



Marist Mail

Friday 15th May 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

'Father, glorify your son'



In this Gospel, we hear Jesus praying to God the Father just before he leaves his disciples. He thanks God for caring for them and asks that they stay united, protected and faithful. A key message is about unity- sticking together and supporting one another. To bring this message to life, we will be encouraging each class to work together to achieve something positive. This might be showing kindness, helping others or working as a team to complete a shared goal.

Catholic Life

On Thursday afternoon, we came together to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension with a whole-school Mass. Despite taking place in the afternoon and without the support of a pianist, the children participated beautifully. We are very proud of how exceptionally well they rose to the occasion. We look forward to continuing our journey of faith next week as we gather for our Marian Mass. Our sincere thanks to Fr Aaron for leading us.

Next week...

Monday 18th May - KS2 Show and Share

Tuesday 19th May - EYFS and KS1 Show and Share

Tuesday 19th May - Year 6 2026 Residential Meeting 3.30-4.00pm

Wednesday 20th May - Sports Day
EYFS and KS1 9.15am start
KS2 1.00pm start

Friday 22nd May - Marian Mass (led by 5C) at 9am in the school hall



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Well done also to Class 4T for leading a wonderful class worship this morning- it was a joy to hear all about their learning!

Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 children on completing their SATs this week. They have shown great resilience, determination and a positive attitude throughout. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them. They approached the week with maturity and gave their very best!

Ofsted Report

For anyone who has missed it, we are absolutely delighted to share our recent Ofsted report with you. It recognises the hard work, dedication and commitment of our whole school community- staff, pupils and families- and we are incredibly proud of what has been achieved together.

Some particular highlights are:

“Pupils are very well prepared for their next steps in education. They move on with confidence, clear knowledge and secure learning habits that support their future.”

“The Reception classes are highly effective and joyful places where children flourish.”

“A clear focus on wellbeing sits alongside high expectations. Pupils flourish in a nurturing but demanding environment, supported by skilled and well-trained staff.”

“Leaders manage resources carefully and check their impact on pupils. They make thoughtful decisions, including the use of assistive and digital technology, to support learning, safeguarding and wellbeing.”

“The curriculum and teaching are inclusive by design.”

We encourage you to read the full report [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who has shared kind words an emails this week- it means a lot to have the support of our community.

With every blessing

Mrs Fanzo



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 97.4%.



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.

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.



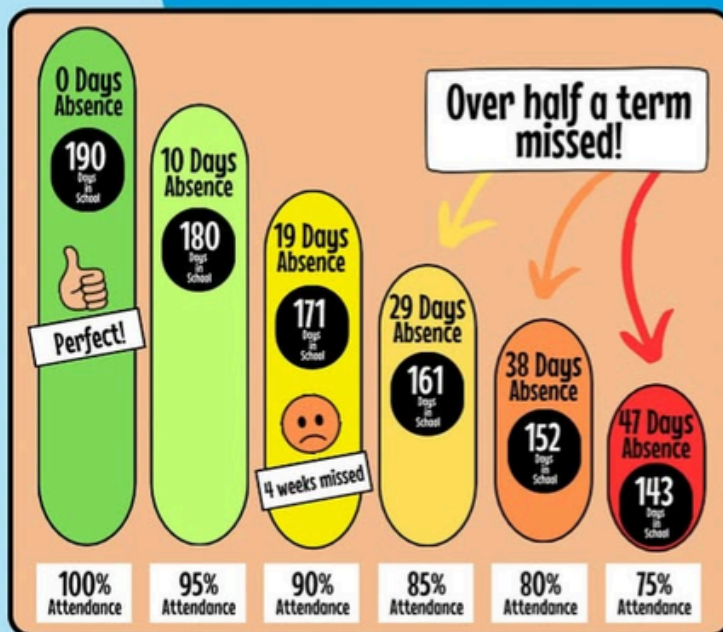
Building Confidence

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.

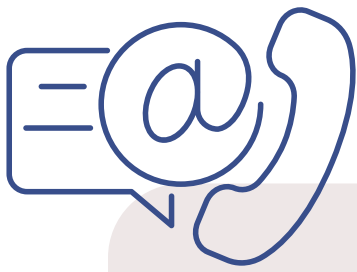
Stay in touch

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



Upcoming Masses

Families are invited to our

Marian Mass on 22nd May at 9am,

a special opportunity to honour Mary together.

Please ensure all children in Y1-6 have their blazer for Mass.

As the date approaches, we will invite our Marist learners to bring in a flower to create class bouquets in Mary's honour. These bouquets will then be shared with local care homes, helping to brighten the days of others and reminding us that honouring Mary also inspires us to show love, kindness and service within our community.

Stage Coach Competition

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CREATIVE COMPETITION

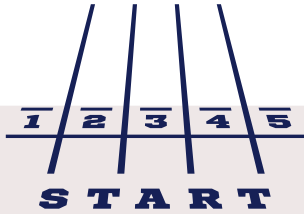
DESIGN A NEW ADDAMS FAMILY RELATIVE!

Send us a drawing of your idea for a new member of the Addams Family, including a name, where they come from, and why they are visiting.

