



JANUARY 2026

# NEWSLETTER

Malmesbury Youth Football Club

## A FEW WORDS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Happy New Year and welcome to our January MYFC newsletter 🎉

We hope you and your families had a lovely festive break and that 2026 is already off to a great start.

This edition is very much about our people and our future. Inside, you'll find key dates for the rest of the season, updates on how our teams are getting on, and some exciting ideas about where MYFC could be heading as the club continues to grow.

We're also shining a spotlight on volunteering – from small, 30-minute commitments to bigger roles – and sharing ways you can help support the club behind the scenes.

As always, thank you to our players, parents, carers, coaches and volunteers for everything you do to make MYFC such a positive, welcoming community.

We hope you enjoy the read and look forward to seeing you pitchside soon.

From  
The MYFC Committee

## SAVE THE DATES

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March

**MYFC GOLF DAY**  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May

**MYFC SUMMER  
TOURNAMENT**  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June  
(Mixed)  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> & Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June  
(Girls)

**END OF SEASON  
PRESENTATIONS:**

**Girls**  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Mixed Minis to U10**  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June

**U11 to U16**  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June

**2025/26 AGM**  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026



## VOLUNTEERING!

This newsletter is all about volunteering - and we have lots that you can get involved with even if you have no football experience - with commitments starting at just 30 minutes per year!

**The Dug Out** - The simplest way to help us raise funds for the club! Just half an hour whilst your son or daughter is warming up for their home game would be really appreciated - if everyone did 30 mins PER YEAR we would have the rota easily covered.

**MYFC Future Planning Team** - More information on the next page, but as a rapidly expanding club, with waiting lists, we want to future proof the club for the next generation of footballers - so we have big plans!

**Carnival Team** - The response to getting involved in the carnival this year was amazing - so this year we want to go bigger and better and enter a World Cup themed float - if you have creative flair, building skills or contacts with vehicles that could help us pull this together, we need you!

**Summer Tournament Team** - This weekend relies on a team of volunteers to make it the huge success that it is year after year.

**Pitch Administrator** - If you enjoy a spreadsheet and love a bit of logistics management this is the role for you!

**Committee Roles** - We have just one space left for an Assistant Welfare Officer.

**SIGN UP ON**  
**THE DUG OUT**  
**ROTA HERE**



If you can help with any of these roles please contact:  
**Kate.Church@**  
**malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk**



## EXCITING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF MYFC

The last few years have seen MYFC expand rapidly which is amazing to see. To ensure we can continue provide great facilities for our players the committee are starting to think about the next steps for the club.

We are rapidly running out of pitch time and space, and overused pitches do not fair well in the winter! The lack of lighting in the evenings also means a big financial burden on the club to pay for winter training facilities. Our current location at the DMP playing fields does not allow us to develop it or to extend, so we are beginning to think about other potential locations where we could create an amazing facility for Malmesbury footballers. We are thinking about:

- Do we want our own 4g pitch?
- Where could we move to?
- How could we raise the substantial amount of money required to buy land?
- Could we join with other local sports to create a sports ground similar to the one in Chippenham, either as joint partners, or maybe we could lease space to them as a future revenue stream?

At the moment this is purely a pie in the sky idea - but we'd love to get people involved to make it a reality! We would like to put together a team, that would report in to the committee, to start investigating all of our options and create a plan going forward.

Do you have experience in:

- Grant/bid writing
- Sports funding
- Project management
- Budget management
- Any other skill you think would be useful, or just enthusiasm for the idea!

If you'd like to get involved and be part of the **MYFC Future Planning Team** please get in touch with [Gemma.Duff@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk](mailto:Gemma.Duff@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk)



## MALMESBURY CARNIVAL TEAM

In 2026 we would like to step up our entry into the Malmesbury Carnival.

We would like to have a float themed around the 2026 World Cup - so if this sort of thing gets your creative juices flowing please get in touch to join the Carnival Team.

We would love to put together a team with the following skills:

- Creative flair
- Crafting skills
- Building skills
- Access to a suitable vehicle and driver
- Enthusiasm to get involved in a really fun project and day!

If you'd like to join the team please get in touch with [Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk](mailto:Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk)

## CARNIVAL GRANT 2025

A big thank you to Malmesbury Carnival Team who have granted us a generous £1500 which will go towards buying new goals including some for the new format of 3 x 3 games that will be introduced for our youngest players by the FA in 2026.





