



Marist Mail

Friday 5th June 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

'My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.'



Next week, we celebrate the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi, where we reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and the presence of Christ with us always. It is a special time for us as a school to deepen our understanding of how we are called not only to receive Christ, but to live out His love in our daily lives. We will be encouraging our Marist Learners to think about simple but meaningful ways they can live this mission- through their words, actions and choices both in school and at home. Whether it is showing kindness to a friend, helping someone in need, or making the right choices even when it is difficult, each small act reflects Christ's love.

Christ Jesus, Bread of Life,
feed us with your love and
wisdom and move us to help
one another, so that all people
may have enough to eat.
Amen.

How can you show that Jesus
is always with you?



Next week...

All Week - Year 1 Phonics Screening

Monday 8th June - Y5/6 District Sport

Tuesday 9th June - Y2 Blue Reef
Aquarium and Southsea Trip

Wednesday 10th June - Class 6T
Library Visit

Thursday 11th June - Walk or Cycle to
School Day

Friday 12th June - 2A Class Worship
9am start, families welcome



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Welcome Back

We wish everyone a very happy first week back and hope you all enjoyed a lovely, sunny half term with your families. As we begin our final half term of the academic year, we are looking forward to all that lies ahead. It is always a busy time, filled with many exciting events and opportunities and while it can be a little hectic, it is also a time full of fun, celebration and special moments for our school community.

Catholic Life

We have had some wonderful opportunities to come together in prayer and celebration recently. A special well done to Class 5C for leading such a thoughtful and beautifully prepared class worship. It was a joy to welcome parents and see the children share their learning with confidence and enthusiasm.



We would also like to commend Class 4T for representing The Marist so positively at Mass. The children demonstrated great respect and maturity and were excellent ambassadors for our school community.

We were also delighted to celebrate the First Holy Communions of our children recently. They conducted themselves with such joy and pride, making it a truly special occasion for all involved. It was wonderful to see them looking so grown up and embracing this important step in their faith journey. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and loved sharing this beautiful celebration together.



Trips and Enrichment

Despite being the first week back, it has already been a busy and enriching time for our pupils. Class 6L enjoyed a visit to the local library, making the most of this valuable community resource and developing their love of reading.

Our Year 5 children have also been taking part in Bikeability, building essential skills in road safety and confidence when cycling- an important and practical life skill.



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We are also incredibly proud of one of our Marist learners who represented the school so beautifully at the Xavier Musician of the Year event. They were wonderful ambassadors and showcased both their talent and dedication.



Well done to all of the children for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour and our thanks go to the staff and adults who supported and enabled these opportunities.

Snacks

We kindly remind parents that at break time, children can bring a fruit or vegetable snack. No other snacks are permitted.

We also ask that no snacks are eaten on the school grounds at pick-up time. Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy eating habits.

Arrangements for Next Academic Year

I am pleased to share that teaching staff has been finalised. Please see the table (on page 5) for your child's new class teacher. All children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom on our transition morning on 30th June. As usual, we will hold our Meet the Teacher event early in September to provide further information on the new academic year to families.

We would like to give families advance notice that from September, the school will be providing all stationery for children. We are sharing this information early so that no families purchase items unnecessarily over the summer. As part of preparing our Year 6 pupils for their transition to secondary school, they will continue to be allowed to bring in a pencil case. This should follow our usual expectations- clear and simple, containing only basic equipment and no toys or novelty items.



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At the end of this term, we will also be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Walsh, who is retiring after over 12 and a half years of dedicated service to The Marist. Mrs Walsh is known to so many families whose children she has taught over the years and I have been struck by the number of parents who speak to me with such genuine affection about her and all that she has done for their children. I only wish she could hear the many kind words that are shared. Throughout her time at The Marist, Mrs Walsh has worn many hats alongside her role as a class teacher. She has been a highly committed Educational Visits Coordinator, she has also led science with great enthusiasm, organising engaging STEM weeks and our much-loved Science Fair, and she has played a valuable role in supporting our Eco Committee. Mrs Walsh leaves behind a lasting legacy, not only in the initiatives she has led but, most importantly, in the lives of the children she has taught and supported. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to The Marist community and wish her every happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs Licence

