

Magdalen Gates News

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear parents, carers, families and children

This week has brought plenty of rain, snow and ice! It's wonderful to see so many children wrapped up warm and ready for outdoor learning. We believe that children should have access to the outdoors in all weather conditions, and appropriate clothing helps make this possible.

Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Waterloo Park, and I had the privilege of joining them. This visit linked to their Design and Technology learning on structures. The children had opportunities to observe and sketch different structures around the park, which sparked lots of creative ideas.

It has also been **Road Safety Awareness Week**, a national campaign that reminds us all how important it is to stay safe near roads. Children have taken part in discussions and activities about crossing safely, wearing bright clothing in darker weather, and being alert around traffic. We are very grateful to Mandy, our dedicated lollipop lady, who volunteers her time to help keep everyone safe.

Finally, children at Forest School had the exciting opportunity to gather around a campfire this week, a fantastic way to connect with nature and learn new skills.

Please make sure you have noted down the dates for our upcoming festive events. If you are unsure, please speak to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make learning engaging and safe for all.

Dhinasha Balachandre

Postcard Design Competition – Get Creative

You may have heard that we have a **Postcard Design Competition** running across the school.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their designs - they look fantastic.

Our School Parliament is inviting all pupils to design a postcard that reflects our school values and celebrates our community.

Your child may have come home with an entry sheet. If they haven't and would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher, who can provide a template and some inspirational ideas.

The winning designs will be printed and used throughout the year to celebrate achievements across the school.

Deadline for entries: Friday 28th November 2025

Attendance

Good attendance is very important for learning and helps children to make the most of every opportunity at school.

The attendance winners for the last two weeks are the

Year 2 class, with 100%
and **Year 1 class**, with 100%
Well done!

Please Keep Us Informed

As winter bugs start to creep in, we understand that children may occasionally need to stay at home. However, it is essential that you call the school office if your child is absent.

We have a duty to know where all children are during the school day. If we do not hear from you, we are required to make contact and carry out welfare checks.

Your cooperation helps us keep every child safe and accounted for. Thank you for supporting us in this important responsibility.

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Christmas at Magdalen Gates

Festive Events December 2025

Decoration Day

Thursday 11 December, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a festive afternoon of Christmas crafting.

Each class will be making decorations to fill the school with colour and sparkle!



Christmas Shows

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: Tuesday 16th December, 2:30 pm – PE Hall

Years 3–6: Wednesday 17th December, 9:30 am & 2:30 pm – PE Hall

Tickets will be free but limited to two adults per child, due to capacity and safety regulations in the hall.

Performances will last around 30 minutes and include class songs and joint key stage performances.



Lunch & Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December

The kitchen team will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch!

Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or festive outfit – think sparkles, sequins or reindeer antlers!

