



Marist Mail

Friday 3rd July 2026



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

Dear Marist Families,

'I will give you rest'

As we move towards the end of our successful school year, many of us are beginning to feel tired. Children have worked hard, staff have given so much and families have supported countless trips and activities. It definitely feels like it is nearly the end of another academic year. The Gospel this weeks seems to resonate with this and we will be asking the children to think about what they are struggling with and how God can help them.

We loved celebrating the children who recently made their First Holy Communion during Monday's Mass for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It was a joyful moment for our whole school community.



Caring God, you are there with us in the most difficult times. Help us when we find things hard. Help us to be there for others when they are struggling. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

What are you struggling with now? How can we allow God to help us?



Next week...

Tuesday 7th July - EYFS Trip to Bockets Farm

Tuesday 7th July - EYFS Stay and Play for September 2026 cohort

Friday 10th July - Year 1 Pirate Day

Friday 10th July - Year 6 Performance to families of 'Pirates of Curry Bean'

Friday 10th July - End of year reports sent home



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A Huge Thank You to Our PTA

What a wonderful Summer BBQ we enjoyed on Friday evening! It was lovely to see so many families coming together to celebrate our school community. Events such as these do not happen by chance and we are incredibly grateful to our PTA for their hard work and enthusiasm in planning and delivering such a successful event.

Transition Morning

Tuesday's Transition Morning was a wonderful success and an exciting opportunity for everyone to look ahead to the new academic year. We have heard that our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their time at their secondary schools. It was also a delight to welcome our new EYFS children for their Stay and Play session- it was lovely to see them beginning to explore their new school environment with such enthusiasm. Across the school, children spent time with their new teachers and support staff and there was a real sense of excitement and positivity as they started to build relationships and look forward to September. We hope the morning has helped everyone feel confident and excited about the year ahead.



Music Concert

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in this week's Music Concert. It was a wonderful celebration of the talent, dedication and confidence of our young musicians. The children performed beautifully and should be incredibly proud of themselves for sharing their musical achievements with such enthusiasm and skill. Thank you to our families for their support and encouragement and a very special thank you to Miss Mair for organising the event. Opportunities like these create lasting memories and allow our children to shine.



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Uniform Review – Boys' Ties

As part of our uniform review, we have been trying to consistently enforce the current expectation that boys wearing trousers (our previous winter uniform) wear a tie, whilst boys wearing shorts (our previous summer uniform) do not. In practice, this has resulted in a rather mixed appearance and, at times, can look untidy.

We recently discussed this with the children through Pupil Voice to gather their views. I am sure it will come as no surprise that many of the boys told us that they find ties uncomfortable and are not particularly keen on wearing them! However, we do feel that ties have an important place at The Marist, particularly in helping prepare children for the expectations of secondary school. One of the challenges we face is that it is difficult for staff to continually monitor and remind children about ties if they arrive at school without them. We therefore need the support of families to help us uphold any decision that is made and ensure a consistent approach.

Our key question is: Should boys wear ties with all uniform throughout Key Stage 2 (from Year 3 onwards), or should ties be introduced as part of transition to secondary school in Years 5 and 6 only?

We would be very grateful if families could take a moment to vote in the [poll](#) so that we can make an informed decision and establish a consistent approach from September.

Please note that during Summer 2 and Autumn 1, we would continue our longstanding practice of not requiring ties, as the weather is often warmer during these periods. Boys will continue to be able to choose whether they are wearing trouser or shorts throughout the rest of the academic year, but will be required to wear a tie.

[Click here](#) to complete the [poll](#).

Thank you for your support and feedback.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 91.6%.



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/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.