## PITCH ADMINISTRATOR

Do you love a spreadsheet?

Would you love to help our very dedicated team of coaches?

Our coaches would love to see someone take charge of a centralised rota for our pitches so that someone has overall control and there is one point of contact for the coaches to organise their home games.

If you would like to take charge of this and set up a centralised rota system to take away some of the admin from the coaches please get in touch with [Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk](mailto:Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk)

## NEW: BOOT EXCHANGE

**BOOT EXCHANGE**

WE'RE KICKING OFF A SWAP SHOP TO HELP SUPPORT PLAYERS AT OUR CLUB!

**\*\* REUSE & RECYCLE \*\***

PLEASE DONATE GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN PRE-LOVED FOOTIE BOOTS & ASTROS



**2026 AGM**

**WED 1<sup>st</sup> JULY  
2026**



## FUNDRAISER: THE GREAT MYFC QUIZ NIGHT

**MYFC Fundraiser**

# THE GREAT MYFC QUIZ NIGHT

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**£10 PER PERSON**  
INCLUDING FOOD

**TEAMS OF SIX**

**BAR RAFFLE PRIZES**

**FRIDAY**  
6TH MARCH 2026

**19:30PM**  
20:00PM START

**MALMESBURY TOWN HALL**

**REGISTER NOW**

PLEASE EMAIL HANNAH TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE/TEAM OF SIX!  
[MYFCQUIZ@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:MYFCQUIZ@HOTMAIL.COM)



## NEW FACES

At the EGM on 24<sup>th</sup> November, Martin Rice was voted in as the new treasurer for MYFC.

The committee would like to say a huge thank you to Gemma Brushneen who has done a great job over the last few years and overseen the automation of payments on the Teamfee Pay system to make the whole process a lot less labour intensive!

Thanks also to Kate Tilley who has done a great job as Kit & equipment officer for the last few seasons - the role has been split into two to reflect the size of the task now that we have 24 teams!

Sarah Grant has taken over as Kit Manager and Hannah Thompson will now be in charge of Equipment.

We would also like to welcome Emma Grayson, who will be taking over from Kate Church as Registration Secretary, leaving Kate to concentrate on her role as Club Secretary.

A big thanks to everyone, new and old!



Martin



Sarah



Hannah



Emma

## VACANT COMMITTEE ROLE

The committee has a huge job to do with the expanding size of the club, so we would love some extra help.

We would like to recruit an **Assistant Welfare Officer** to take over from Matt Aldridge to assist Margo Panting.

If you are interested in any of these roles please contact [Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk](mailto:Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk)



# OUR SEASON SO FAR! 💪

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR COACHES...



### U7 WILDCATS

The U7 Wildcats have shown fantastic commitment this season, training hard each week and putting their skills into action every Sunday.

With just one loss all season, they've proven to be a strong and capable team. Most importantly, they're built on genuine friendship, teamwork, and a love of the game.

### U7 GIRLS (THE ROSES)

What a fantastic start to the season for our Under-7s girls! The team has shown amazing enthusiasm, effort, and teamwork in every training session and match.

From strangers to friends, the girls have quickly built strong friendships while learning to work together on the pitch. While the results have been impressive - including some high-scoring games - our main focus remains on fun, learning, and boosting confidence.



### U8 GIRLS

Our U8 Girls are having an absolutely brilliant season - not even soggy pitches or muddy boots can slow them down!

These football superstars are loving every minute of the game: building strong friendships, sharpening their footy skills, and mastering their team play. They're an absolute joy to watch, and their energy lights up the pitch every single match!

# OUR SEASON SO FAR! 💪

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR COACHES...

### U8 FALCONS

Our Falcons side have enjoyed an outstanding first half of the season, remaining unbeaten in the Cotswold League.

Alongside the results, there has been some really impressive development across the whole squad, with every player contributing and progressing week by week.



### U8 PANTHERS

Panthers have made a fantastic start to the season, earning a move up to compete in the U9s North Wiltshire League.

Their progress has also been recognised with exciting invitations to play against Cheltenham Town and Exeter City Pre-Academy sides — a brilliant experience for the players and a real reflection of their development.

### U9 MAESTROS

The U9 Maestros have really enjoyed the transition to 7 a side football. Its been a big learning curve and the team has found goals a bit harder to come by but everyone has worked hard to develop their skills and everyone is starting to find their way into their preferred position.

