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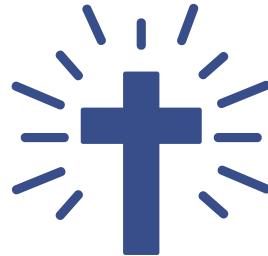
Friday 13th February 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only you shall serve'



When we return to school, we will be entering the season of Lent, an important and reflective time in the liturgical calendar. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, when many Christians receive a cross of ashes on their forehead as a reminder of our call to reflect, to grow and to prepare our hearts. Lent invites us to focus on prayer, fasting and giving. It is a season that encourages us to become closer to God by thinking about the example Jesus set through His actions, His compassion and His sacrifice.

Week after half term...

Week beginning 16th February - Half Term

Monday 23rd February - Y3&4 Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 24th February - Y5&6 Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 25th February - EYFS, Y1&2 Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 25th February - EYFS, Y1&2 Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 25th February - KS2 Science Fair

Friday 27th February - Class 4T to Mass - POSTPONED - new date to follow



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Children's Mental Health Week

This week, the children have been busy learning and thinking about Children's Mental Health Week, exploring the importance of looking after our own wellbeing and supporting those around us. It has been wonderful to see the thoughtful discussions happening in class, as well as the creative activities that encouraged the children to reflect on their feelings. Our mufti day was a particularly lovely highlight- thank you so much for your generosity. Together, we have raised money for 'Place to Be'. Thank you to Mrs Punter and all of the team for a wonderful week!

Happy Half Term

We would like to wish all our families a lovely, restful half-term break. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and they truly deserve some time to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We hope the week ahead brings plenty of joy, fresh air and special moments together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon, ready for an exciting new half-term ahead.

Notices

As we look ahead to the next half-term, please can we remind families that school ties are an important part of our uniform and should be worn each day. We appreciate your support in helping the children come to school looking smart and ready to learn.

We would also like to kindly ask everyone to continue practising considerate parking around the school site. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on pavements or stopping in unsafe areas. Your cooperation helps keep our children safe and ensures a smoother drop-off and pick-up for all families. Thank you to the many families who always do this.

With every blessing,

Mrs Fanzo



Attendance Matters



Yesterday our whole school attendance was 96.9%.



If your child is unwell and needs to be kept at home, please use the log absence feature under attendance in your Arbor app.



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. 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.



Community Box

The Marist Learner has decided he wants to do a tough mudder obstacle course. He has decided to raise money for Cancer Research. We are very proud of him for wanting to achieve this and raise money for a charity. If you'd like to sponsor him, please use this [link](#).

Best of luck!



News from the PTA...

Please see attached PTA Meeting Minutes on Arbor.



A gentle reminder...

Please remind your children not to bring their own stickers to school. These can cause distraction and disagreements! Many thanks!

Lent begins

Next week we step into the period of Lent. Marked by Ash Wednesday, Lent invites us into forty days of reflection, prayer, and renewal as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. It is a time when we pause, look honestly at our lives, and ask how we might grow closer to God and to one another.