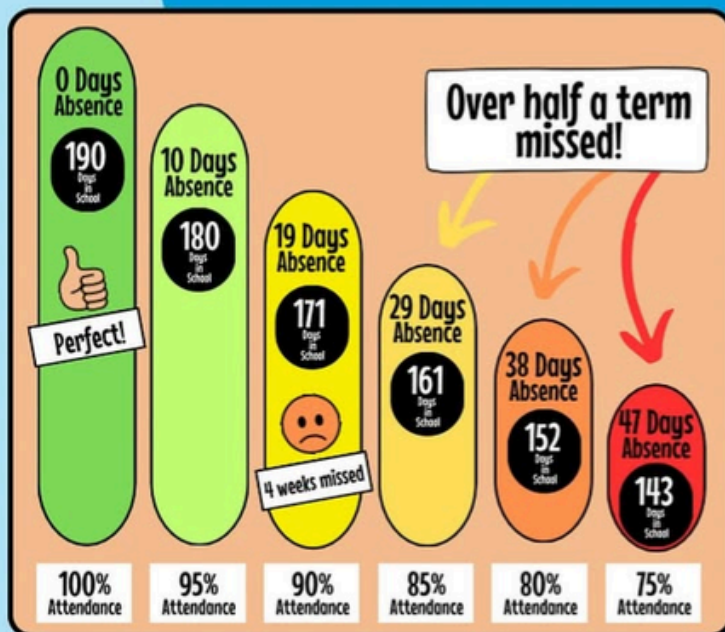
Building Confidence

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

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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 Calendar Dates...



Tuesday 7th July - EYFS Trip to Bocketts Farm

Friday 10th July - Year 6 Play to families - 9.30am 

 Friday 10th July - Year 1 Pirate Day

Friday 10th July - School Reports Out 

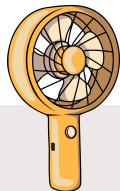
 Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers Day

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Awards - 5.30pm 



Friday 17th July - Leavers and End of Year Mass - 9am led by Year 6

Friday 17th July - End of the year 



Fan and hot weather

A gentle reminder that children cannot bring personal fans into school as they have not been checked for health and safety. Many thanks for your support with this!



News from the PTA...

We need to start this week with a massive thank you for everyone who donated prizes, helped set up, manned stalls, bought tickets and gave their children spending money for the summer BBQ last week. It was an enjoyable event and it was lovely to see the school community socialising, eating, drinking and generally having a good time.

The totals are still being totted up and we hope to be in a position to give a final number by the end of next week.

We couldn't run the events without the parent helpers and in that regard special thanks goes to 6L who filled slots across all year groups and are always the first to arrive and the last to leave to help. You will all be missed when you leave.

The various draws have taken place and we have started to contact the winners (full list below). The soft toy prizes and Owala water bottle will be given out at worship at some point next week.

Stall prizes:

Name the teddy: Name: Gus Won by: Clemmie – 1G

Name the blue Yoshi: Name: Yo-Yo Won by: Alexis – 6T

How long is a piece of ribbon? Correct length: 1080 mm

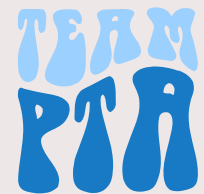
Winner: Jamie – 4T

The raffle winners are overleaf.

If there is anything you think can be done differently or is missing and you would like to spearhead that then please do get in touch at pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk

Thanks!

Raffle Winners



	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Class</u>
1	Ascot voucher	Newman	RD
2	2 adult tickets to new forest wildlife park	Chloe	2F
3	Roberts radio	Jack	RA
4	Roberts radio	Vincent	
5	New Haweli £50 voucher	Dover	3B
6	Lovelight photography voucher	Arabella	2F
7	World cup lego set	Benson	5C
8	Stagecoach voucher	Robinson	3M
9	Porky whites voucher	Moore / Dwyer	6L
10	Dance shack voucher	Tye	RA
11	Mazzy bees summer holiday voucher	Demian	RA
12	Silent pools distillery tour	Noah H	5C
13	Longacres voucher	Ella	4T
14	Hoebriidge golf voucher	Ansa	RD
15	Wisley voucher	Amanda	4P
16	Brooklands museum voucher	Nataliya	RD
17	Godstone Farm voucher	Sophie	RD
18	Wembly stadium tour	Tye	RA
19	Amazon echo dot	Sophie R	6L
20	Fleet Street mystery guide (escape room)	Moore / Dwyer	6L
21	Radley tote bag	Mollie	1P
22	McClaren cap	Sophie R	6L
23	Urban Fun Kingston £20 voucher	Leuna Bevan Law	RD
24	Bottle of scotch	Paakwesi	4T
25	Quality Street	Mollie	1P
26	Dairy Box	Claudio Luchetti	
27	Coca Cola football	Camilo	3B

