

Weekly **NEWSLETTER**

Summer Term 2 – Week 4

Week 4 of the Summer Term has been one of the hottest on record, but our students have made the most of this fantastic summer week.

Our leavers have enjoyed an unforgettable residential in Wales, while students in school took part in a variety of activities, including outdoor learning, cooking and creative lessons across the curriculum.

A huge thank you to all our staff for keeping students safe, supported and comfortable throughout the heat.

It's been a bright and memorable week at Magdalen Court School.



Headteacher's Awards



This week the Headteacher's Award goes to

Ethan R-J

for being a wonderful peer coach and a role model in school.

&

George Y

for making so much progress this year.
Well done George!



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News from this Week

Celebrating something special at Magdalen Court School 🌱 ✨

Huge shoutout to Tom Franklin, your charity work is helping young people grow in confidence, resilience, and their connection with nature.

Amazing work, Tom. Truly inspiring 🙌 ❤️

Please click the link below to read the full article and see the amazing work being done by Tom's Charity "City kids Surfing"

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgd4gqyw0yo?scripybrkr=37a263cf>



Magdalen Court School Achieves
Bronze Rights Respecting
Schools Award!

2026 – 2028



**Rights
Respecting
Schools**

UNITED KINGDOM

unicef

**Bronze
Rights Committed**

Great work



**Is your child or
student interested in
joining the school
parliament?
We want you!!**

Applications due Wednesday
1st July

Are you going into Year 10 or Year 11
next year? Magdalen Court School wants
you!

Email:-
schoolparliament@magdalencourt.org
to request an application form, or speak
to a member of staff.



**WE WANT
YOU!**



**EXCITING
NEWS**

With record
temperatures
across the country,
our staff have been
doing their very
best to look after all
our learners and
that has included
plenty of
well-deserved
treats to help
everyone stay cool.

Hot Hot Hot



Coffee Mornings

Dates:- to be confirmed

Reminder

Please can all students remember
to bring in their water bottles and
sun cream each day. Staying
hydrated is really important,
especially during active lessons
and warmer weather. Thank you
for your support.



Staff Flowers of the week

Roxy and Bee



Careers

The Full of Beans Café was
another great success for our
PfA groups. Students prepared
food, ran the café and made
an impressive profit, which
they plan to donate partly to
charity and reinvest in the
project. Thank you to everyone
who supported it, we're
excited to see it grow next
year.



P.E at Magdalen Court school

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All our students enjoy lots of varied sporting

PE

It's been another fantastic week in PE at Magdalen Court School. Students have taken part in a wide range of sports, showing great enthusiasm and resilience despite the hot weather. From football and athletics to rounders, swimming and cricket, it's been wonderful to see so many students staying active.

A huge well done to our students and staff, who did brilliantly to deliver and enjoy high-quality lessons throughout the heat. Their effort, teamwork and positivity have made the week a real success.



Our brilliant PE department team took on our students in a basketball match last Friday, which was a fantastic event for everyone involved. The match was very closely contested, making for an exciting game from start to finish. It was great to see everyone playing so well, showing excellent sportsmanship and enjoying each other's company throughout the event. Pictures to follow!



Outdoor Education at Magdalen Court school



*All our students enjoy lots of varied
Outdoor Education this week.*

E D U C A T I O N

Outdoor Education

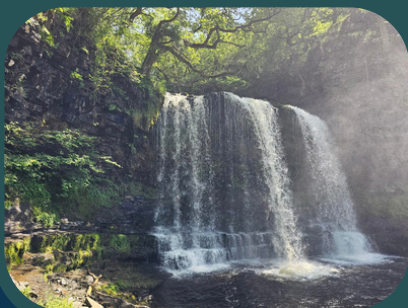
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Our Year 11 students have also made the most of the weather during their residential in South Wales, taking part in a fantastic range of activities such as walking, exploring beautiful waterfalls, adventurous gorge walking and refreshing swimming. They created brilliant memories with staff and peers a perfect way to celebrate the end of their exams.



