



Marist Mail

Friday 11th September 2026



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

Dear Marist Families,

'Do you begrudge my generosity?'



In the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, Jesus teaches us that God's generosity is far greater than we might expect. The landowner treats all of the workers with kindness and gives each person what they need, regardless of how long they have worked. This reminds us that God's love is freely given to everyone and that we should not compare ourselves with others. As we reflect on this Gospel, we can think about our own generosity. Do we willingly share our time, kindness and talents with others? Are we pleased when good things happen to other people? Jesus invites us to have generous hearts, celebrating the blessings of others and showing God's love through our words and actions each day.

Next week...

Monday 21st September -
4P River Walk

Tuesday 22nd September -
4T River Walk

Tuesday 22nd September -
Class 3M to Mass at Our Lady - 10am

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th September
Year 6 Residential



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PTA Coffee Morning



Thank you to all the families who joined us for the PTA Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming together to strengthen our school community and build new connections. We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for organising and hosting the event, and for the time and energy they give throughout the year to support our children and school. If you are considering becoming involved, please remember that every contribution makes a difference. Even offering just one hour of your time to help at an event or support a PTA activity can have a real impact. We are fortunate to have such a supportive school community and we warmly encourage anyone who is able to get involved.

Education Sunday

We warmly invite all families to join us for the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's as we celebrate Education Sunday this weekend. This special Mass gives us an opportunity to come together in prayer, giving thanks for everyone involved in the education of our children and reflecting on the importance of faith, learning and community. We hope that many of our families will be able to join us as we celebrate and pray together as a school and parish family. We ask all children attending to wear full uniform and blazers.



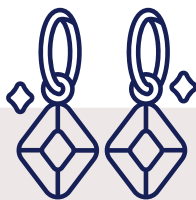
With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



Consents

Please take a moment to log in to Arbor and ensure that all consent information for your child is up to date.

In particular, please check and update your **photo permissions and educational trip consents**, as these are essential for us to safely and effectively plan activities and share school experiences. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping this information accurate and current.



Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder that children must not wear jewellery to school. This includes all types of earrings, including small plastic or clear retainers/studs. If ears have recently been pierced, earrings should be removed before attending school.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils.



News from the PTA...

A big thank you to everyone who baked for or who came along to the MacMillan coffee morning and PTA uniform sale this morning. Particular thanks to Viktoria for all of her efforts in organising the coffee morning and particularly for everything she does throughout the year with the uniform.

Thanks to everyone who baked or donated a cake for the cake raffle – we had a fantastic selection – I only know a two names so sorry if I don't name you personally but thanks to Paula & Neza and everyone else who took part.

Thank you to all of you who baked or donated cakes for the coffee morning; a special mention to Mary from RD who baked some beautiful cakes and biscuits which went down very well. Well done Mary! Between the cake raffle and the cake sale we raised £333 for MacMillan Cancer Support which is great!

A few dates for your diary:

Quiz night – 16th October

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!

Christmas Market – 14th 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/c4ef92e99>

Fundraising ideas

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

The next meeting is on the 21st October at 09:00 in the school – everyone is welcome (we would love to see some new faces!) and we will have biscuits!



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 94.6%.



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/carers 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/carers 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.

School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...



Academic Achievement

Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.



Social Skills

Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.



Routine & Responsibility

Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.



Focus & Engagement

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.



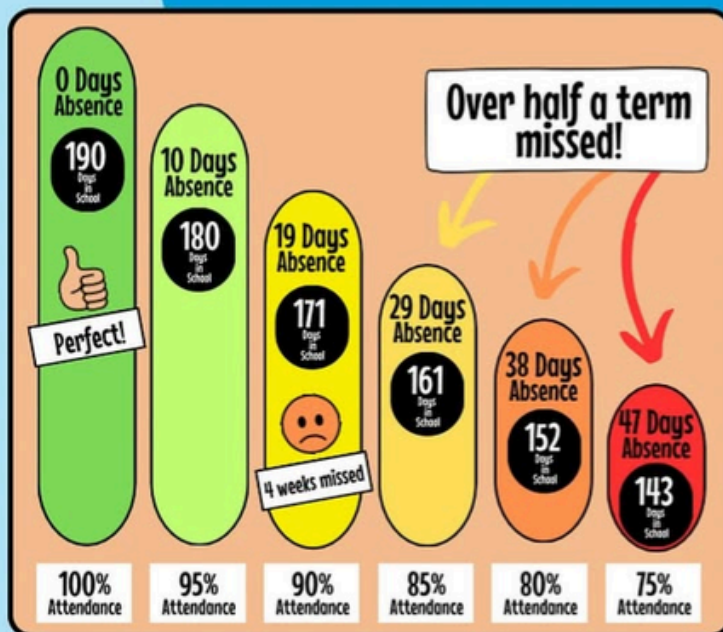
Building Confidence

Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.



Enhanced Learning Opportunities

School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.



Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

Set a regular routine

A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.

Aim for every day

Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.

Plan appointments carefully

Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.

