



Marist Mail

Friday 24th October 2025



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

Dear Marist families,
All the people were amazed. They began praising
God. They said, "A great prophet has come to us!
God is taking care of his people."



As we return after half term, our Gospel focus will be the powerful miracle in Luke's Gospel where Jesus raises a widow's son to life. This story invites us to reflect deeply on the theme of hope—the belief that good things can happen, even in the darkest moments. Through this reflection, we'll encourage the children to consider how they can be bearers of hope in their own lives. How do they respond to those who are feeling sad or struggling? In what ways can they, like Jesus, bring comfort, kindness, and light to others?

Catholic Life

A heartfelt thank you to Father Aaron and Class 6L for leading our beautiful Harvest Mass this morning. It was a truly special celebration of gratitude and community. We are incredibly grateful to all our families for their generous donations to our Harvest collection.

After half term...

Monday 3rd November - Y3 and 4
Parent Teacher Meeting

Tuesday 4th November - EY, Y5J and 6
Parent Teacher Meeting

Wednesday 5th November - Y2
Parent Teacher Meeting

Friday 7th November - School Photo
Day



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continued...

Your kindness will make a real difference—our local community and support networks were deeply appreciative.

A special thank you to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who represented The Marist with such reverence and maturity during the Mass on Wednesday. We were also delighted to see our EYFS children make their very first visit to the Church—an important and memorable milestone in their school journey. Thank you to the many parent helpers who supported us on this occasion. Your time and care help make these moments possible.

Show and Share

Thank you to all the families who joined us this week to celebrate the children's achievements and hard work throughout this half term. Although it's only been a short time since the start of the school year, the children have already accomplished so much—and it was wonderful to share their progress and learning journey with you. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and determination have truly shone through.

Winter Uniform

As a reminder, children should all be wearing their winter when we return after half term. Please see reminders of this below.

Parent - Teacher Progress Meetings

We kindly remind all parents and carers to book a time slot for our upcoming Parents' Evening, which will be held virtually via SchoolCloud. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how they are settling into their new year group.

Parking

Please remember, parking on pavements, hazard lines or anywhere that obstructs pedestrian access is unacceptable. This behaviour endangers our children and other pedestrians. Please report any incidents of unsafe or illegal parking directly to Surrey Parking Enforcement at SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk.

With every blessing and wishing you and your families a lovely half term,
Mrs Fanzo

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



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Monday 3rd November - Year 3 and 4

Tuesday 4th November - EY, Y5J and 6

Wednesday 5th November - Year 2

Monday 10th November - Year 3 and 4

Tuesday 11th November - EY, Y5J and 6

Wednesday 12th November - Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 19th November - Year 1

Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies will be available to purchase in school from Monday 3rd November. We suggest a minimum donation of 50p. Please send your child's donation into school in a named envelope to help us manage contributions safely and efficiently. Thank you for your support in helping us honour and remember those who have served.





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...



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.



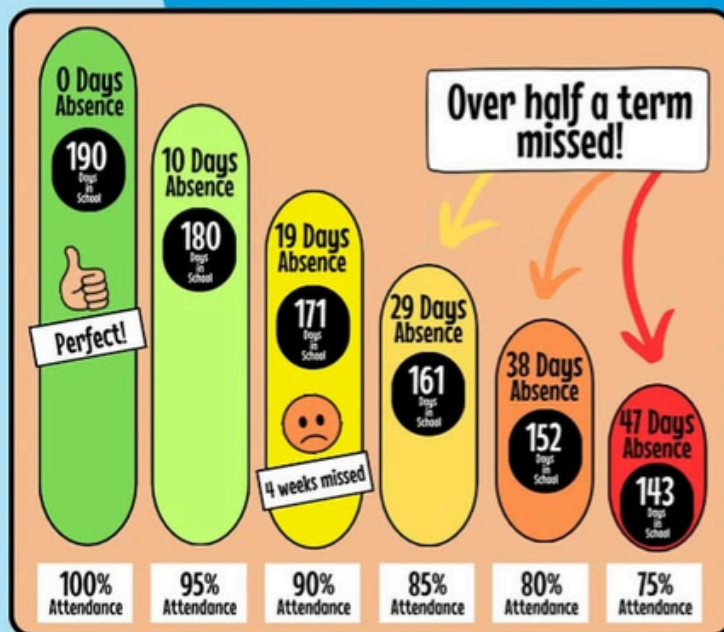
Building Confidence

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.