	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Class</u>
1	Squish mallows squishville	Aayush	2F
2	Pikachu toy	Finnley D	4P
3	Messi F50 football	Kumaran	3M
4	Pokemon squishmallow	Fraser	6L
5	Cocomelon bus	Finnley D	4P
6	McClaren cap	Caetano	3B
7	Cocomelon plush	Elias	3B
8	Strawberry squishmallow	Luna	1P
9	Squishmallow clothing set	Kami	2A
10	Peek-a-boo cocomelon	Kitan	RD
11	Attack on titan toy	Hugo	6L
12	Attack on titan toy	Kumaran	3M
13	Royal & high toy	Isabella Smith	2F
14	Total anime action figure	Daniel	5C
15	Poodle toy	Arthur Homer	
16	Poodle toy	Aayush	2F
17	Horrible history cards	Mark	6L
18	Fidget spinner	Caetano	3B
19	Bubble lab	Rupert	3B
20	Bubble tea squishmallow	Nancy H-C	4T
21	Minecraft cutlery set	Ted	1G

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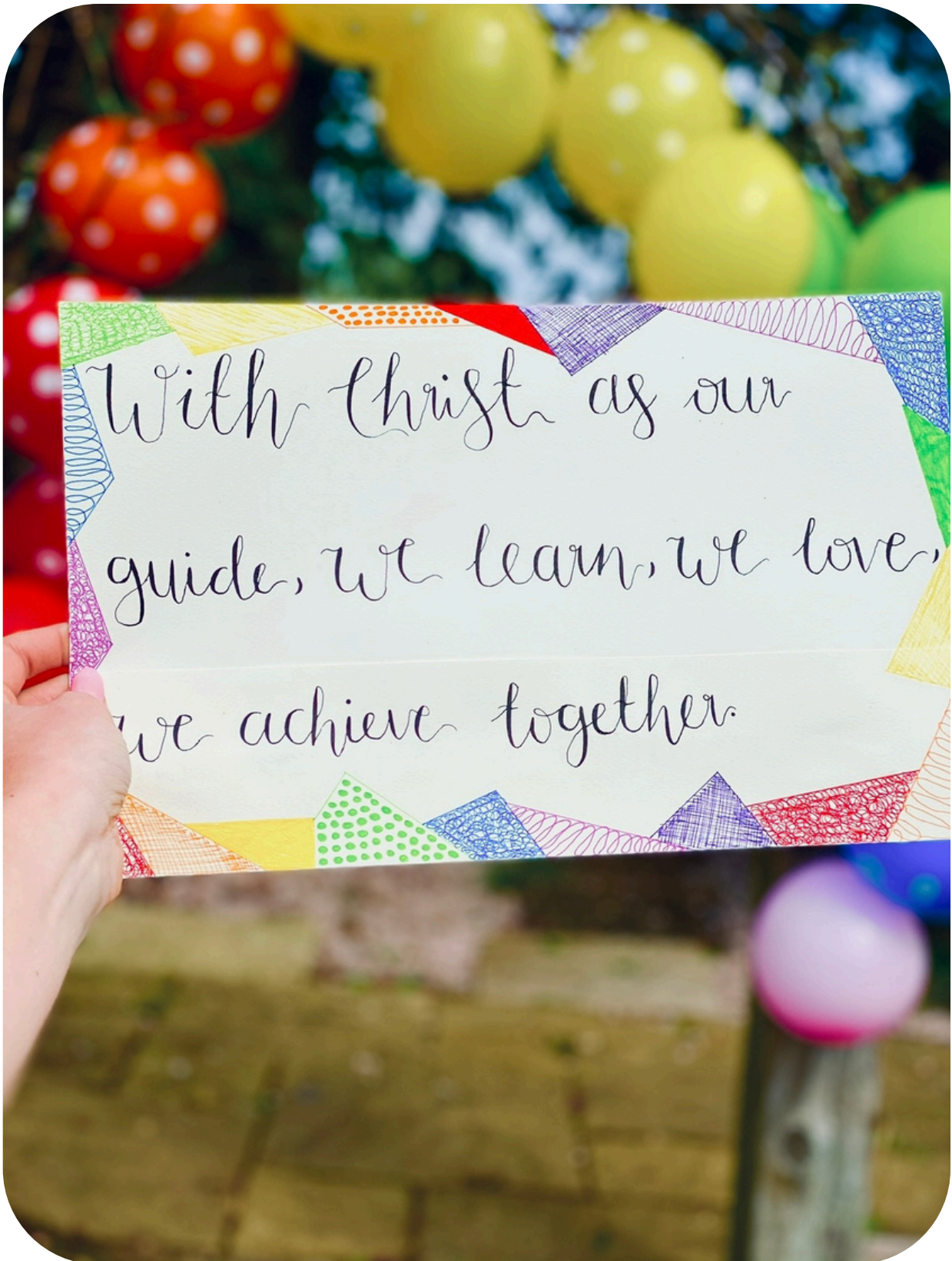
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