Talk positively about school

Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.

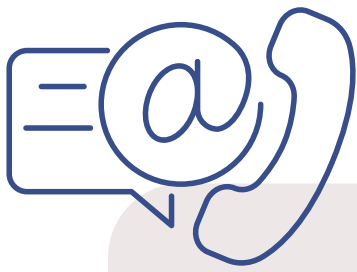
Stay in touch

When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.

Prepare the night before

Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.





Contacting Us

EYFSTeam@marist.surrey.sch.uk – please use for emails to EYFS teachers

KS1Team@marist.surrey.sch.uk – please use for emails to KS1 teachers

KS2Team@marist.surrey.sch.uk – please use for emails to KS2 teachers

office@marist.surrey.sch.uk - Mrs Gale- Attendance, Appointments, for reporting absences
on a daily basis, **please use the log absence feature under attendance in your Arbor app.**

admin@marist.surrey.sch.uk - Extended Schools, Trips & Events, Lettings, SCOPAY

info@marist.surrey.sch.uk - Mrs Sergent - General

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

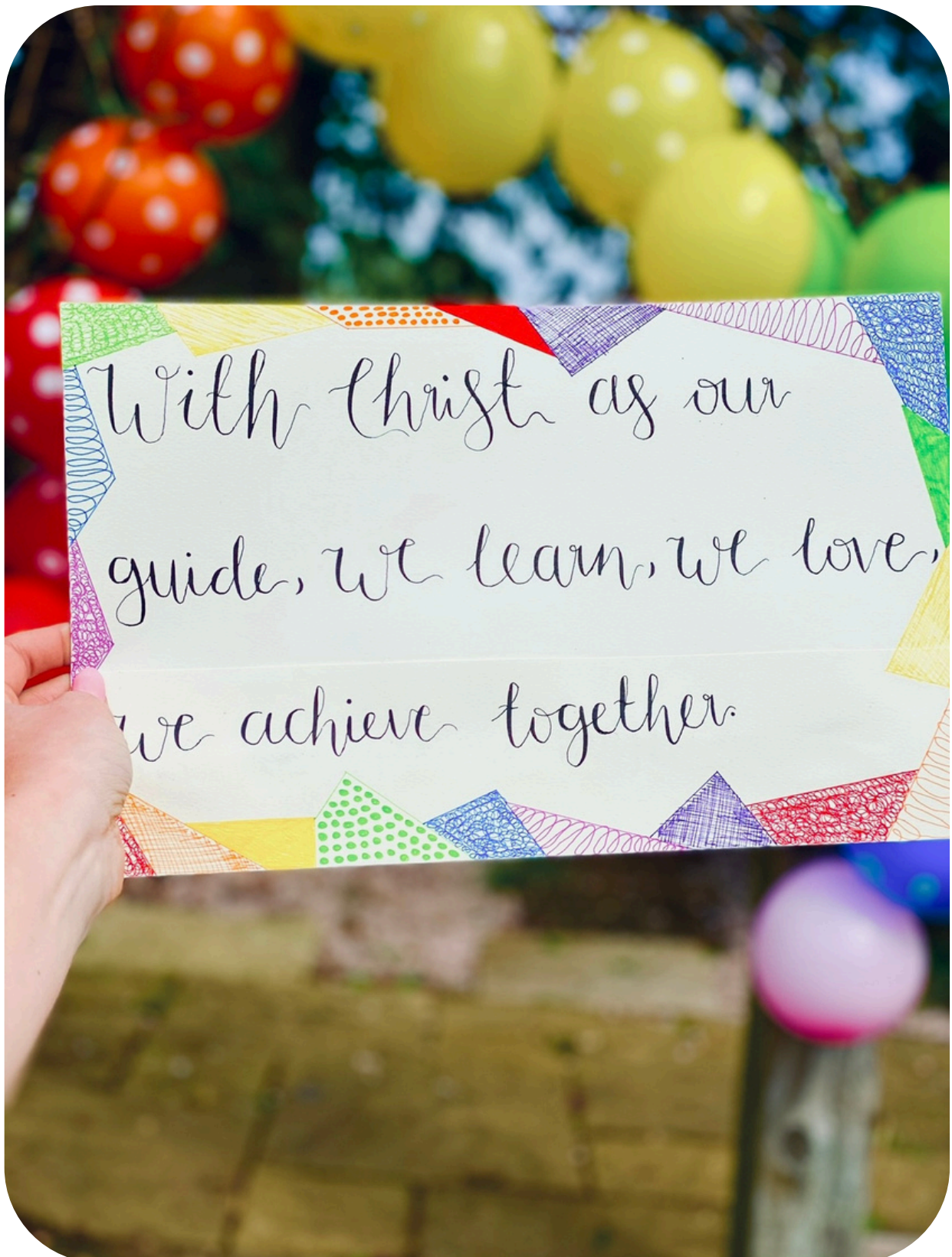
Registers taken 8.45 AM



Afternoons:

Gates open 3:00 PM

Doors open 3:15 PM



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