



# Marist Mail

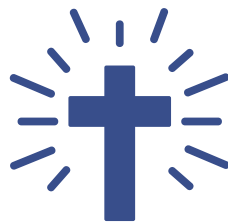
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



With Christ as our guide, we learn,  
we love, we achieve together...

Dear Marist families,

'The Son of Man must be lifted up'



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a powerful reminder of God's love shown through Jesus' sacrifice. In the Gospel reading, we hear how God gave His only Son so that we might have eternal life. This message invites us to reflect on how we can show love in our own lives. We challenge our children this week to think deeply about how they live out our Golden Rule: We love one another as Jesus loves us. How can we be more like Jesus in our words, actions, and choices?

Welcome back!

I hope all our families had a joyful and restful summer break. As we begin a new term, we are excited seeing the children's smiling faces and hearing their stories from the holidays. This is a time for fresh starts, new learning, and growing together in faith and friendship. We look forward to a wonderful term ahead.

## The week ahead...

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September - EYFS children in full time

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September - PTA Coffee morning in the school hall (9am-11am)  
Class 3M to Mass at Our Lady's - 10am



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Welcome to our EYFS Children and Families!

A very warm welcome to all our new EYFS children and families! We are so delighted to have you join our school community and begin this exciting journey together. The children have already brought so much joy and energy to our classrooms, and we look forward to them joining us full-time next week. Starting school is a big step, and we are here to support each child as they grow in confidence, curiosity, and friendship.

Loving God, bless our new children and their families. May they feel safe, happy, and loved in our school. Help us to guide them with kindness and patience, and may their days be filled with wonder and joy. Amen.

### Catholic Life

Today, during our Start of Term Mass, we gave special thanks for the incredible service of Rhoda Breakall, who is stepping down after twelve years as a dedicated member of our Governing Body and Chair of Governors. Mrs Breakall has been a constant source of wisdom, support, and care for our school community, and we are deeply grateful for all she has done to help our school flourish.

I would also extend our thanks to Mrs Cheadle and Miss Ripley for organising such a beautiful celebration, and to 6T for leading the Mass so brilliantly.

A huge thanks to all the families who supported us by allowing their children to sing at the Xavier Mass. The children sang so beautifully and represented our school with pride. We are incredibly grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment, and for the support of parents and carers in making this special occasion so memorable.

### Reminder- Education Sunday

A reminder that this Sunday is Education Sunday at Our Lady's Church, with Mass at 9:15am. We invite all families to join us in celebrating the gift of education and praying for our school community. Children attending are asked to wear their full summer uniform, including blazers, as a sign of respect and unity. We look forward to seeing you





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### New Lunches

We'd like to thank all our families for their patience and understanding as we've transitioned to our new lunch service. We know it hasn't been completely smooth, but we're working hard to improve things each day. On a positive note, the children have been sharing how much they're enjoying the food, especially the bigger portions! A huge thank you to our kitchen and office staff for their continued support and dedication in making sure every child is well-fed and cared for.

### Lifestyle First Talks:

Thank you to Mr Newman from Lifestyle First who recently gave a helpful talk to our EYFS families about supporting children with a healthy lifestyle as they begin their school journey. The session was full of practical advice and encouragement for building good habits early on. If you were unable to attend or would like to revisit the talk, you can access the recording [here](#).

### Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. It was wonderful to welcome you into school and share plans for the year ahead. If you were unable to attend or would like to revisit the presentations, you can access the talks through the links in the email.

### Social Media Reminder

Just a reminder that we no longer use X (formerly Twitter) for our school's social media updates. Instead, we are now sharing key notices, reminders, and highlights through Instagram. We encourage all families to follow us on Instagram to stay up to date with important information and to see what's happening across our school community.

With every blessing  
Mrs Fanzo



## Contacting Us

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[office@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@marist.surrey.sch.uk) - Mrs Morreale - Attendance, Appointments, School Lunch (for reporting absences on a daily basis, please use the absence line 01932 339150, rather than via email)

[admin@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@marist.surrey.sch.uk) - Extended Schools, Trips & Events, Lettings, SCOPAY

[info@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@marist.surrey.sch.uk) - Mrs Sergent - General

## Current Vacancy for an LSA

We are looking for two LSAs to work alongside individual pupils with EHCPs to support learning and individual needs. Please see advert and application details [here](#).

## School Gate Timings



Thank you for ensuring your child arrives at school on time. Being ready to start the day is so very important for each child's learning.

**Please ensure your child is not on site unsupervised before 8.30 AM.**

All the teachers have an activity for the children to complete when they enter the classroom. This means learning starts as soon as the children sit down at their desks.



Mornings:

**Front gate: 8.30 AM**

**Side gates open 8.35 AM**

Doors open 8.35 AM

Gates and doors close 8.45AM

Registers taken 8.45 AM



Afternoons:

Gates open 3:00 PM

Doors open 3:15 PM





# Attendance Matters



This week our whole school attendance is 96.3%.