Win a FREE summer school place!
Send entries to: woking@stagecoach.co.uk
CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 29TH JUNE, 6PM.

Open to local school students in Woking.
Winners will be notified by email.

We are delighted to be offering a competition for schools local to Woking to win a FREE place at one of Stagecoach Woking's summer schools this year. To be in with a chance of winning a free place simply email woking@stagecoach.co.uk with a design of a new Addams Family Relative. Please include the child's name and age. Closing date is Monday 29th June at 6pm. Winners will be notified by email by the beginning of July. Please find the attached flyer that can be sent to your school families.



Sports Day

As we look forward to Sports Day next week, we wanted to let you know that the PTA will be offering water in exchange for a donation. A QR code will be available on the day, and cash donations are also welcome.

We would also love to involve the children in supporting this event. They are invited to design a Sports Day poster, including words of encouragement for parents to donate. The most creative posters will receive a sweet prize.

Please spread the word... September 2026 cohort



The Marist Catholic Primary

SCHOOL STARTER SESSION

Saturday 11th July 13:35 – 15:00



Book at www.little-street.co.uk or call 01932 976894

ONLINE SINGING LESSONS



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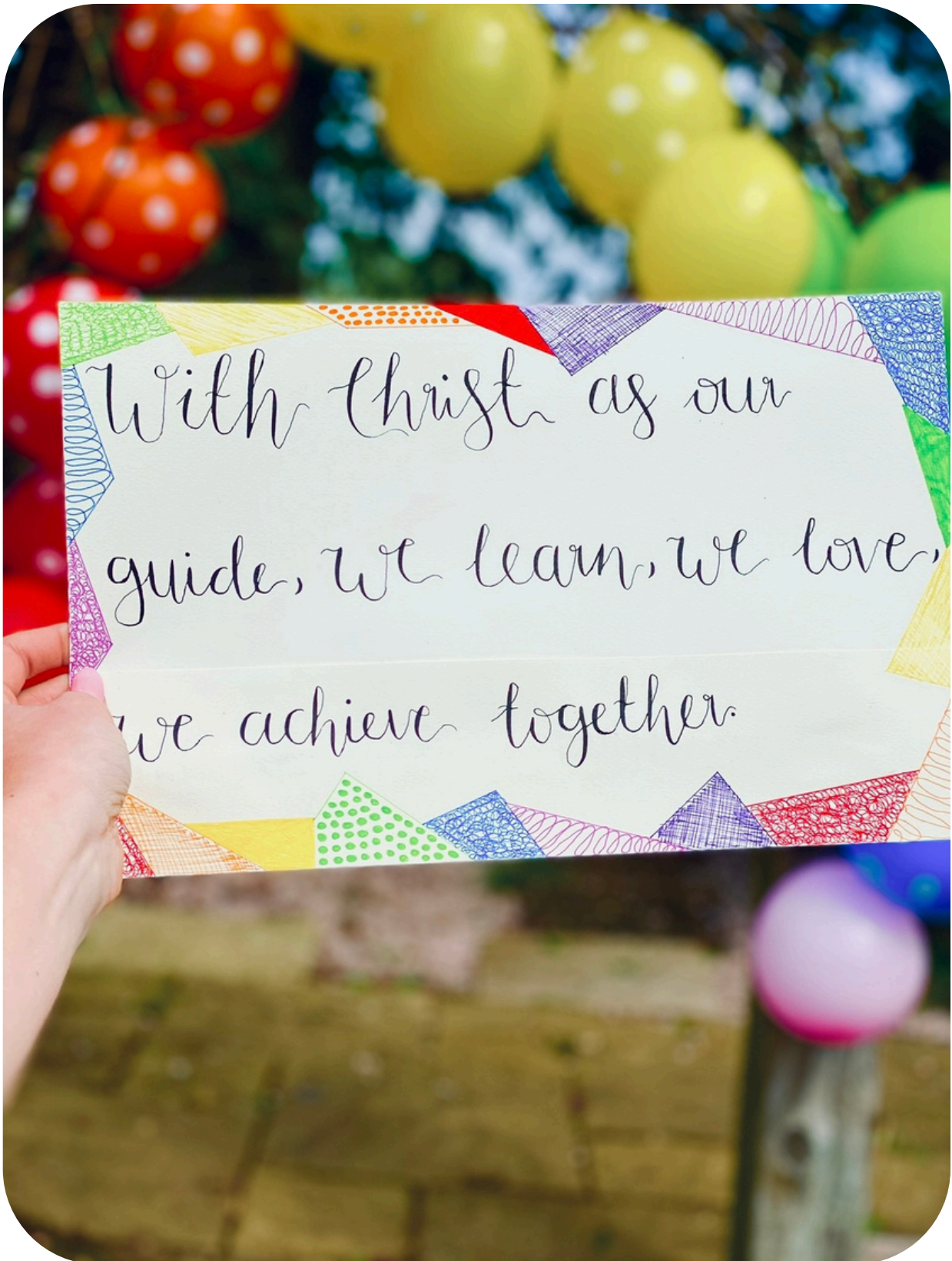
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