Results have been good. We've won a few, drawn a few and lost a few but nearly all the matches have been close and the golden rule of football (to have fun) has been achieved every week, so the kids are winners no matter what the results are!



# OUR SEASON SO FAR! 💪

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR COACHES...



### U9 GIRLS

The girls have gone from strength to strength this season.

Three quarters of the squad are new to football and MYFC and it's been amazing to see their skills, confidence and friendships grow.

### U10 THUNDER

U10 (Thunder) have had a great start to their first season in the North Wilts League.

We've seen fantastic player progression, some cracking football and have made it to the quarter finals of the cup competition.



### U10 GIRLS



The U10 Girls have had a fantastic start to the season. Having split out last season's U10s due to growing numbers, and welcoming lots of new starters, it has been brilliant to see the whole squad growing together as a team. New friendships have formed, the players support each other on and off the pitch, and their teamwork improves week by week.

With four wins and three draws so far, the girls have shown real determination, skill, and a growing understanding of the game. Their confidence is building with every fixture, and the coaches are incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm, and positivity they bring to every session.

It's exciting to see what the rest of the season will bring for this talented and hard-working group.

# OUR SEASON SO FAR! 💪

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR COACHES...

The players have embraced the transition to 9-a-side football this season. The larger pitch has provided greater scope for creativity on the ball, while also enhancing their spatial awareness and decision-making skills.

They have taken pride in developing their own identity and style of play, gaining a deeper understanding of formations, patterns of play, and the importance of supporting one another effectively.

Their confidence and teamwork continue to strengthen, and as a group we look forward to an exciting and rewarding second half of the season.

### U11 WHITES



### U11 REDS



The Under 11 Reds had a great start to the season introducing new players to the club to start their club football journey. A stop-start beginning to the season with the weather not playing ball, but we got underway and pulled together some brilliant games of football.

One of our best games we have seen them play, was against Tetbury. Our passing and moving was amazing, followed up by some goals and a clean sheet. We travelled the following week to Great Oldbury where our teamwork and determination kept us battling right to end to provide another wonderful performance on the pitch to be proud of. On to the second half of the season with plenty of footy scheduled.

### U11 GIRLS

Our season has been a focus on growing numbers, developing the girls from no experience to playing games. Not much in terms of winning results yet, but improvements are seen week on week.

# OUR SEASON SO FAR! 💪

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR COACHES...

The U12s embarked on this season with the goal of evolving from a promising group of young footballers into a cohesive team, emphasizing a possession-based style of play. The 30-member squad signed up to upholding our core values of Commitment, Attitude, and Ability.

### U12 LIONS



The Lions kicked off in Division 1 of 5 in this year's competitive Under 12 section of the Severn Valleys League. It has taken time for the team to adapt to the physicality and high tempo against tough opponents, resulting in several narrow defeats by a single goal.

However, the team has performed admirably, consistently putting in the hard work and looking forward to many more positive performances and results in 2026.

The Sharks joined the Severn Valleys League this season and have steadily improved through some outstanding performances and results.

The team is rapidly developing and successfully applying the 'brilliant basics' focused on in training, particularly around defensive principles and transitioning from defense to attack. Promotion to Division 4 is well within their reach!

### U12 SHARKS



### U12 GIRLS



Our Under 12 girls have had a fantastic start to the season, competing at a competitive level for the first time. They have come together brilliantly, adapted quickly, and built a strong team ethos while truly learning how to play as one.

The girls have shown outstanding commitment, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a fierce and loyal group of parents who support us every weekend. We're excited for the rest of the season and all the upcoming tournaments ahead.

# OUR SEASON SO FAR! 💪

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR COACHES...

### U13

We've had a great start to the season - we're currently sitting top of the league.

The boys have excelled this season and it's really showing in their results!



### U13 GIRLS

Our U13 Girls team is going from strength to strength. Following a split of our U12s & U11s at the end of last season due to growing numbers, this seasons U13 girls squad was a relatively brand new squad.

We have retained and recruited some very capable footballers it seems as we are currently sitting comfortably mid table with some strong wins under our belt.

As coaches, we are most proud of their mindset. They bring so much positivity and team spirit to each game regardless of the scoreline and despite being a new team. They are a joy to coach.

The u15 girls had an incredible start to the season, winning their first five matches in a row. In recent weeks a few tougher opponents have slowed the momentum a little, but the focus on ongoing improvement and the amazingly positive attitude from last season has continued.