If your child is unwell and needs to be kept at home, you must call the school to inform us each day they are absent by 9am.



If your child is late for school you must accompany them to the school office to sign them in.

## Attendance Ladder



Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/ carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

# Uniform Reminders

We are proud of our school uniform, its distinctive nature and its tradition. It reflects the high expectations we have for children in our school. We understand that children grow quickly — it's all part of the journey! However, we kindly ask that parents ensure their child has the correct and complete uniform ready for the start of the new school year in September. As a reminder, the children should be wearing summer uniform from May to the end of October.

## Where to buy it from?

Branded uniform and PE kit can be purchased from Valentino's school uniform shop in Knaphill, either in person or online. Regular deliveries are made to the school. All other items/clothing can be purchased from supermarkets or popular retailers.

Second hand uniform sales are held throughout the year by PTA. Donations can be made to the school office throughout the year.

### Girls Summer Uniform

Yellow check summer dress  
White underskirt (optional)  
White ankle socks, not sports socks  
Straw hat optional for KS1



### Boys summer Uniform

Shorts - mid grey  
Grey shirt- short sleeved  
Grey socks - mid grey, ankle or long, not sports socks  
Royal blue cap optional for KS1



### All children

Shoes - Plain, sensible, walking shoes (black or navy)  
Royal blue blazer with embroidered pocket



### PE Kit

KS1: Navy blue stripe nylon shorts & white aertex T-shirt with embroidered badge  
KS2: Royal blue and gold shorts & top  
Plain, white, sports or ankle socks  
Black or white plain trainers that the children can do up independently





## News from the PTA

Hope everyone had a lovely break and is getting back in the swing of things! It has been lovely this week to see all of the reception children starting. The PTA would like to extend a warm welcome to the reception parents (old and new!) from the PTA. You are all parents in the school so you are all members of the PTA – welcome!

### A few dates for your diary:

#### Macmillan coffee morning and PTA uniform sale – 19th September 09:00-10:30

We will be holding our community coffee morning in the hall; this is a great opportunity for new families to meet in the school hall over a hot drink and some cake, please bring change. Everyone is welcome, there will be toys and colouring for pre-schoolers.

If you are able to donate a cake or bake something for the event we would really appreciate this.

Please remember we are a nut-free school and please include a list of ingredients where possible.

We will also have a PTA uniform sale at the same time as this event. We will have card readers for the uniform sale.

#### Quiz night – 10th October – 7:00pm for a 7:30 start.

The PTA quiz is a fun evening with an outside quiz master. The PTA bar is being restocked as I type so please come along and join in this event.

Tickets will go on sale soon – but it's never too early to start thinking about your quiz team!

#### Winter Market – 15th November

More details to come but please put the date in your diary! A great event to stock up on some Christmas presents as we look towards Advent.

If you are unable to attend any of these events but would like to support the PTA; we have a just giving fund that is open for the whole academic year and you can make a donation via that if you wish. Please follow this link: <https://gofund.me/f6fe54f50>

### Fundraising ideas

If anyone has any fundraising ideas that they would like to spearhead, please feel free to email [pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk) or come along to one of our meetings.

The next meeting is on the 2nd October at 09:00 in the staff room – everyone is welcome; it would be lovely to see some new faces!





## News from the PTA

# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

19TH SEPTEMBER

09:00-10:30

SCHOOL  
HALL

TEAS, COFFEES  
AND CAKE

PTA  
UNIFORM  
SALE

ALL WELCOME



# WINTER

15 NOV

# MARKET



LOCAL STALLS | MULLED WINE | RAFFLE  
COME AND MEET SANTA'S REINDEERS AND START YOUR  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, OLD WOKING ROAD  
WEST BYFLEET



# AFTER-SCHOOL COOKERY CLUB AUTUMN TERM

The Marist Catholic Primary  
School, Tuesdays, 3:20 - 4:30  
YR2 to YR6



Scan to book:



## WHAT WE DO:

- Hands-on classes
- Sweet and savoury dishes
- Prep only cooking club
- Working together with peers
- Creative in the kitchen
- New ingredients and flavours
- Clearing up together
- Learn a valuable life skill
- Have fun in the kitchen, gain confidence
- Independence

Club dates: 16 Sept to 9 Dec

[www.totallytangerinecookery.co.uk/book-a-class/](http://www.totallytangerinecookery.co.uk/book-a-class/)

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## *Dance Classes at The Marist*

### *Fridays 3:15 - 4:15*

*Come along and join us on to learn Irish dancing taught by Danielle Gale T.C.R.G*

*Term Dates 19th September - 24th October*

*Inset day 3rd October*

*£42.50 - 5 sessions ✨*

*Term Dates 7th November - 12th December*

*Inset day 1st December*

*£51.00 - 6 sessions ✨*

*Fabulous opportunity to join a friendly, fun dance family  
Teaching all important skills of teamwork, dedication, Self Confidence  
and Self Esteem.*