I also wanted to also extend congratulations from The Marist to Mrs Licence who has been appointed Director of Primary Education at WMAT for September 2026. I know many families are very fond of Mrs Licence. This is a well-deserved promotion for Mrs Licence who has done a brilliant job in various roles within Xavier over the last 10 years. For anyone who does not know, Mrs Licence was previously the Headteacher at The Marist and achieved so much, transforming our wonderful school into much of the school you know today. Mrs Licence moved on to become an Executive Headteacher and then a Local Director of Primary Education over in the Caterham Hub. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new role.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that football stickers aren't allowed in school—thank you for your support.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo

Class Arrangements for September

Class for 2026-2027	Class Teacher	Class from 2025-2026
St Anne RA	Mrs Hall	
St David RA	Miss Kirk <i>(who will be Mrs Anderson from September)</i>	
St George 1G	Miss Beddow	St Anne RA
St Paul 1P	Miss Martin	St David RD
St Andrew 2A	Miss Stimpson	St Paul 1P
St Francis 2F	Mrs Parmigiani	St George 1G
St Bernadette 3B	Miss Mair	St Andrew 2A
St Matthew 3M	Miss Bushill	St Francis 2F
St Patrick 4P	Miss Madariaga	St Matthew 3M
St Theresa 4T	Mrs Moss (M-W) and Mrs Baguley (W-F)	St Bernadette 3B
St Cecilia 5C	Miss Bruce	St Theresa 4T
St Joseph 5J	Mr Wellfare	St Patrick 4P
St Luke 6L	Mr Moore	St Joseph 5J
St Thomas Moore 6T	Miss Ripley	St Cecilia 5C

Mrs Britton will be covering class PPA and ECT cover across the school.



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 97.6%.



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.



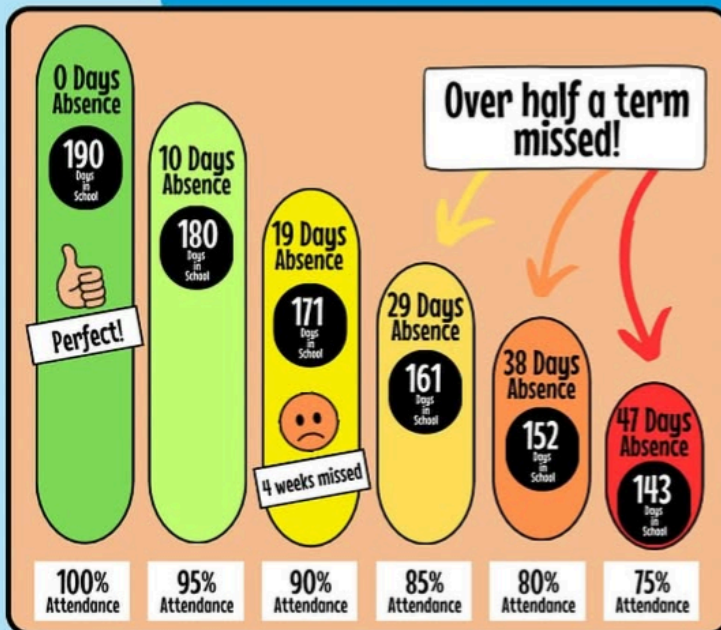
Building Confidence

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

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



News from the PTA...

Welcome back everyone – hope you enjoyed half term (and the beautiful weather!) Back to normal now with unpredictability so you never know if your child needs a coat or not!



Teddy tombola

We are planning some new things for the summer BBQ. One of which is a teddy tombola! From next week we will have a labelled large black plastic bin outside the front of the hall and are asking for donations of clean and nearly new teddies that you would be happy for your child to receive. If you have any soft toys that you would like to get out of the house please consider donating them so that they can find a new home at the summer bbq.

Raffle Prizes

The summer BBQ is in the diary for 6pm-9pm on Friday 26th June. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle or know of a local business (or not so local!) that may be able to could you please contact the PTA so we can follow up on this: pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk.

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.



