



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – March 2026

End of a Term

Wow! I can't believe that it is the end of a half term already. A huge thank you to everyone for the way they have welcomed me back to the school. The past few weeks have reminded me of what a special place Maltby Lilly Hall is and what fantastic children we are privileged to work with. My promise to you is that we will keep working as hard as we can to make sure the school continually improves and we get even better in the future.

Addressing Problems

I would like to strongly emphasise the importance of parents speaking to us about any concerns or issues you or your children have in school. We will make sure any issues you bring to us are investigated and, if needed, we will take any actions necessary to address them. I understand that it can be frustrating when a child is upset at home, and I know that parents might want to address things directly with the families of other children or discuss them online. I would very strongly ask that this does not happen. It can only cause anxiety and concern for the other families involved, or worse, arguments on the school site. This is obviously not acceptable as it is important everyone feels safe and welcome as part of #LillyHallFamily.

We have an experienced pastoral and leadership team who will support your child with any issues in school and will thoroughly investigate concerns. Mr Ducker, Mrs Moore and I are nearly always on the playground in the morning and, if not, we are always happy to either see you in person or give you a ring and talk things through.

Mr D Horrigan
Principal

Dates for your diary:

Easter Holidays

Monday 30 March to
Friday 10 April

Return to School

Monday 13 April

May Day

Monday 4 May

Spring Bank Week

Monday 25 May to
Friday 29 May

Return to School

Monday 1 June

INSET DAY – School Closed

Friday 26 June

Last Day of School Year

Friday 17 July

Upcoming Events

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We keep beating the drum for how important attendance is for our pupils. Parents make the biggest difference to their child's education by getting them to school every day they possibly can. Research shows that absence patterns often begin in primary school and worsen over time. Children who are poor attenders (less than 95%) in primary schools are more likely to have much higher absence in secondary school.

Children with less than 90% attendance are highly likely to get lower SATs and GCSE results.

That's why I want to say a massive well done to those who get to school every day they possibly can – and why, if we are worried about your child's attendance we will contact you and see what we can do to help this get better. Together we can make a real difference!

MRS MOORE'S UPDATE

Earlier this half term, Lilly Hall had the privilege of welcoming Joel Fearon - Olympic athlete - into school. Joel shared the story of his incredible sporting journey, speaking to the children about perseverance, resilience, and the power of believing in yourself which captivated the children. During the day, Joel ran a sponsored fitness challenge event. Thanks to their brilliant efforts - and the generosity of our school community - we've raised an incredible £2638 for school which will help us continue to develop high-quality PE opportunities for all pupils. It was a day full of motivation, teamwork, and fun enjoyed by all!



STUDENT LEADERS

We have a range of children who take on different leadership roles in our school. Our student council make a real difference, this term running a book swap and, this Friday, meeting Jake Richards, our MP. They are real leaders in our school who set a great example to their peers.

Another group you might not be as aware of are our playground leaders. This group of students have been trained by colleagues from our local Sports Partnership to lead games for the other children on the yard at lunchtimes. They are absolutely brilliant and have thought through issues to make the project a real success - we will soon be introducing a Y2 team - watch this space!

E-SAFETY MESSAGES

I hope that parents saw the recent information we sent out about 'Invite Everyone' groups on WhatsApp. We are talking to the children about the risks of this type of group, please emphasise this to them.

PHONE FREE SITE

We are really keen to make Maltby Lilly Hall absolutely phone free for our children. We know that phones are part of the modern age, but they also bring pressures and distract children from their learning. Please help us to keep our school free from the stresses of phones by talking to your year 5 and 6 children about the importance of this rule.

EVENTS GALORE AND A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to parents and carers for the support you have given to our events this term. World Book Day, Comic Relief, the Foundation Stage Easter Bonnet Parade and our Easter Raffle would not be anything like the success they are without your support. We know that Lilly Hall is built on your support and we value it highly.

I would also like to mention the different showcase events which have happened this term - again, your engagement with these has been amazing. It means so much to the children to show you what they have been doing, and the staff have been so proud of how well they have done! Thank you!