GOOD
TIMES



Leaver's 2026

Skills Builder
PARTNERSHIP

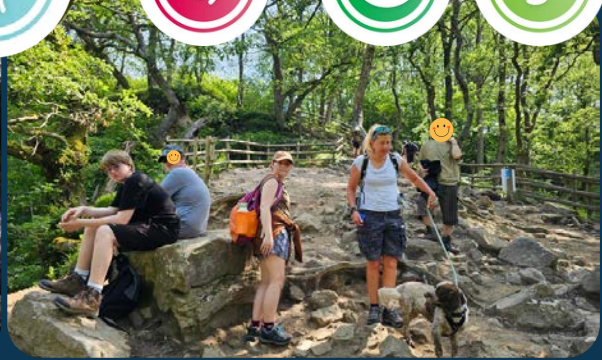
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After completing their exams, our brilliant Year 11 students enjoyed a well-deserved residential trip to South Wales. They took part in a range of amazing activities and created fantastic memories with both staff and peers. It was a wonderful way to celebrate their hard work and mark the end of their time at Magdalen Court School.



FRIENDSHIP



GOOD TIMES



Leaver's Event

On Thursday evening, we said goodbye to our fabulous Year 11s at their leavers' event. It was wonderful to see so many smiles and to reflect on how far they have come on their school journey. We would like to wish them all the very best of luck in their next steps.



Food Tech at Magdalen Court school

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All our students enjoy learn all the skills needed for Food Tech at the school.

★ Food Tech Roundup



Food Technology – A Fantastic Week of Cooking and Learning
It has been another fantastic week in Food Technology at Magdalen Court School, with students showing great enthusiasm, creativity, and determination in the kitchen.

Throughout the week, learners have enjoyed making a wide variety of delicious dishes, including fruity burgers, kebabs, fresh salads, biscuits, cakes, and different types of falafel and rice dishes. It has been wonderful to see everyone getting fully involved, trying new ingredients, and developing the practical skills they have been learning throughout the term.



Students have continued to build their confidence in the kitchen, practising important techniques such as chopping, mixing, shaping, seasoning, and presentation. They have worked safely and independently while supporting one another and taking pride in their finished dishes.

Despite the exceptionally hot weather this week, all of our learners have remained focused, resilient, and engaged throughout their cooking sessions. Their positive attitudes and willingness to challenge themselves have been particularly impressive.

It has been great to see how much progress the students are making, both in their cooking skills and in their confidence. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing what delicious creations they produce next.



Stars of the week



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Stars of the week for each class



Ash Class:- Kellan D for managing yourself well in the heat this week.



Aspen Class:- Jack L for 'increased confidence in asking for support'



Beech Class:- Finley D for independently finishing his Personal Development work at home.



Birch Class:- Arran for independently completing work across the week.



Elm Class:- Florence B- for managing their needs and anxiety during our class trip this week



Hawthorn Class:- Caleb & Breeze



**You are doing
★ GREAT! ★**



Hazel Class:- Jacob M for being independent in Food Tech



Juniper Class:- William R for taking responsibility, keeping himself hydrated during the hot weather.



Larch Class:- Connor Hassan for great progress in independent Maths assessment about Shape!



Laurel Class:- Ross Patterson for taking responsibility for his own learning and showing independence in his learning.



Maple Class:- Rowan for self-regulating during the heatwave without saying 'it's hot'.



**Oak Class:- Millie for Communication and Interactions
Helping others and joining in with conversations asking good questions**



Palm class:- Marcus C for keeping himself calm & controlled this whole week.



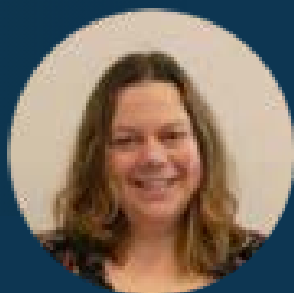
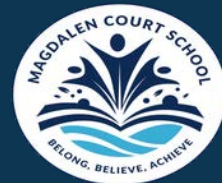
Sycamore Class:- Arsenii for continuing to develop his independence.