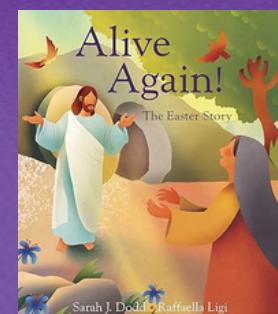
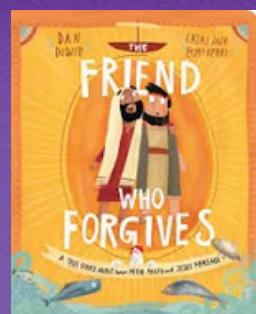
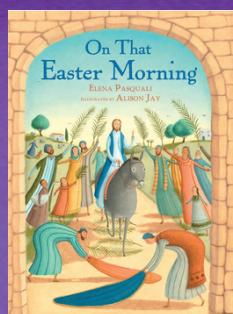
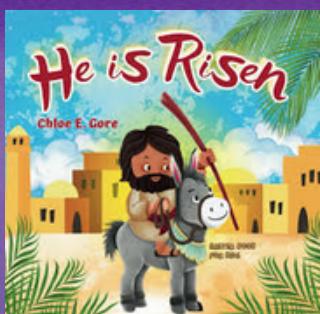
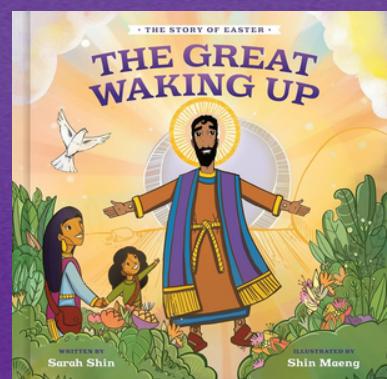
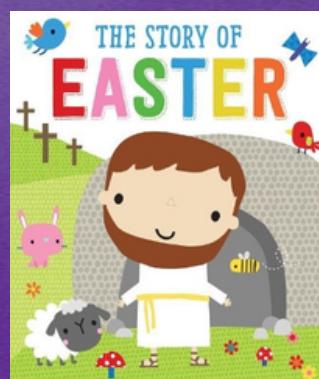
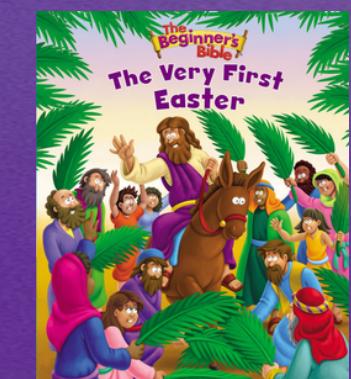
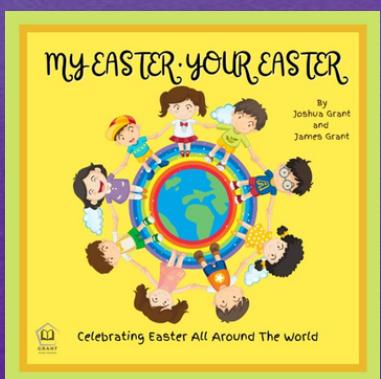
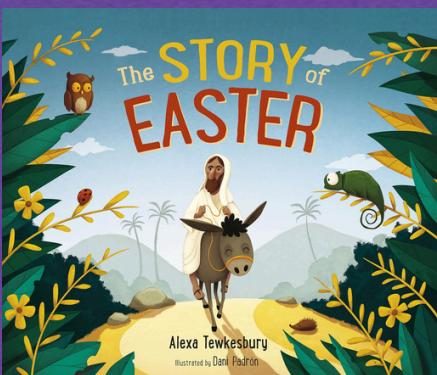
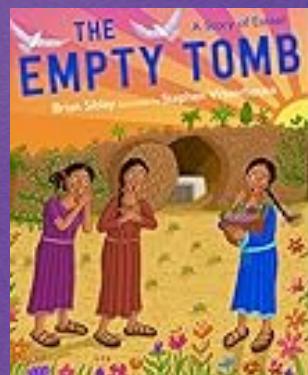
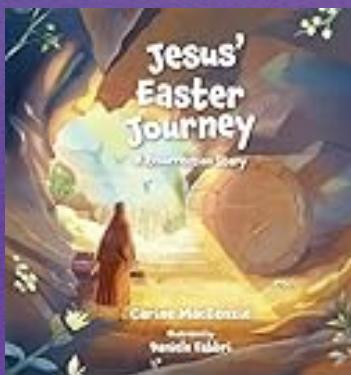
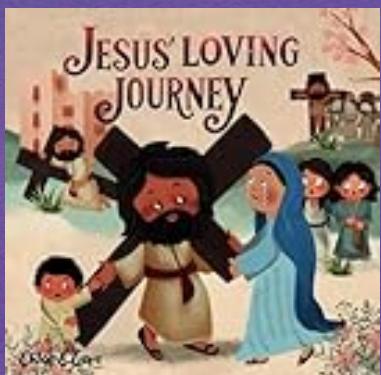
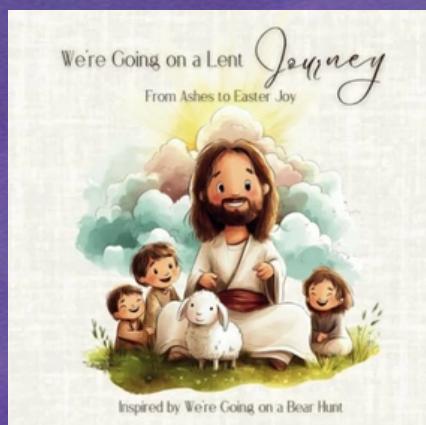
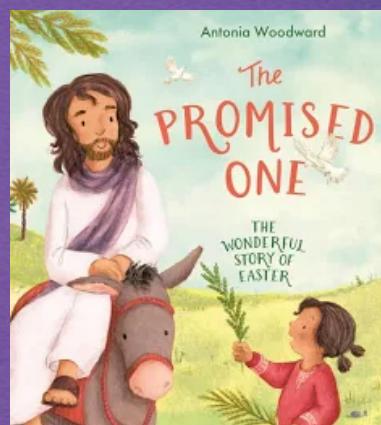
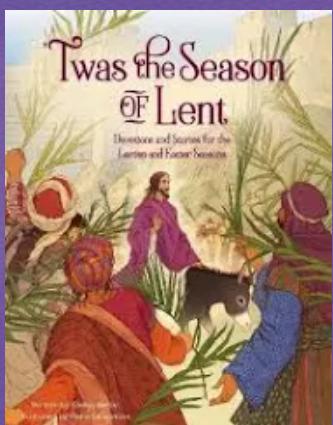
Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 18th February 2026.

