



Marist Mail

Friday 7th November 2025



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

Dear Marist families,

'We will remember them'



Next week, we will be focusing on Remembrance with the children. On Remembrance Sunday, we think about people who were brave and helped others during war. Jesus says we are blessed when we care for those who are sad, when we make peace and when we stand up for what is right. We remember those people and we promise to try and live like that too.

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It's been lovely to see the children return with such energy and enthusiasm for the new half term. All children should now be in winter uniform. Please remember to send them in with coats as the weather continues getting colder!

Next week...

WB Monday 10th November -
Remembrance Week

WB Monday 10th November -
Book Fair

Monday 10th November - Y3 and 4
Parent Teacher Meeting

Tuesday 11th November - EY, Y5J and 6
Parent Teacher Meeting

Wednesday 12th November - Y1&2
Parent Teacher Meeting

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Parent Teacher Meeting

Friday 14th November - Year 5 Viking
Day

Saturday 15th November - Winter Fair
12-4pm



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Marist Learners

As part of our remembrance focus, children across the school will be engaging in a variety of activities next week to help them understand and reflect on the significance of this time. These will include art, writing and prayer-based tasks, all designed to support their spiritual and emotional development.

A special mention must go to Year 6 this week, who have truly impressed us with their work in DT. They have been planning, preparing and cooking three-course meals. Well done, Year 6!

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Starritt to Team Marist as our new Music Teacher. Mrs Starritt began on Monday and we are very excited to have her with us.

Attendance

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting good attendance, we will be writing to families when a child's attendance falls below key thresholds—such as 95% or 90%. We understand that, especially at this point in the year, lower attendance may be due to a single illness or unavoidable circumstances. However, we are required to monitor and communicate attendance levels consistently.

Please be assured that our intention is always to work in partnership with families. If you have any concerns or would like support regarding your child's attendance, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



Upcoming Events



WB Monday 10th November - Remembrance Week in school



WB Monday 10th November - Book Fair in school

Monday 10th November - Year 3 and 4 Parent Teacher Meeting

Tuesday 11th November - Year EYFS, 5J and 6 Parent Teacher Meeting

Wednesday 12th November - Year 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Meeting



Friday 14th November - Year 5 Viking Day



Saturday 15th November - Winter Fair 12-4pm



Tuesday 18th November - Class 4P to Mass



Wednesday 19th November - Year 1 Parent Teacher Meeting



Friday 21st November - Class 5C to Mass



Tuesday 25th November - EYFS trip to the postbox



Friday 28th November - Class 3B to Mass



Sunday 30th November - First Sunday of Advent



Monday 1st December - School Closure



Friday 5th December - EYFS Advent Performance 9.30am



Monday 8th December - Year 3 and 4 Reindeer Run

Tuesday 9th December - Year 5 and 6 Reindeer Run

Wednesday 10th December - Year 1 and 2 Reindeer Run



Thursday 11th December - KS1 Advent Performance to Year 1 families 9.30am

Friday 12th December - KS1 Advent Performance to Year 2 families 9.30am



Friday 12th December - Year EYFS Reindeer Run



Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Show and Share



Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Advent Service at Our Lady's 5.00pm



Wednesday 17th December - Christmas jumper mufti and Christmas lunch



Wednesday 17th December - EYFS and KS1 Show and Share



Thursday 18th December - Festive Disco



Friday 19th December - Advent Mass 9am led by 5J, end of term at 1.15pm

Uniform Reminders

We are proud of our school uniform, its distinctive nature and its tradition. It reflects the high expectations we have for children in our school. As a reminder, the children should be wearing winter uniform from now until the start of the summer term.

All children

Plain black or navy shoes
Royal blue blazer
Royal blue/navy/black coat
Long hair tied back
No jewellery
Hats, gloves and scarves of plain school colours can be worn.



EYFS Uniform

Blue sweatshirt
Blue jogging bottoms
White polo shirt
Black or white plain trainers for PE days
Black school shoes for other days

Girls Winter Uniform

Pinafore dress (KS1)
Plaid Skirt (KS2)
Gold long-sleeved or short-sleeved blouse
Royal blue with gold v-neck band cardigan
Royal blue/Navy tights
White socks

Boys Winter Uniform

Trousers - mid grey
Grey shirt- long / short sleeved
Royal blue with gold v-neck band jumper
Grey socks
Royal blue and gold stripe tie

PE Kit

KS1: Blue sweatshirt, blue jogging bottoms & white aertex T-shirt with embroidered badge
KS2: Royal blue and gold top, blue sweatshirt, blue jogging bottoms
Plain, white, sports or ankle socks
Black or white plain trainers that the children can do up independently