TEACHERS

2026-27

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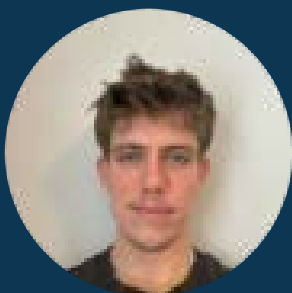
Alex. S
Ash Class



Heather
Aspen Class



Raff
Beech Class



Haddi
Birch Class



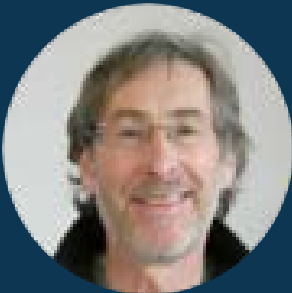
Nikki & Alex F
Elm Class



Rachael
Hawthorn Class



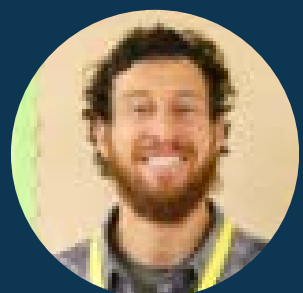
Jay
Hazel Class



Wayne
Holly Class



Polly
Juniper Class



Tom
Larch Class



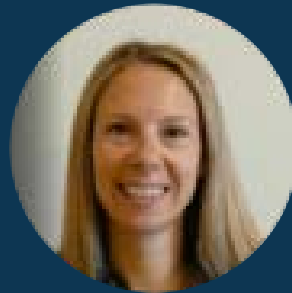
Adam
Laurel Class



David
Lime Class



Elliotte
Maple Class



Roxy
Oak Class



Joe
Palm Class



Helen
Rosewood Class



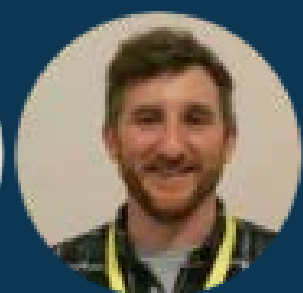
Leanne
Sycamore Class



Tori
Willow Class



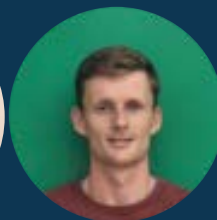
Cover & Cooking
Ben Class



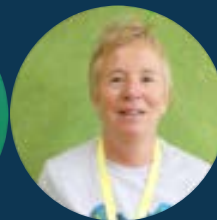
Harry
Food Tech



Robbie
Premises Officer



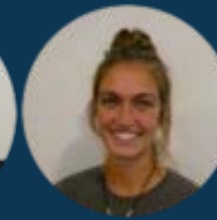
Elliot **P.E**



Fran **P.E**



Moss



Katie



Steve



Josh

Physical Education

Outdoor Education Team

Outdoor Education

WEEK STARTING Monday

29th June 2026



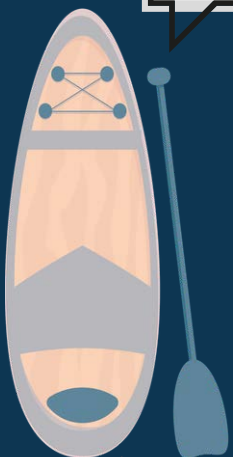
Monday

OUTDOOR ED

BEECH,
LAUREL, JUNIPER
& HAWTHORN

B – Beach SUP
L – Beach. Rock
pooling/swim.
J – Beach SUP
H – Bell Boat – Haven
Banks

SUP BRO



Tuesday

OUTDOOR ED

ASH, HAZEL, ASPEN
& OAK

A – Canal Canoe trip
H – Beach SUP
A – Canal Canoe trip
O – Bell Boat – Haven
Banks



Wednesday

OUTDOOR ED

ELM, LARCH
& SYCAMORE

E – Beach SUP
L – Beach. Rock
pooling/swim.
S – Bell Boat – Haven
Banks



Thursday

OUTDOOR ED

MAPLE, PALM
ROSEWOOD 1 & 2

M – DofE Expedition/Beach
P – DofE Expedition/Beach
R1 – Beach SUP
R2 – Beach SUP

Friday

OUTDOOR ED

LIME, HOLLY
& BIRCH

L – No session.
H – No session.
B – Bell Boat – Haven
Banks



Don't
Forget!

Please
remember the
appropriate
clothing.



Please
remember
water bottles
please.



