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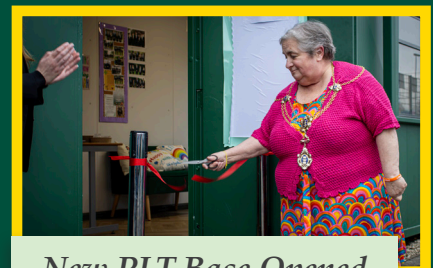
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From our Headteacher

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, it's a pleasure to reflect on the hard work, achievement and growth we've seen throughout our school community.

From vibrant classroom learning to creative projects and impressive extracurricular involvement, our pupils have continued to demonstrate resilience, enthusiasm and commitment.

This term has been filled with memorable moments; academic successes, sporting triumphs, artistic performances (looking forward to our Christmas Concert as I write) and charitable initiatives that highlight the generosity and spirit of our staff and pupils. The new Christmas Fayre earlier this month was a lovely event for our community. We are incredibly proud of the progress made and the strong sense of community that continues to define our school.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our families for their ongoing support and to our staff for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment. Most importantly, well done to all of our pupils for everything they have achieved this term, both big and small.

Wishing everyone in our school community a joyful, restful Christmas break and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back for another exciting term on Tuesday 6th January 2026. (The Monday is a staff training day.)

Best Wishes,



Patrick Sprakes



Term Dates...

Staff Training Day

Monday 5th January 2026

Pupil Return Date

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Last Day of the Half Term

Friday 13th February 2026



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Christmas Charity

As we approached Christmas, we once again held a donation drive for food, toiletries and other items to make up our Christmas shoeboxes for Age UK. Once we had tallied up our donations from pupils and staff we had nearly thirty shoeboxes to donate.

We were immensely overwhelmed by the amount of donations we received. On 4th December, a team of our pupils loaded up the school minibus to deliver the packed-up Christmas shoeboxes at the Age UK drop-off point.

Alongside the shoebox appeal, this term Ms Betts ran a drive for donations to the Hull Animal Welfare Trust. Thanks to the generosity of staff, pupils and their parents/carers, they were able to donate four boxes worth of blankets, towels, food, treats and toys to the Trust.



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Unity Shop Staff Site Drive

In the run up to the Christmas break, our site time has been, once again, collecting donations for charity. Every year, our site team collect on behalf of the Unity Shop. As many families struggle to make ends meet, The Unity Shop works to support those in need of help in our area.

Every year our site team has collected for the Unity Shop and each time their hard work goes towards making this time of year a little easier for those in our community who need that extra help. With staff, community and business' help, the amount of food, clothing and toys donated has been overwhelmingly generous.

Thanks to donations from staff, the wider school community and even businesses that the school liaise and work with, we have managed to accumulate a literal minibus load of donations to go towards helping local families this Christmas.



We recieved an astounding amount of donations for The Unity Shop.

Pupil Leadership Team

Updates and messages from Malet Lambert's PLT and Head Pupils

Defibrillator Funding

We are raising money for two new defibrillators that will serve the community. As a school, we maintain three machines that are accessible to all pupils and staff during school hours.

However, we are concerned that members of the public would be unable to access these when the school is closed. If there was an incident right outside the school, the defibrillators could not be used. Therefore, we would like to install two machines that are maintained by the school but positioned on the other side of the fence.

This would mean they are accessible to the community around us. To do this, we have been holding fundraising events. At the end of the last academic year, pupils could donate money for the opportunity to throw wet sponges at the teachers. Recently, pupils have been guessing the name of a Snowman.

We are very grateful for all the donations received from pupils, parents, staff and members of the public. We have also had generous donations from local companies. We hope to get the machine sup and running very soon.

The Christmas Market

We were very proud to be part of Malet Lambert's first Christmas market this year. The wider PLT ran a stall raising money for our defibrillator project, where we had a variety of donated items to buy and games to play.

It was a fantastic day and lovely to connect with the community around the school - we even got a visit

from some alumni PLT and were pleased to warm up some East Hull Harriers with a hot chocolate after a very wet and windy Park Run!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hairsine and Miss Pearson for their hard work in bringing it about and we look forward to helping make next year even bigger and better.

The Pupil Leadership Team base

This year we were given a very special, new space within the school. We decorated and opened the new Pupil Leadership Team based, where we can meet as a team to plan our events.

We can use this as a space to collect pupil voice and meet with pupils in the school to hear their opinions.

It's a lovely space that makes us feel very motivated to serve the Malet community as best we can. We look forward to seeing how its use will develop over the coming years.

New Library at Malet

This term saw the opening of our new library space! After completing the renovation that began during the summer break, our old panini bar space has now become Malet Lambert's new library.

The new space is complete with brand new furniture, workspaces and seating for pupils to enjoy. Our Librarian, Miss Tenniswood, has also spent the beginning of this year adding the finishing touches to the library catalogue and collection.

