

Magdalen Gates News

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear parents, carers, families and children,

We had a lovely World Book Day this week. It was great to see the children enjoying books and sharing their love of reading. Thank you to parents and carers for your support, and to the PTA for providing refreshments and snacks.

We have also recently started music sessions with Pete Murdoch, a peripatetic music teacher who runs music groups in Norwich. He is currently working with EYFS and Key Stage 1, where children have been learning songs and practising clapping patterns and rhythm. Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to take part next term. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying these musical experiences.

We also continue to focus on improving behaviour, and over the coming weeks I will be speaking with children to gather their views and ideas about how we can make playtimes positive and enjoyable for everyone.

Dhinasha Balachandre

Attendance

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

Missing just **1 day every two weeks adds up to around 4 weeks of learning missed across the year.**

Our attendance winners for the last two weeks are:

Year 2 and Year 6 – 98%

Year 4 this week-99%

Well done!

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child outside of school hours, please contact:

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

You can also contact the NSPCC Helpline: 📞 0808 800 5000

Assemblies

Over the last few weeks we have **continued teaching the Zones of Regulation**, helping children understand their emotions and ways to manage them. We have focused on the **Green Zone** – feeling calm, focused and ready to learn – and **next week we will look at the Blue Zone**.

We have also learned about **Mardi Gras**, discussed **online safety, privacy and security**, and celebrated **Holi** and **World Book Day**.

In singing assemblies, children have been learning new songs, including **“True Colours.”** 🎵

Spring Event – Save the Date

The PTA will be running a Spring event after school on **Tuesday 24th March**.

There will be a range of stalls and activities for families to enjoy, including a bake sale, guessing the teddy's name, craft bags, hook-a-duck and face painting.

Please come along, bring your pennies and support the Spring Fayre! If you would like to help, support the event, or have any ideas, please speak to a member of the PTA. 🌷



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International Women's Day

Next week we will be recognising International Women's Day, which celebrates the achievements of women and girls around the world.

Children will spend some time learning about inspiring women and discussing the importance of equality, respect and opportunity for everyone.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Magdalen Gates holiday club

Open day on Saturday 21st March
from 10-12

**Come along to see what we have
to offer**

**Based at Magdalen Gates Primary
school, Norwich NR3 1NG**

Magdalen Gates Holiday Club

Magdalen Gates offers a Holiday Club run by staff who work in the school, helping to provide a familiar and supportive environment for our children.

The club offers a range of activities including crafts, games, playing together and exploring, with access to the outdoor area as well.

They will be holding an open morning on Saturday 21st March from 10-12, where families can come along, meet the team and see what the club has to offer.

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Diary Dates 2025-2026

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
Tuesday 24 th March	•Spring Fayre
Friday 27 th March	•Last day of term
Tuesday 14 th April	•Pupils return to School
Tuesday 14 th April	•Some pupils attending Spirit and Motion workshop
	•Year 3 and 4 How Hill Residential Trip

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