extra-special well done to **Jamie in Year 6** for achieving **6 Millionaire Reader!**
Congratulations, Jamie- you are a superstar reader!



A huge well-done to our **Times Table Rock Star, Victor in Year 3.**
Yesterday, Victor competed (and won!) against our mathematician Chair of Governors, Mr Butler.

We have been so impressed by all of the children who attended Rock Steady this year- your achievements and growth in confidence has been an inspiration to us all. We would like to say a huge thank you to Dave, who runs these sessions for us each week.

Millionaire Readers Challenge!

Have you heard about our **Millionaire Readers Challenge**? This exciting reading incentive encourages children to enjoy books at home while building their confidence and love of reading.

Children can work towards reading one million words by reading books in their own time and successfully completing their Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes. Every word counts, and as their total grows, they move closer to becoming an official Millionaire Reader!

When children reach the incredible milestone of one million words, they will earn a place on our **Millionaire Readers Celebration Board** and will proudly receive a **special purple Millionaire Reader T-shirt** to recognise their fantastic achievement.

But there's even more to aim for! If we manage to fill our Celebration Board with Millionaire Readers, the whole school will celebrate together with a Reading Picnic - a well-deserved reward for everyone's dedication and enthusiasm for reading.

Reading for just a little while each day can make a huge difference, so we encourage all children to get involved. Whether it's sharing a story with family, reading independently, or discovering a new favourite author, every page turned brings them one step closer to becoming a Millionaire Reader.

Keep an eye out for our exciting Summer Reading Challenge; there will be even more opportunities to enjoy great books over the holidays, earn rewards and prizes, and celebrate a fantastic summer of reading. The children have until **31st August** to achieve millionaire reader, so please do keep up the good work over the summer holidays. We can't wait for everyone to get involved! Who will be our next Millionaire Reader? Happy reading, and good luck!

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

From September 2026, 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
- **Year 1:** Mrs Cross
- **Year 2:** Mr. Bevan & Miss Perkins
- **Year 3:** Miss Stamp
- **Year 4:** Mrs. Ralph & Mr. Day
- **Year 5:** Mr. Hollamby
- **Year 6:** Mr. Roper

For ongoing concerns, please contact:

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

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Key Dates for Your Diary

- Tuesday 1st September- 1st day of term 1 for Y1-Y6 pupils
 - Friday 4th September - Friends of Madginford Welcome Meeting (10:30-11:30)
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So here we are at the end of our newsletter and the end of our school year. All that remains is for me to say thank you to all of our staff, our parents and our Madginford Primary School community. All of us work together so well in partnership and it is clear to see that the children of Madginford Primary School benefit from this hard

work and care.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you back for the new school year on **Tuesday 1st September 2026**.

Warm regards,

Mrs. A.

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Headteacher

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