The library has since been named the Ann Barker Library, in honour of our former Head of Governors, who remains to a long-time friend of the school who has supported Malet Lambert and the school community over a number of years.

Our new library was officially opened on 1st October, with our special guest author Phillippa Leathley invited to cut the

ribbon and say a few words to our audience of both current staff and pupils, and guests including the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull and Admiral of the Humber, Cheryl Payne.



Children in Need

Malet Lambert pupils did not disappoint when it came to showing off their baking prowess for this year's BBC Children in Need.

We once again held our annual Children in Need Bake Sale to raise money for the national charity. Pupils from across all year groups were invited to submit an entry of something they had baked to be sold at the sale.

All entries were then judged, with the winning entries set to receive points for their house. We are incredibly pleased to say that the total amount raised for Children in Need from our bake sale was £154.80.

The runners up for best entry were Coby-Ray D and Harry S and the winners were Charlie F and Ester A. Well done to all who entered.



Christmas Concert & Malet's Art Exhibition



As we reached the end of the term, the school hosted our annual Christmas concert, featuring a number of festive favourites, classical songs and musical pieces, all performed by our talented pupils.

The concert is the accumulation of the hard work and effort of our pupil performers and our Music Department. The concert was held on the evening 11th December to an audience of parents/carers, pupils, staff and school SLT.

Along with a selection of classic Christmas carols and hits, our pupils also included a number of other songs including California Dreaming and songs from musical productions such as 'Matilda' and music from the likes of 'Wallace and Gromit' and 'Tangled'.

On the same evening as our Christmas Concert, our Art Department showcased the work of our talented pupils in a Open Art Exhibition.

Pupils from across all year groups were invited to submit their work for display in the exhibition, and all mediums and methods were welcome. Submissions were varied, with acrylic pieces, models, illustrations and more all being on display. Thank to all the pupils who submitted their artwork.



Malet Staff pantomime

As we prepare for the end of term Malet Lambert staff staged a fantastic panto performance of Peter Pan.

Under the direction of our Head of Dram, Mrs Riley, members of staff from across the school took to the stage to deliver an amazing and festive pantomime in front of colleagues and guests on the evening of 17th December.

Tickets sold out in advance of the show, meaning we had an amazing, packed house for the performance. Making the panto the lively event that it should be, with cheers, jeers and more.

Mr Pocknee took up the title role of Peter, with Miss Clarkson in the role Wendy, and a large supporting cast made up of other staff, including Mr Dervey as the villainous Captain Hook.

We hope all who came to see Malet Lambert's first staff pantomime enjoyed themselves and we hope to see you for another pantomime next year!



Christmas Fancy dress



**Merry Christmas
from the staff at
Malet Lambert**

Events for Pupils

Earlier this half term, we held our Key Stage 4 Information Evening. The event is intended to give our current Key Stage 4 pupils guidance and advice as they approach their final exams of school.

Pupils were given the opportunity to speak to subject teachers about their upcoming exams and also attend talks concerning useful revision tips and techniques. Pupils can continue to seek advice and guidance regarding upcoming exams from their subject teachers.

Also this November, we held our Guided Choices Evening for our Year 9 Pupils. As they approach the start of Key Stage 4, our Year 9s begin to consider their options to study for their GCSEs. To help them make an informed choice, the school tries to provide pupils with as much useful information as possible.

This all culminates in our yearly Guided Choices Evening. Pupils and their parents and carers were invited into school on the evening of 27th November to ask key staff and

subject leads about potential course options and to listen to talks on the importance of the choices ahead of them.

We hope that pupils found the evening helpful and informative, and would like to remind them that there is still time for them to ask their teachers any questions regarding their choices before the deadline to confirm their choices in the new year.



Community Group



Malet Lambert launches its new community driven group. This term has seen the beginnings of Malet Lambert's new community group and network. The aim of this initiative is to identify ways in which the school can better liaise, communicate and work with the wider community as a whole.

The group is looking towards hosting and running possible events and projects that can be of benefit to the wider community.

In December, we invited members of the local community, local educators and businesses, to a community group breakfast to discuss the possible avenues and works of the community group initiative.

"Schools are often central to their community and although very much at its infancy stage, we are very excited to be working on a model that builds on the schools central place in the community and its ability to, co-ordinate and facilitate access to a range of initiatives that support our pupils and their families from early childhood to adulthood. The long term aim is to create a joined up pipeline of community support."

Miss Pearson, Assistant Headteacher

Author Helen Rutter Visits Malet

This term, we welcomed author Helen Rutter to Malet Lambert. Helen, whose works include the popular 'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh' and 'Me and My Brain', was invited to speak in assembly with our Year 7 pupils and speak about their journey into authorship, including their memories of school, their ambitions and career path that led them to becoming a writer.

After the initial assembly, Helen held some workshops with small groups of our pupils on writing.



Laylah's European Success

Year 10 pupil Laylah has added another boxing accolade to their growing collection. This term, Laylah fought in the U15 European championship Semi Final in Montenegro.