Food Technology

WEEK STARTING Monday 29th
June 2026 – Transition Week



Monday

Food Tech



Aspen
Ash
Maple
Palm



A – Fruit salad smoothie
A – Ratatouille
M – Cheesecakes
P – Mini Cheesecakes

Tuesday

Food Tech

Beech
Sycamore
Rosewood



B – Dutch apple cake
S – Paprika lamb skewers
R – Mini Cheesecakes

Wednesday

Food Tech

Juniper
Laurel
Birch
Lime



J – Ratatouille
L – Paprika lamb skewers
B – Rainbow coleslaw
L – Salad Nicoise

Thursday

Food Tech

Hawthorn,
Oak
Holly
Larch

H – Fruit salad smoothie
O – Paprika lamb skewers
H – Salad Nicoise
L – Spicy Bean Burgers



Friday

Food Tech

Willow

Online Lessons

W – Mini Cheesecakes



Information

Idiom of the Week:

Wine & Dine

Word of the Week:

Vulnerable

Number of the Week: 14

**THIS
Week**



Magdalen Court School : The Green Initiative



"Palm class have continued this term to show real commitment to developing the outdoor areas in school, particularly in the outdoor gym. We are starting to get some impressive growing including herbs, potatoes, sunflowers and our prized sweet peas grown from seed. Just this week, Mala-Ann was harvesting some sweet pea flowers to deliver to some lucky staff around school."



Social Media



Please take a moment, if you're able, to check the school's Instagram and Facebook pages and share any new content.
QR Code



Therapies

Therapies play a vital role here at Magdalen Court School, and we are fortunate to have a fantastic team of therapists, along with excellent equipment and dedicated spaces, to support our learners.



Music Tuition Opportunities – September 2026

We are currently exploring the possibility of offering additional music tuition sessions for pupils from September. These lessons would provide students with the opportunity to develop their musical skills through individual or small-group tuition.

The proposed costs are approximately:

- £20 for a 30-minute lesson
- £30 for a 45-minute lesson

Lessons would be payable in advance.

At this stage, we are gathering interest and finalising arrangements for the new academic year. Further information will be shared with families in due course.



Sports Day 2026

This year's sports day will be on Thursday 9th July. Elliot will send a dojo next week about the days info, PE kit, extra snacks, water bottles, sun cream and hat.

Medication Reminder

We have emailed all regarding medication currently held or administered in school. Please ensure all medication is collected by Wednesday 10th July at 1pm, as it must go home at the end of the academic year. Any medication not collected by this time will be taken to a pharmacy for safe disposal.

We have also sent new medication forms for the 2026–2027 school year. Please complete and return these before the end of term so we can continue to support students safely from the start of the new term.

It is really important that the school holds the most up-to-date information for all students, including contact details, medical information. Please ensure all updates are submitted by Friday 10 July 2026.

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Student news

Yr 11 Transport

Attention Year 11 Students and Parents

If your child currently travels to school in a DCC taxi, please look out for an email containing important information about transport arrangements for students moving into Year 12.

Please ensure that you have completed the required DCC transport forms. Follow the links below to submit the necessary information.



Vacant Seats – Children, Families & Education

IMPORTANT

Getting Ready to move on . . . Preparing for September
We have learners in year 11 and Post 16 who have now finished their exams and are preparing to move onto their new educational placements which range from Exeter College, Bicton and Eat that Frog to name a few. All our learners who are leaving will officially leave on Friday 26th June.

For learners who will continue their educational journey at Magdalen Court we will spend the last two weeks preparing for September.

Next Friday, the 26th all teachers come into assembly to introduce themselves. During the afternoon of the 26th, your child's current class teacher will tell them who their next year's teacher will be. Your child's current teacher will inform you of their class via Dojo.

On Monday, the 29th learners will come into school as usual and register in their current class. All learners will then go to the hall. They will leave the hall with their new teacher and new class.

The class will then continue in their new class and follow the 2026–2027 timetable.

As you'd expect we do have some new teachers. If learners have a new teacher they will spend one or two days of the final two weeks with their new teacher and the remainder will be with one of our current teachers.

We move into our new classes for the final two weeks so that learners know all about September, which we have found from experience, considerably reduces anxiety over the summer break.