*Helping to boast flexibility, Balance, Muscle strength and Cardio.*



*Sign up By emailing  
dgeliteschool@gmail.com  
Contact Danielle 07794893276*

**Payment Details**

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**STREET DANCE  
CLASSES WITH SAM  
@ THE MARIST**

**FREE TRIAL**

**THURSDAY**

**18<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.45 - 8.40AM**

**STREET DANCE**

**(Reception - Year 6 )**

**18th September - 11<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**Post Trial Term Fee:**

**£143**

**(11 further weeks)**

**Sign up here:**

**<https://www.dancebites.com/child-classes/>**

**Call for more info: 07956 244 939**



PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

# NIGHT RUN TO HONOUR NURSES

## 5KM WALK & 10KM RUN

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER • 6PM–8PM

VENUE: Brooklands Community Park, KT13 OXF.

ENTRY FEE: 5KM – £14/adult | 10KM – £18/adult | £8/child under 12

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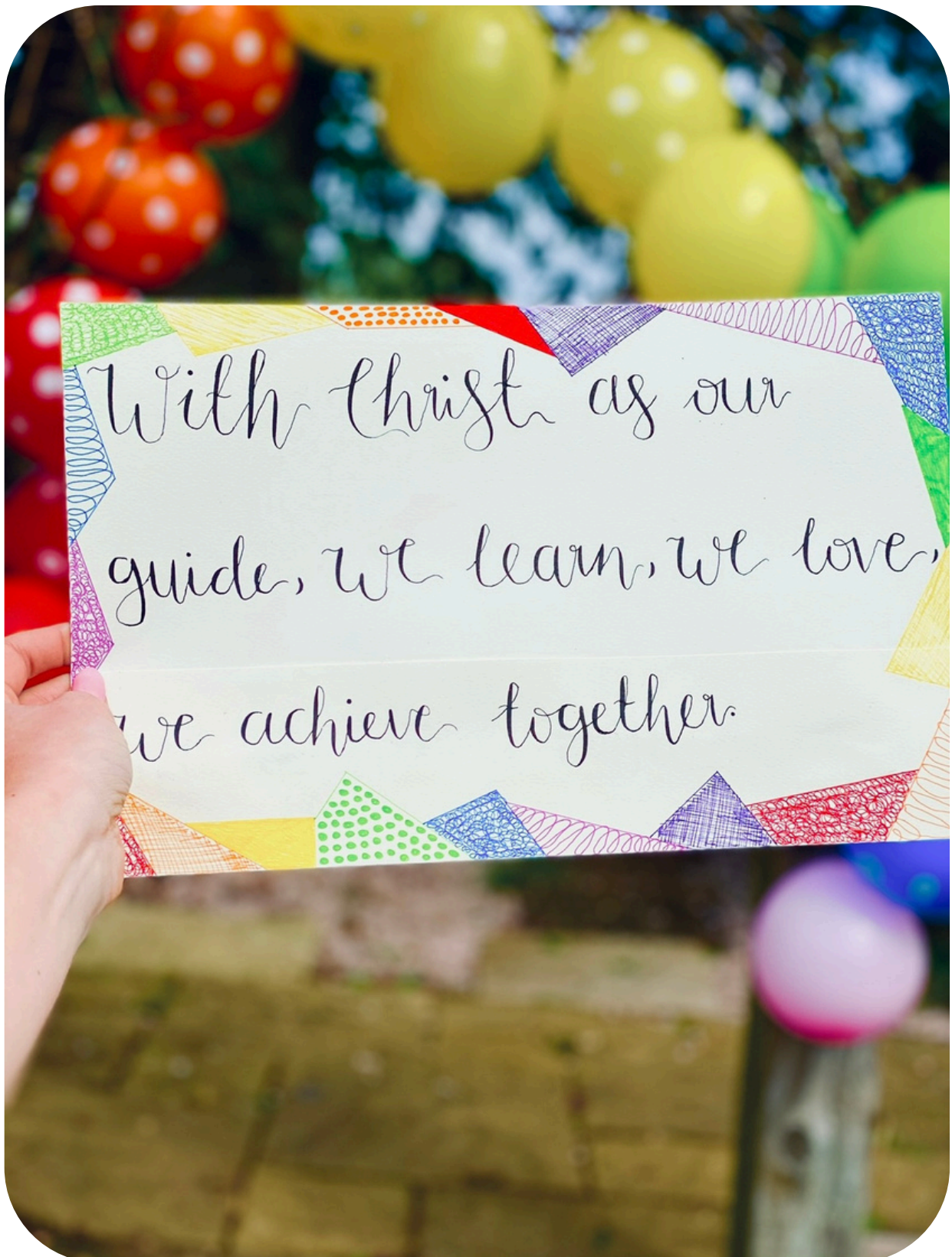
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