10 Years of Community
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Summer Concert
Saturday 11th July
6pm - 8.30pm

at St John's Church West Byfleet

West Byfleet Community Choir
West Byfleet Junior School Choir
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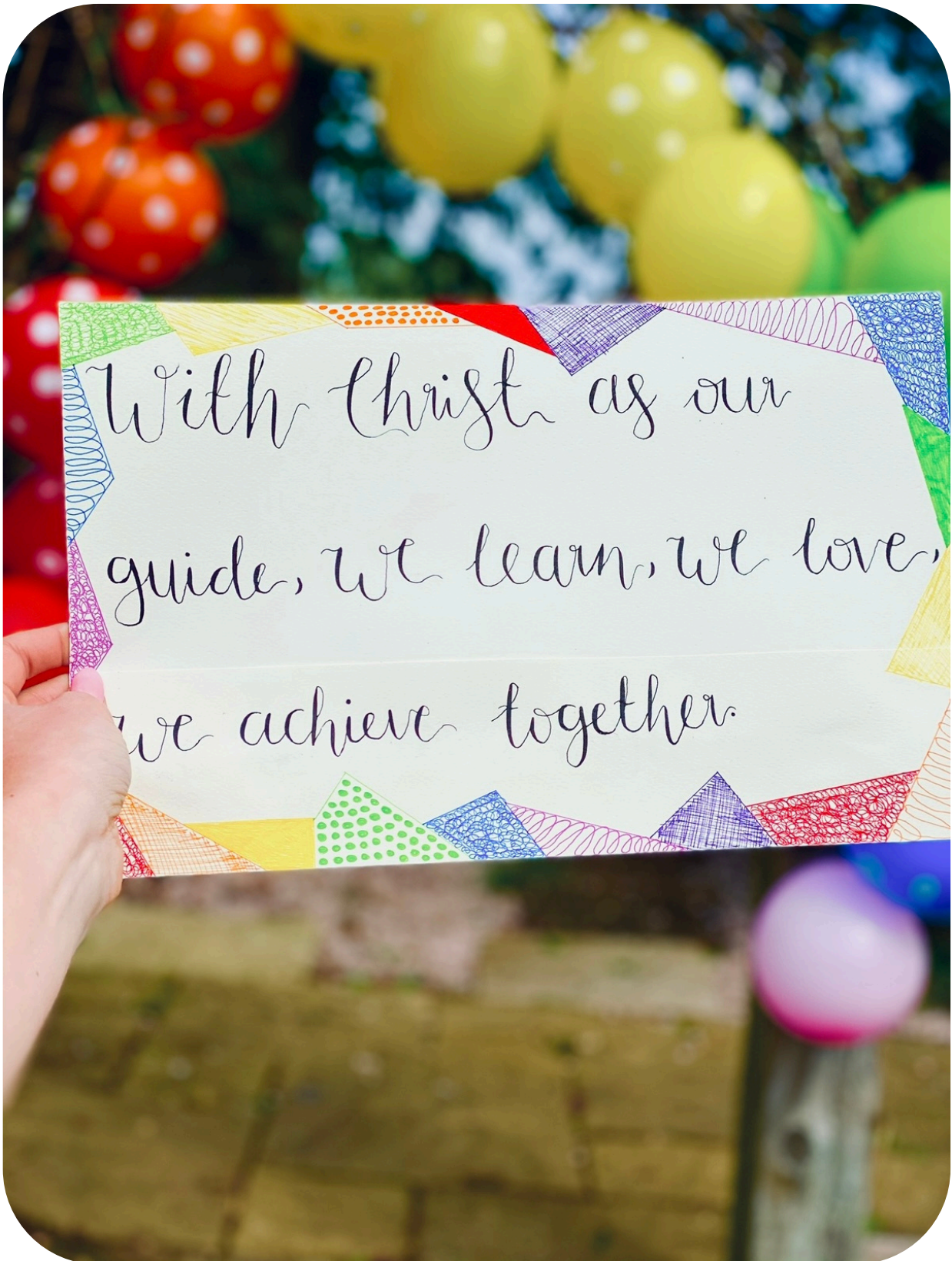


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