Here are a few ideas to mark the start of Lent at home during half term:

- Write your prayer for your prayer leaf / cross for our school prayer tree.
- Create a family prayer space: A candle, a cross, or a purple cloth can help set aside a quiet corner for reflection.
- Choose a daily act of kindness: Encourage children to look for one small way each day to help someone.
- Try a “Lenten pause”: Take a moment before meals or bedtime to share something you’re grateful for or someone you’d like to pray for.
- Give something up and add something in: Whether it’s less screen time or fewer treats, pair it with something positive: reading together, playing a game, or spending time outdoors.
- Support a charitable cause: A family “Lenten jar” for spare coins or a small act of service can help understand the importance of giving.
- Read Scripture together: Even a short Gospel passage once or twice a week can spark thoughtful conversations.

Lent/Easter Storybooks

As Lent begins, we've put together a selection of children's books to help young hearts grow in faith throughout the season.





HAVE YOU GOT CHILDCARE SORTED
IN THE HALF TERM?

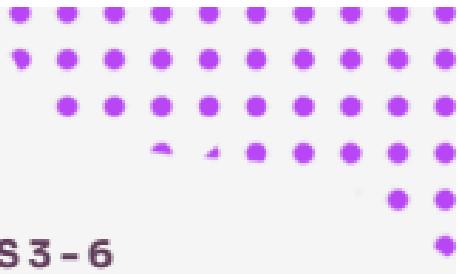
HOLIDAY COOKING CAMPS AND WORKSHOPS

Hands-on sessions, cooking, mixing and making meals.
Children have fun with their peers along the way!

TUES 17 FEB, 10AM - 3PM, FULL DAY (PANCAKE DAY)
WED 18 FEB, 10AM - 12:30PM, HALF DAY
THURS 19 FEB, 10AM - 3PM, FULL DAY



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THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL | YEARS 3 - 6

STOP MOTION ANIMATION Afterschool Club_

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills. In this workshop, children will work in teams to come up with their own characters (using plasticine or based on their own Lego characters brought in from home for the sessions). They will create a storyline, before animating it together and unveiling their work in the final week. Teamwork, creativity, special effects and laughter. At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!



DATES :

24th Feb - 24th Mar

TIME :

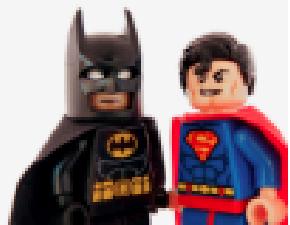
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