They have coped really well without having a regular goalkeeper and limited subs in games - the girls are a lean but ambitious squad that are always competitive whilst also really enjoying themselves and having fun on the pitch both in training and matches. If they can continue with this mindset and level of effort and application, a top three league finish could be on the cards! And no matter where they end up, it's been an amazing and progressive season for the u15 girls.

### U15 GIRLS





## 2025 /26 CALENDAR

<b>1 AUG 25</b>	Pitches Re-open
<b>7 SEP 25</b>	Season starts 🎉
<b>24 NOV 25</b>	Winter training moves to Sir William Romney, Tetbury
<b>6 MAR 26</b>	MYFC Quiz Night
<b>APRIL 26</b>	Training moves back to Dave & Marion Picter Pitches
<b>1 MAY 26</b>	Pitches close for tournament prep, training moves to Sir William Romney.
<b>15 MAY 26</b>	MYFC Golf Day
<b>5 - 7 JUNE 26</b>	MYFC SUMMER TOURNAMENT
<b>9 JUNE 26</b>	Girls End of Season Presentation Evening
<b>11 JUNE 26</b>	Mixed Minis to U10 End of Season Presentation Evening
<b>13 JUNE 26</b>	MYFC SUMMER TOURNAMENT - Girls
<b>17 JUNE 26</b>	Mixed U11 to U16 End of Season Presentation Evening
<b>1 JULY 26</b>	AGM
<b>1- 31 AUG 26</b>	Pitches closed for summer maintenance, training moves to Sir William Romney
<b>1 SEP 26</b>	Pitches re-open

# MESSAGE FROM MARGO, MYFC CHILD WELFARE OFFICER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your children are enjoying the 2025/2026 football season. Please take time to refresh yourself with the spectator code of conduct and please show go through the player code conduct with your children.

Every year I have questions or queries regarding photos and filming of players and social media, please see the policy issued by the FA on this linked below. Please read if you take photos pitch side.

Happy Football,

Margo



## FURTHER CHILD WELFARE CONTACT INFORMATION:



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T: 07340 272564

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NSPCC



safeguarding@thefa.com

help@nspcc.org.uk  
0800 800 5000

Non-emergency 101  
Emergency 999



## MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT: PLAYERS



### MYFC football players are expected to:

- Always play their best for the benefit of the team
- Generally attend scheduled training sessions and matches
  - Play fairly and be friendly
  - Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team – win or lose
  - Listen to what the coach tells them
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone they trust or the MYFC Welfare Officer if they are unhappy about anything at the club
  - Encourage their team mates
  - Respect the facilities home and away

The full MYFC Code of Conduct can be found on our website here: [MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

## MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS AND SPECTATORS



### Parents and Spectators are expected to play their part at MYFC by:

- Having fun
- Celebrating effort and good play from both sides
- Always respecting the Referee and coaches and encouraging players to do the same
- Letting the coaches do their job and not confusing players by telling them what to do
- When players make mistakes, offering them encouragement
  - Never engaging in, or tolerating, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Staying behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area

The full MYFC Code of Conduct can be found on our website here: [MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT](#)



# MEET THE MYFC COMMITTEE

If you fancy joining us, we're always looking for more volunteers to help share the work load as the club continues to grow.

We're a friendly bunch, committed to enabling coaches to provide as much football as possible to grow our players talents and teams.

If you want to get involved in any way, big or small, please get in touch with Kate Church, our Club Secretary.



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VICE CHAIR  
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# MEET THE MYFC COMMITTEE



ASSISTANT CLUB  
SECRETARY

LAURA  
MOORE



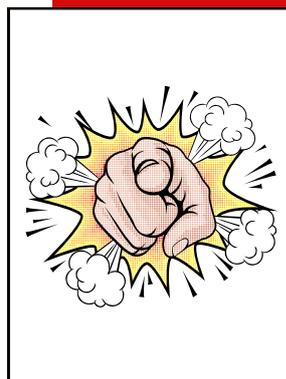
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ASSISTANT CHILD  
WELFARE OFFICER

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VACANCY

# NON COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS



REGISTRATION  
SECRETARY

EMMA  
GRAYSON



KIT MANAGER  
(KIT)

SARAH  
GRANT



KIT MANAGER  
(EQUIPMENT)

HANNAH  
THOMPSON



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