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 Morreale - Attendance, Appointments, for reporting absences on a daily basis, please use the absence line 01932 339150, rather than via email)

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

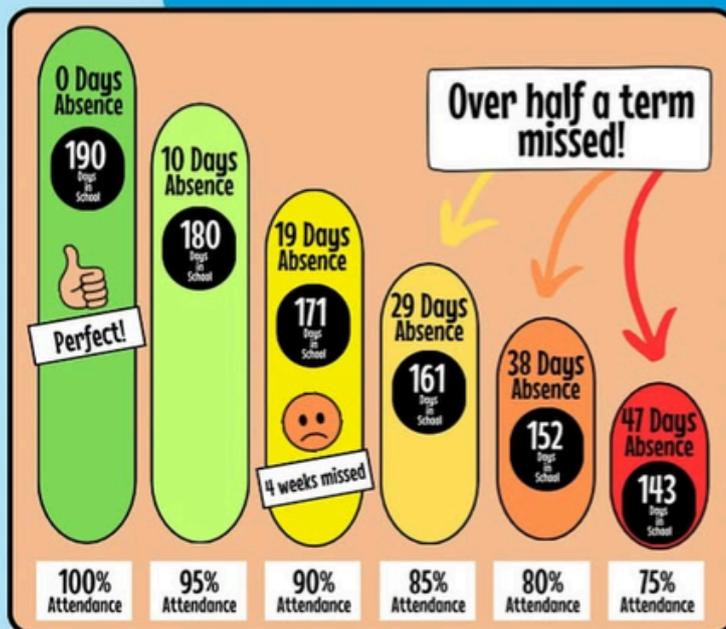
School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...

<p>Academic Achievement</p> <p>Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.</p>	<p>Social Skills</p> <p>Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.</p>	<p>Routine & Responsibility</p> <p>Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.</p>	<p>Focus & Engagement</p> <p>Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.</p>	<p>Building Confidence</p> <p>Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.</p>	<p>Enhanced Learning Opportunities</p> <p>School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.</p>
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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...

<p>Set a regular routine</p> <p>A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.</p>	<p>Aim for every day</p> <p>Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.</p>	<p>Plan appointments carefully</p> <p>Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.</p>	<p>Talk positively about school</p> <p>Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.</p>	<p>Stay in touch</p> <p>When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.</p>	<p>Prepare the night before</p> <p>Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.</p>
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Attendance Matters



This week our our whole school attendance is 91%.



If your child is unwell and needs to be kept at home, you must call the school to inform us each day they are absent by 9am.



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.



News from the PTA

I hear the school has been smelling brilliant this week as Year 6 have been doing “Marist come dine with me” using tofu, bell peppers and pineapple. Some very important life skills learned and I’m sure all the parents are looking forward to letting you guys recreate your dishes at home!

Two big thank yous this week – firstly to Hazel for arranging the clothing collection which saw a huge 747kg of clothing collected and a fantastic £448.56 in donations for the PTA.

Secondly to Marianne who has been working hard in the background sorting out the pantomime tickets – we hope you all have a great night in December, oh yes we do!

Just one reminder this week – and it’s a biggie!

Winter Market – 15th November

Tickets are now on sale for the Winter Market where you will be able to buy all sorts of things ready for Christmas from a butcher, a baker and even a candlestick maker! We will also have a licensed bar and mulled wine not forgetting a visit from some reindeer and a chance to book in for some Christmas photos.

There will also be a raffle with some amazing prizes from businesses near and far and a chance to put your estimation skills to the test in order to win a legami advent calendar! The market is on the 15th November from 12pm-4pm – please buy a ticket and come along.

You can find out more and book tickets [here](#) or volunteer to help on a stall [here](#). If you are unable to attend the market but would like to support the PTA you can leave a donation here: <https://gofund.me/f6fe54f50>

Festive Disco

We are planning a festive disco for the children on Thursday 18th December. If you are able to help please email your contact details and whether or not you have a valid Marist DBS check to pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk and we will collate names and be in touch. Thanks!

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.



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Family ticket £7 (max 2 adults 2 children, adults £3.50, children £2.

PRE BOOKING ADVISED



THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
KS2

GAME DESIGN Afterschool Club_

Do you enjoy playing games? Why not use your gaming experience and imagination to develop your own unique game? This course will take you through all the steps that real Game Developers use to create games. Design characters, add backgrounds, use code to develop your own 2D game using game development software.



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Dear Parent,

The London TKD School Clubs are an exciting children's martial arts programme at the cutting edge of character building and life skills development.