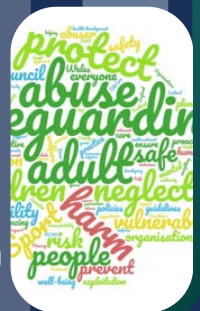
Please Dojo your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

ATTENTION

Safeguarding

At Magdalen Court School, safeguarding is our priority and underpins everything we do.

Our Safeguarding Team:
Designated Safeguarding Lead: Jane Kendall
Email: office@MagdalenCourt.org
Tel: 01392 494919



"The industry, as far as we can see as families, are grooming the next generation with a whole set of online games and these are aimed at 7, 8, 9 year olds – that's the next generation who are going to be their income generators" - Liz Ritchie, Gambling With Lives

The digital world that we live in can be a minefield for families and parents/carers. The way in which children 'game' now is completely different to how modern day parents and carers would have experienced. The 'monetization' of gaming is at the forefront of research and there are increasing concerns surrounding online gaming and the subsequent links this has with underage gambling.



From ONLINE GAMING to ONLINE GAMBLING

Recognising the Signs



10 Signs for Parents to Look For:

Disordered gambling is sometimes referred to as the 'silent killer'. Unlike drug or alcohol addiction the signs are sometimes harder to spot and if not dealt with at an early age can have a devastating effect on both the gambler and their families later on in life.

EXCESSIVE USE OF DEVICES

This can lead to increased isolated behaviour and lying about the amount of time spent online.



SPENDING MONEY ONLINE WITHOUT PERMISSION

If a child is willing to spend money online (invariably on a parent's card) without permission then this should act as an early warning sign to parents to ensure that there are some barriers and parental controls in place.

CHANGES IN BEHAVIOUR

Children may become moody, aggressive or argumentative particularly during or shortly after periods of online gaming.

A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL

Children may display an obvious change in attitude to learning and a more negative view of school.

DISENGAGED WITH FAMILY LIFE

Children start to prefer spending time alone online rather than engage in normal family activities.

COMPULSIVE EATING

This includes both eating the wrong types of food excessively and not eating healthily.



IMPATIENT

Not prepared to wait for anything (mirrored in excessive online game play and in app purchases) and nothing is ever good enough.



'THE LOOK'

Compulsive gamblers are often said to look zoned out, have a greyness, look ill, experience a loss of weight and stop taking pride in their appearance. The same can be said of those who are starting to develop a gaming addiction.

OBSESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children who demonstrate obsessive behaviour in everyday life are often reported to be 'at risk' of developing an online gaming disorder.

DISHONESTY

This could include starting to tell lies and in the more extreme cases even stealing things.



10 Top Tips for Parents:

If you think that your child may be at risk of developing a gaming addiction then there are a series of measures that you can put in place. This is by no means an exhaustive list but just some strategies that could ensure a potential situation does not escalate.

BE AWARE

Do not fall into the trap that it's just what children do – as parents/carers/families be 'on the same page' and do not be allowed to be played off against one another.

VISIT THE GP

Although both gaming/gambling addictions are now recognised as a mental disorder, some doctors may not be experts in these areas – families can self-refer to NHS Gaming and Gambling Clinics.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

See what help and support is available. Visit www.gamfam.co.uk and become an expert.

SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL

Have an open and honest conversation. Schools are investing heavily in mental health and can arrange or direct you to the most appropriate support services.

TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST

This applies to school work and in creating a learning environment at home. Find activities and hobbies that create a life away from the screen and be part of it.

BECOME THE EXPERT

Research the game your child is playing – does the game have loot boxes?

PUT BARRIERS IN PLACE

Set up parental controls for all devices (including phones) and set up screen time. Visit the 'Partnership with Parents' section at www.gamfam.co.uk for further details.

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

Turn off in-app purchases. Do not link your debit/credit card to your child's device and use a prepaid card instead. For example Monzo, Go Henry, Nimbl or speak to your bank for advice.

DISCUSS LOOT BOXES AND SKIN BETTING

Have a conversation about loot boxes and skin betting. Many games can still be played and completed without using loot boxes on the console version but be mindful of the mobile versions.

DO NOT LEND MONEY FOR GAMBLING

Or if you think it will be used for online gaming, without your permission.



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