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MAGDALEN ACADEMY – NEWSLETTER 15

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Every Fortnight

Parents as Partners

Dear Families,

Next week our Year Six children will be completing their SATs. They have worked hard to be prepared, and we know they will try their best. Please could we ask parents across the school to arrive promptly at school next week. We like to get the children started as soon as possible after registration to prevent anxieties building.

Here's our message to our Fabulous Year Six:

To our sparky Year Sixes

Over the past few weeks – maybe even months – you have put in lots of effort in preparation for your SATs. You will nail them. We know you will. However, not every skill is taught in school and even less are tested. You might be great at Martial Arts, fantastic at fashion design or have green fingers... You might be a people-person, a problem-solver or a poet. SATs are never going to show off all these amazing skills.

They don't test whether you're a creative person, can write code, whether you are good at teaching IT skills to your granddad or have a rapport with animals. They don't test your speaking skills or whether you can mend anything put in front of you. They don't measure whether you're arty or sporty, musical or love science. Although subjects like Maths and English are important, never forget you've been given talents in plenty of other areas too.

Please try your best to think of these tests as 'something I've got to do', but not 'the most important thing in the world'. The problem is that sometimes we teachers can make them seem important, without noticing what we're doing. We have school targets we hope to meet, and our school has Government targets it hopes to meet. It's like one big chain and there's only one person at the end of it... YOU!

But remember this: When you were born, no one said 'What I want most for this child is to reach the expected standard in Maths when they hit Year Six!' (that would have been slightly weird!). The big things – the most important things – are things like your personality, what you believe and think, your ideas and that spark inside you that makes you 'you'.

You are sparky. Your parents know it and as a school, we know it!

There is a video on the internet that asks you to count the number of passes a basketball team makes. The passes come fast and you really must focus on the ball to count them all. At the end of the video it says, 'Well done on counting the passes, but did you notice the moonwalking bear?' You see, you were so busy focusing on watching the basketball; you missed a bear in the background, moonwalking across the screen!



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SATs can be like that video challenge. We promise as a school not to be so busy focusing on your SATs that we don't notice the amazing Year Sixes you are.

I'm sure you all join me in wishing our Year Six all the best.

Regards

Mrs Louise Arrowsmith

Executive Head

SCHOOL PARKING & SAFETY REMINDER

Please can we ask that all parents park in the Village Hall car park for dropping off and collecting the children. There have been instances of cars being parked up on kerbs which restricts the path, and other cars getting through. There are an adequate number of parking spaces within this gravelled area for all our parents.

HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE

NOW LIVE ON PARENTPAY – Please authorise your childs attendance

3rd June – Year 6 Trip to London

16th June – Robins Class Dance Festival (not Pre School)

ROBINS CLASS

Reception & Year 1 children



[WNSSP Dance Festival June 2026 | King's Lynn Corn Exchange](#)

BOOKABLE NOW!

The children really enjoy this event and performing on a stage.



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MAGDALEN ACADEMY DIARY DATES 2026

MAY

	EVERY TUESDAY Eagles & Falcons SWIMMING BEGINS 8:30am Arrival!!	
Week Commencing 11th	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Thursday 21st	Change of Menu	Jurassic Munch
Thursday 21st	Downham Market Academy Parent Information Evening	4:15pm – 7:00 pm See further information in this newsletter.
Friday 22nd	Break Up for Half Term	
JUNE		
Week Commencing 1st	Health & Wellbeing Week	More details to follow
Monday 1st	SEN Breakfast Year 6	Downham Market Academy
Tuesday 2nd	KS2 Federation Sports Day	Lynn Sport
Wednesday 3rd	Year 6 Trip to London	Lion King
Tuesday 16th	Dance Festival AM	Robins Class (Not Pre School)
Monday 22nd	Year 6 Transition Day	Downham Market Academy
Tuesday 30th	KS2 Downham Cluster Area Sports	Hillcrest
JULY		
Friday 10th	SPORTS DAY Reserve Day Monday 13th	2:00pm on Back Field
Friday 10th	Transition Day Year 6	Marshland High School (Further details below)
Tuesday 14th	Eagles Class	BUSHCRAFT DAY
Wednesday 15th	Falcons Class	BUSHCRAFT DAY
Thursday 16th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly & End of Term Awards	2:00pm – 3:15pm



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Parent Information Evening

On **Thursday 21st May from 4.15pm to 7.00pm**, there will be a presentation from Dr Paine, Head of School which will be at 4.30pm and another one at 5.30pm.

If you would like to meet with one of our Senior Leadership or Pastoral Team during Information Evening, please email Transition@dma.tela.org.uk to make an appointment. If this is regarding Safeguarding, Pastoral Support or SEN, please make this clear in your email so that we can book you in with the relevant staff member. Please do keep an eye on your 'junk' folder as emails maybe directed there by your internet supplier.

Marshland High School

Marshland High school Year 6 Transition Day Friday 10th July 2026

We would like to invite your child/children to take part in a transition taster day at Marshland High School on Friday 10th July 2026, they should arrive for 8.45 a.m. and will finish at 2.40 pm.

The transition day provides an exciting opportunity to meet their staff, as well as making new friends. They will take part in a range of enjoyable learning activities designed to help them establish new friendships.

Please also note that arrangements for transportation MUST be made by yourself for your child to arrive and be collected from Marshland High School for the transition taster day

They will need to bring:

- *A packed lunch. (If they usually have a free school meal, please indicate on the form).*
 - *Bottle of water.*
 - *Pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber.*
- *Wear their normal school uniform or school clothes with trainers or plimsolls*

**FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED FOR BOTH SCHOOLS
AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT.**