

Magdalen Gates News

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear parents, carers, families and children,

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme 'This is My Place'. This is about helping children feel that they belong - in their family, at school, with friends and as part of a wider community.

When children feel they belong, they feel safe, valued and accepted. This supports their wellbeing and helps them feel confident, happy and ready to learn and play. Through assemblies, discussions and shared activities, children have explored emotions and simple, practical ways to look after their own mental health, as well as how small actions can help others feel included.

These are just some of the other key learning experiences children have enjoyed over the last few weeks:

- Years 1 and 2 took part in an Explore Day, giving children the chance to learn through hands-on activities and curiosity-led experiences.
- Years 3 and 4 took part in the Olly Day Road Safety Show.
- Reception and Year 1 visited the Puppet Theatre to watch *Thumbelina*.
- Our Young Carers group have been practising their sewing skills, showing great focus and pride in their work.

(You can see more of what children have been doing on Reach More Parents.)

It has been a busy and positive half term. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the spring term.

Dhinasha Balachandre

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

Year 2 and 6 with 98 %

and **Year 1 this week with 100 %**

Well done!

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



Morning gate update – from Monday 23 February

From Monday 23 February, the school gates will open at 8:40am. Children will go straight into class on arrival.

- Reading Breakfast and sensory circuits will run from 8:40am.
- Breakfast Club continues as normal.
- Booster sessions and pre-organised groups will continue as planned.

Thank you for your support in helping children start the day calm and ready to learn.

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Promoting respectful language and behaviour

We are aware of a small number of recent incidents involving inappropriate or discriminatory language, including swearing, racist and sexist language. This behaviour does not reflect our school values and is taken seriously.

We are addressing this in a clear and consistent way:

- We reinforce expectations through assemblies, curriculum work and daily routines, helping children understand respectful language, inclusion and belonging.
- Staff respond immediately when incidents occur, using clear boundaries and restorative conversations to help children understand the impact of their words.
- Incidents are recorded and followed up where appropriate, including communication with parents when needed.
- We review patterns and support regularly to ensure children are getting the help they need and that our approach remains effective.

This work links closely to our wider focus on wellbeing and belonging, ensuring that all children feel safe, respected and included at school.

If you have any worries or concerns, please talk to us. If you would like more information on how to support your child with respectful language, inclusion and wellbeing, the school team will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a kind and inclusive school community.

**World Book Day
5th March 2026**

Only

20

days to
go!

About World Book Day

World Book Day – Thursday 5 March

This year's World Book Day theme is "**Reading for Pleasure**". It's all about enjoying reading in ways that feel right for each child.

To celebrate, we'd love to invite parents and carers into school for an extended Reading Breakfast on Thursday 5 March, 8:45–9:30am. Children will have time to read with their families in a relaxed way.

There will be light refreshments, including pastries and fruit juice.

Children can come dressed as a favourite book character, or wear pyjamas or comfy clothes - whatever feels comfortable for them 😊

We're really looking forward to welcoming you into school to enjoy reading together.

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Diary Dates 2025-2026

Friday 13 th February	•End of half term. School finishes at 3:15 pm
Tuesday 17 th February - Thursday 19 th February	•Holiday club open 8:15 am until 5:30 pm each day
Monday 23 rd February	•Return to school. New start time begins-8:40 am
Tuesday 24 th February	•Parent cafe for year 3,4, 5 and 6 families 2 pm to 3 pm
Thursday 5 th March	•World Book Day - Extended Reading Breakfast
Tuesday 10 th March	•History enrichment day - Year 3 and 4
Thursday 12 th March	•Food Discovery (Growing) Year 4
Thursday 12 th March	•Year 2 and 6 Duxford Trip
Wednesday 18 th March	•Year 1 on a trip to The Bridewell museum-Toys workshop
Thursday 19 th March	•Hearing and vision check for EYFS pupils
Friday 20 th March	•School Reports to go home
Tuesday 24 th and Thursday 26 th March	•Optional Report Based parent conferences-after school
Friday 27 th March	•Last day of term

Swimming (Parents and carers have been informed of group arrangements)

Monday	Year 2
Friday	Year 5

Reading Breakfast (*weekly, all year round*)

Thursday after drop off	Reception, Year 1 and 2
Thursday after drop off	Year 3 and 4
Thursday after drop off	Year 5 and 6

Forest School and Mini Nature Explorers

Thursday 26 th February – Thursday 26 th March	Year 4
Friday (weekly, all year round)	Reception

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Norfolk County Council

Local First Inclusion



Parent & Carer Café

Year 3, 4 & 5

Warm and welcoming atmosphere where you can share experiences and seek information & advice for:

Supporting Positive Behaviour & Wellbeing
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities
Family Relationships

Meet the Teams

- 2pm Supporting Children with Managing Emotions – Mental Health Support Team
- SENDIASS
- Family Hub
- Relocation, Ethnic Diversity & Integration Team
- School & Community Team – emerging SEND support
- Gypsy Roma Traveller Team

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Primary

Tues 24th Feb

2-3pm