Throughout the term, students will learn a variety of self-defence techniques, specifically designed for realistic situations that children find themselves in.

These classes also help develop a positive attitude through learning, meditation, mindfulness and confidence building exercises.

How to get started?

Simply scan the QR code, or visit our website and select "**Get Started**", then follow through the booking instructions to select your school and start date.



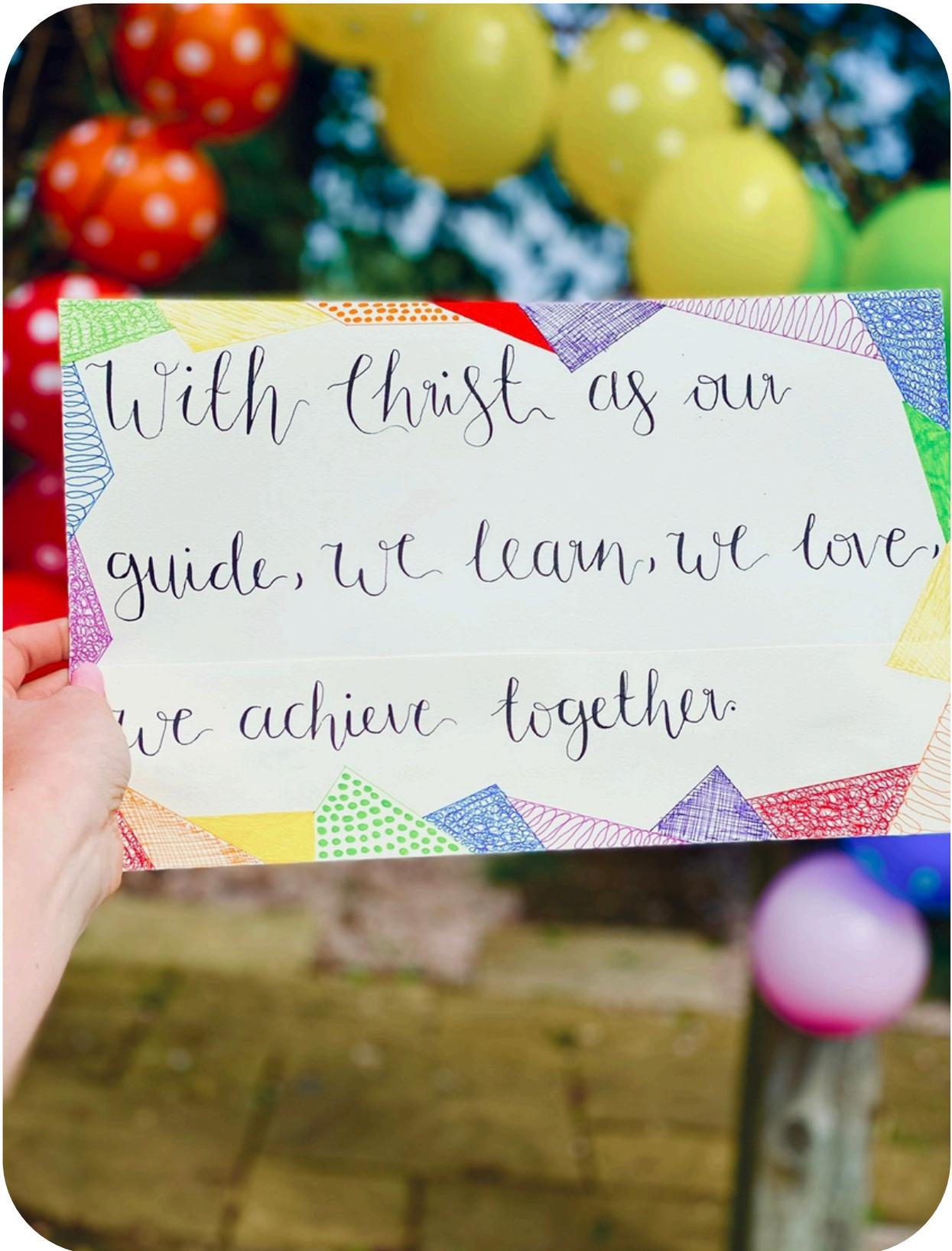
Once you have booked, your child's name and details will be added to our coaches register ready for their first class.

With our special joining offer you will be charged **£10 for 2 weeks** and then the ongoing classes are **£10.50** weekly.

What does my child need to wear and bring?

Please wear some comfortable, loose fitted clothing (PE kit) and bring along a bottle of water.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child, we are looking forward to welcoming them in for their first class with us!



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