



Morgan's Vale news

July 2026

Headteacher's update

As we reach the end of the school year, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to our parents, our dedicated staff, and- most importantly- our wonderful children. The children are the heart of MVW. Thank you for your curiosity, your kindness, your humour, and your determination. Watching you grow and learn has been the greatest joy of my time here, and I will carry your achievements and your personalities with me always.

It has been an honour to serve as Headteacher, and I am deeply grateful for the kindness and commitment shown across our whole community.

I wish everyone a happy, restful summer filled with sunshine, calm, and time with loved ones.

All the very best,
Mrs Bailey

Attendance

This a big a whole school focus and I am delighted to announe that we have improved attendance year on year!

Attendance this year
95.9%

Key dates

SEPT

3

First day back and meet the teacher after school

SEPT

14

School council and eco warriors' elections

SEPT

25

Macmillan Coffee Morning 09:30-10:30

OCT

16

Spirit of Christmas

Mini Morgan's

What an absolute whirlwind of a term we have had in the Mini's room! As we approach the end of the school year, we want to share a massive update on what our wonderful little learners have been up to.

Our Brand New Adventure!

The biggest news of all is our move to our very own individual site right here on the school grounds! This transition was a big milestone, and we could not be prouder of how our Mini's have handled it. Every single child has settled beautifully. They have been busy exploring every nook and cranny of both our cozy indoor space and our lovely new outdoor garden. It already feels like home!

Green Thumbs & Muddy Hands

Speaking of our garden, the children have been hard at work helping us renovate our outside area. We have some fantastic little gardeners in our midst who have been planting, digging, and helping us create a truly spectacular mud kitchen display. It has been a joy to watch them collaborate, get stuck in, and take such pride in their new space.

Dive Into Reading

We have kept up our momentum with our curriculum texts, diving into some gorgeous, sunny stories perfect for the season. Some of our absolute favourites this term have included Tiddler, Splash, and Errol's Garden. These stories have sparked so much imagination and lovely conversation during our circle times.



Mini Morgan's

Phonics Superstars

We are deep into our Little Wandle phonics programme, and we are officially blown away! The dedication and focus of our Mini's has been incredible. The speed at which they have learnt and retained their new sounds is nothing short of amazing. Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!

Splash Into Summer

With the gorgeous weather finally making an appearance, we have been making the most of the sunshine. Water play has been a massive highlight this term, offering a perfect way to cool down, splash around, and develop those fine motor skills!

Big Milestones & Moving On

A Spectacular Sports Day: A massive thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who came out to support our Sports Day! The turnout was incredible. Our Mini's were so wonderfully friendly, supportive of one another, and gave 100% effort in all of their races.

School Ready & Graduation: For our oldest Mini's who are starting "big school" in September, we have been focusing on all things school readiness. We have also been busy rehearsing a very special performance for our upcoming graduation. There might be a few tears from the staff, but we are so excited to celebrate them!

Happy Summer Holidays!

As we wind down for the summer break, we want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of the development, confidence, and kindness all of our Mini's have shown this year. You have all grown so much.

Have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer holiday!

The Preschool Team





Hedgehog Class

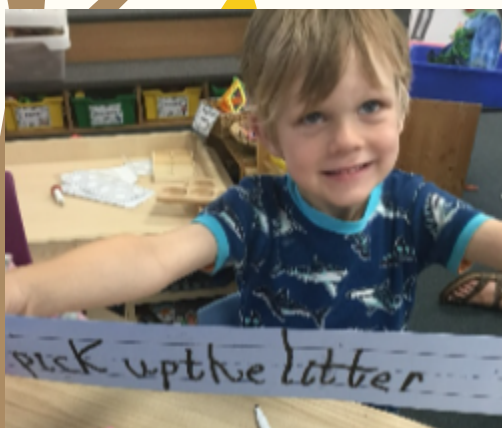
What we've been up to

What a fantastic final term of Reception our Hedgehogs have had! In phonics this term we have been consolidating the sounds we have already learned, and reading them in much longer words. We have also expanded the tricky (non-decodable) words we recognise by sight, to much trickier ones including 'were', 'there', 'where' and 'here' – the children have managed so well with these tricky challenges!

We studied a book called 'Clean up' about a child who visits her grandparents in the Caribbean and learns about the problems of rubbish washing up on the beach and how this negatively impacts sea-creatures. The children were so engaged with this story that they wanted to make our roleplay area into a beach rescue! They used the roleplay equipment to help injured animals at the vets, and brought in shells and photos from trips to the seaside to share with their friends.

When learning about a book called 'Oi, Get off our train' the children revisited the subject of conservation, learning about problems facing animals from all over the world. From cranes to polar bears and tigers, to damage to their habitats. We also had opportunities to make trains out of junk modelling, draw the animals riding the train and count the train carriages we had created.

We enjoyed a wonderful end of year trip to the aquarium in Bournemouth, seeing sting rays, penguins, tiger sharks, turtles and crabs, as well as having the opportunity to buy ice creams on the beach outside! The children demonstrated excellent listening skills, showed focus and curiosity when observing the animals and were great representatives for our school with their exemplary behaviour. When we got back to school, the children decided to use some large pieces of cardboard to design their own aquarium scene, including drawing and cutting out their own fish!





Fox Class

What we have been up to

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting end to the year in Foxes Class. In reading, the children have loved exploring Fantastic Mr Fox, diving into Roald Dahl's characters and clever storytelling. In writing, we have been enjoying stories from other cultures, thinking about traditions, settings and how tales are shared around the world. We have also been writing poetry linked to transition, using feelings and experiences to inspire thoughtful verses.