This isn't Laylah's first boxing success. Last year, Laylah defended her title of England Schools National Boxing Champion after facing off in the final in Newcastle, keeping her title for a third year. Congratulations, Laylah. We hope that this success continues.



Anti-Bullying Week

From the 10th to 14th November, Malet Lambert marked Anti-Bullying Week. Throughout the week, the message of standing against bullying and creating an inclusive and welcoming environment in school was delivered across all year groups through assembly and intertwined within the curriculum.

On the Monday of the week, the school also participated in the annual Odd Socks Day, a day where people wear mismatched socks to celebrate individuality, raise awareness about bullying, and promote kindness, inclusion, and acceptance.



Observing Remembrance

Malet Lambert marked Remembrance Day with the observation of the traditional two-minute silence.

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday 11th November, the entire school fell silent in accordance with tradition, giving pupils and staff the opportunity to reflect on those in service who had died in conflict from World War One to the modern day.

In the week leading up to Remembrance Day, each year group were delivered a special assembly, to help pupils understand the significance and importance of the event.

On Remembrance Sunday, Head Pupil Daria represented the school at the service held at the Cenotaph in Hull City Centre, alongside other local representatives and former and current servicemen.



TOP: Miss Ridley delivers an assembly on the importance of Remembrance Day.

BOTTOM: Head Pupil Daria attends the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph.

International Week

Between 20th and 24th October, Malet Lambert held an International Week. The week, spearheaded by Mr Henwood, Malet Lambert's EAL Coordinator, aimed to celebrate the rich diversity at Malet Lambert and to explore global connections beyond our school.

The week-long programme gave Malet Lambert pupils, across all year groups, a chance to learn about different cultures from across the world and sample aspects a variety of traditions.

Included in the programme were sessions on Sikhism, Buddhism, a culture exchange with schools across the world via video calls, and cooking workshops.

Alongside the activities throughout the week, for each day our catering time changed up the menu, bringing a taste of a different culture for every day of the week. Going from Pan-Asian inspired cuisine to food from the Americas and across Europe, too.



Pupil Leadership Team Base

Our Pupil Leadership Team's new base is now open. The new space, located near to our 3G pitches, will provide an area for our PLT to meet and discuss their agenda and plans.

Staff, pupils and guests were invited for the opening ceremony, and were given the opportunity to look around the new base, which has been in development since the beginning of this school year.

We welcomed the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull and Admiral of the Humber, Cheryl Payne to Malet Lambert to officially open the new PLT space at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Lord Mayor also kindly spent some time chatting with our PLT about their role within the school and even their future ambitions after they have completed Year 11.



Christmas Fayre

This November Malet Lambert hosted our first ever Christmas Fayre.

The school extended an invitation to local businesses and traders to set up their Christmas goods, cards and treats in our sports hall on the morning of 29th November.

We opened our doors to the public to come and browse the stalls and products, with complimentary hot chocolate on the door as they entered. Despite the less than welcomed rainy weather, numbers of visitors who passed through our hall were overwhelmingly positive.

The initiative of hosting a Christmas Fayre at Malet Lambert came about from our Community Group, a working group whose aim is to bring about more cooperative and open events and ideas between the school and wider community. We hope to be able to bring more such events to Malet Lambert in the future.



The Malet Sports Round-up

A selection of sporting news and achievements so far this academic year...

Nov 03 Congratulations to the under 16s girls who beat Howden 6-2 this afternoon.

Nov 11 Congratulations to the year 7 girls who beat South Hunsley 3-0 in the National Cup this evening.

Nov 18 Well done to the Girls u15's who won the Hull schools 7 a side tournament, the girls played some brilliant football with some fantastic goals scored well done.

Dec 01 Well done to the U13 girls who represented Malet in the Hull Schools dodgeball competition this evening.

Dec 03 Congratulations to the year 7 boys rugby team who bounced back from a 12-16 defeat to Brigshaw last week to beat St John Fisher 42-0 today.

Dec 04 The year 10 boys rugby team played their 1st Yorkshire cup match today away at Cockburn. After a very keenly contested 1st half Malet were up 12-6 at half time. Some fantastic defending and attacking play saw Malet run out 34-12 winners.

Dec 10 The Year 8 B football team beat Andrew Marvel last night in the Hull League.

Dec 10 The Year 8 inclusive cricket team had a great time at today's TEAL cricket event.

Dec 11 Today both the year 8 and year 10 boys rugby teams played Manor Croft in their 2nd matches in the Yorkshire cup group stages. The Year 10's ran out 16-10 winners with Zeb B being MOM. The year 8's won 22-14 with James C being MOM,

Dec 12 The Year 9 rugby team beat Carlton 48-0 in the Yorkshire Cup.

Dec 16 Congratulations to the Year 8 girls team who finished joint first in tonight's Hull Active School 7-a-side competition this evening.