In geography, we have been learning about the Yanomami people and discovering how they live, celebrate and care for the Amazon rainforest. In science, the children have been revisiting and consolidating their learning from across the year, showing great recall and curiosity.

Maths has been full of practical and reflective learning. Year 1 have been working on money and time, building confidence with everyday skills. Year 2 have been exploring geometry, position and direction, as well as consolidating their learning from the year to prepare for their next steps.

In RE, we have been learning about why the Torah is important to the Jewish community, thinking about respect, tradition and how sacred texts guide people in their daily lives. It has been a brilliant year, and I am so proud of everything the children have achieved. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming the class back in September for another fantastic year together.





Owl Class

What we have been up to

It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know the Owls over the last five weeks, thank you for making me feel so welcome and for all of their kindness as I settled into a new school.

In English, we have been learning how to write explanation texts. Using our science learning about sound, the children have explored how sound is made, how it travels and how we hear. They have practised organising their ideas into clear sections, using subheadings, technical vocabulary and the use of pronouns and conjunctions. This half term we have been enjoying reading *The Wind in the Willows* and following the adventures of the mischievous and rather devious Mr Toad. We loved discussing his exciting escapades, exploring the characters and making predictions about what might happen next.

In Design and Technology, Owls have thoroughly enjoyed developing their cooking skills by making delicious vegetable rostis, Mexican pasties and oatmeal cookies (making every one in the school very jealous with the delicious smells coming from the oven) They learnt how to prepare the ingredients and follow recipes and enjoyed the taste test at the end. In art we have enjoyed exploring painting techniques, focusing on blending colours and creating different tones to add depth and detail to our work. In History, we have been learning about ancient civilisation, discovering how people lived long ago and exploring the achievements and legacies they left behind.

As well as this we have had some lovely enrichment visits from the local fire service, teaching us how to be safe in our homes, learning all about Parliament and then the IRock assembly where we enjoyed listening to a very talented musician.

I wish everyone a happy and restful summer and I look forward to seeing them around school in September.

Owls photos





Otter Class

What we have been up to

As we reach the end of another successful year in Otters Class, we are pleased to share the many achievements and experiences that have shaped this final term. The children have shown maturity, enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility, making this a memorable and rewarding end to the school year.

Year 6 enjoyed a highly successful residential trip, where they demonstrated independence, resilience and excellent teamwork. They embraced new challenges, supported one another and showed great willingness to try new foods. The all you can eat salad bar was a particular favourite and added to the enjoyment of mealtimes.

Year 5 had a wonderful visit to Legoland, where they enjoyed the attractions, spent time together and represented the school with excellent behaviour throughout the day. In English, both year groups have continued to make strong progress in their writing. Pupils have developed confidence, clarity and creativity across a range of genres. A particular highlight has been our unit on formal letter writing, where pupils wrote from the perspective of PE equipment requesting a better life. This imaginative task allowed them to explore tone, purpose and formality in an engaging way.

Our science learning this term has focused on inheritance and how characteristics are passed from one generation to the next. The strawberry DNA extraction experiment was a standout moment, giving pupils the opportunity to observe genetic material first hand and deepening their understanding.

In PE, the children have been developing teamwork, communication and shared responsibility. Some pupils also represented the school at a rounders tournament at Trafalgar School, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and determination. In history, pupils have been exploring the Ancient Greeks, learning about the origins of theatre, democracy and the Olympic Games. Their thoughtful discussions and curiosity have brought this topic to life.





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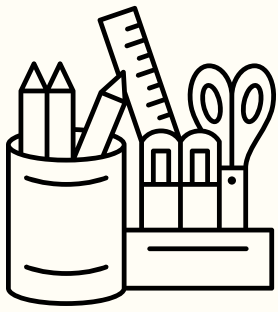
A major highlight of the term has been the Year 6 production of *The Island That Rocks*. The pupils worked with dedication and enthusiasm to bring the performance together, showing confidence and impressive stage presence. We were also delighted to see several Year 5 pupils stepping up to support the production, demonstrating maturity and a strong sense of teamwork.

As the warm weather arrived, Year 6 also took part in the Grow a Fiver initiative, running their own stalls at the Summer Fair. Their creativity, organisation and entrepreneurial spirit were evident throughout the project.

Year 5 have continued to work with focus and determination as they prepare to become the oldest year group in the school. Year 6, meanwhile, are ready for the exciting transition to secondary school. We wish them a wonderful time as they move on to this next chapter and we will miss them greatly.

We wish all our families a wonderful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming year 5 back for another exciting year.





Mrs Burns

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding year at Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls, I wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all our families. You have made me feel so welcome since joining the school, and I am truly grateful for your patience and understanding while I have familiarised myself with new systems, processes and the day-to-day rhythm of school life. Your support has made all the difference.

As we look ahead to September 2026, I kindly ask parents to help us by keeping a zero balance on SchoolComms wherever possible. This really helps us manage school finances smoothly and ensures everything is up to date. If you ever need support in achieving this, please do email the office - we are always happy to help.

We have also noticed an increase in parents emailing to notify us when their child is unwell. Thank you for keeping us informed. From September, we are hoping to introduce a voicemail facility which will allow parents to call in and leave a message to report any absences. We will keep you updated as this develops and confirm once the system is ready to use.

Thank you once again for your kindness, your communication and your partnership throughout the year. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all. Wishing you a wonderful, restful summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Warm regards,
Mrs Burns
School Business Manager