Attendance Matters



This week 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

Well done to 6L for leading the Harvest Mass so brilliantly this morning. I'm sure everyone who was there will be samba-ing all day! Thanks to everyone who ordered Christmas gifts through cauliflower cards and to Sam Barrett for co-ordinating the whole thing. When the cards etc arrive at the school we will let you know and your child will bring them home.

Clothing collection

There will be a textile collection on Tuesday 4th November (remember, remember the 4th November!) after drop off so if you are having a clear out in half term (or know someone who is!) please keep clothing and bring it in bags to school on this date and leave under the canopy for collection.

The PTA get 50p per kilogram of items collected so please retain anything on the list and bring on the 4th November.

Winter Market – 15th November

Tickets are now “live” for the Winter Market. This promises to be a great community event with food and drink and even a visit from some reindeer so please come along to get some early Christmas presents as we look towards advent. The poster is attached – you can buy tickets by following the QR code or by following this [link](#). We will be putting out some very specific requests in weeks to come. For the moment if anyone is able to (or has anyone in their network who is able to) lend us 4 metal crowd control barriers for a week or so please make yourself known to your class rep or email pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk. We will be very grateful!

Panto Tickets – 9th December

We still have some panto tickets left for the showing of the panto in Woking at 7pm for anyone who is interested. The tickets are £28 each (usually £45) and the panto is a great family friendly night out (oh, yes it is!) so please come along and get into the festive spirit.

More information and ticket requests can be made [here](#).

For those of you that have already secured your tickets, please ensure that the money is paid by the 30th October otherwise we will need to move onto the next person on the list.

Huge thanks to Marianne for organising this!

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.

 Marist Families, It's Panto Time!

Oh yes it is! We're thrilled to invite you to this year's magical pantomime: Snow White! Join us for an evening of laughter, music, and classic panto mischief as Snow White takes on the Wicked Queen—with a little help from seven very lively dwarfs and a whole lot of audience participation! We can't wait to see you there—bring your loudest "He's behind you!" and your biggest smiles!

Complete the online form via this [link](#).

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 11pm.

Notification of success 27th October by email.

Payment required by 30th October or tickets will be cancelled.



SNOW WHITE
panto show
9/12 @ 7pm

Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 7pm

New Victoria Theatre, Woking

£28 per ticket (usual price £45)

Let's Turn Unwanted Clothes into Funds for Our School!



- ✓ Children's & adults' clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes
- ✓ Bags, belts, accessories , jewellery
- ✓ Soft toys



- X Pillows, duvets, blankets
- X Dirty or damaged items
- X Corporate/workwear/school uniform
- X Textile offcuts, yarns
- X Carpets, rugs, mats

The more you bring, the more we raise!





THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO

THE MARIST MARKET

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 12-4

Join us for a magical pre-festive afternoon with our friendly
REAL Reindeer!



Gourmet food~crepes~baked goods~mulled wine and Gin~bar~quality and unique artisan gifts and crafts~local meats~professional family photographer~children's games and activities~write and post your letter to Santa and don't forget to feed our real Reindeer, sent by St Nicholas himself for the day.

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

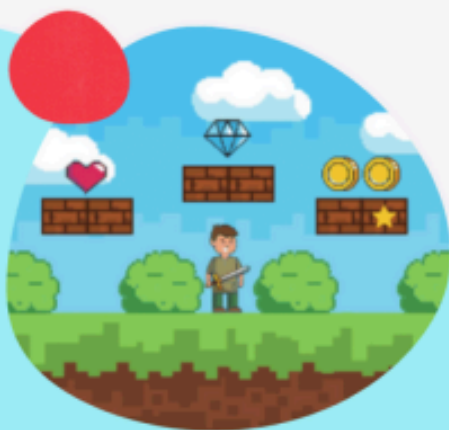
PRE BOOKING ADVISED



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.



DATES :

Every Tuesday
4th Nov - 16th Dec

TIME :

3:30 - 4:30 PM

PRICE :

7 WEEKS OF FUN LEARNING
FOR £71.75!



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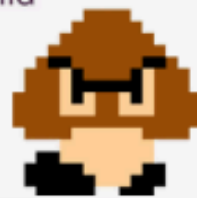
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Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require.
N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

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HAVE YOU GOT CHILDCARE SORTED
IN THE HALF TERM?

HOLIDAY COOKING CAMPS AND BAKING WORKSHOPS

Hands-on session cooking, mixing, making meals. They have fun with their peers along the way, And the best bit, they help clear up the mess too!

TUES 28 OCT, 10AM - 3PM, FULL DAY

WED 29 OCT, 10AM - 12:30PM, HALF DAY, AM

WED 29 OCT, 2:30PM - 4:30PM, HALF DAY, PM

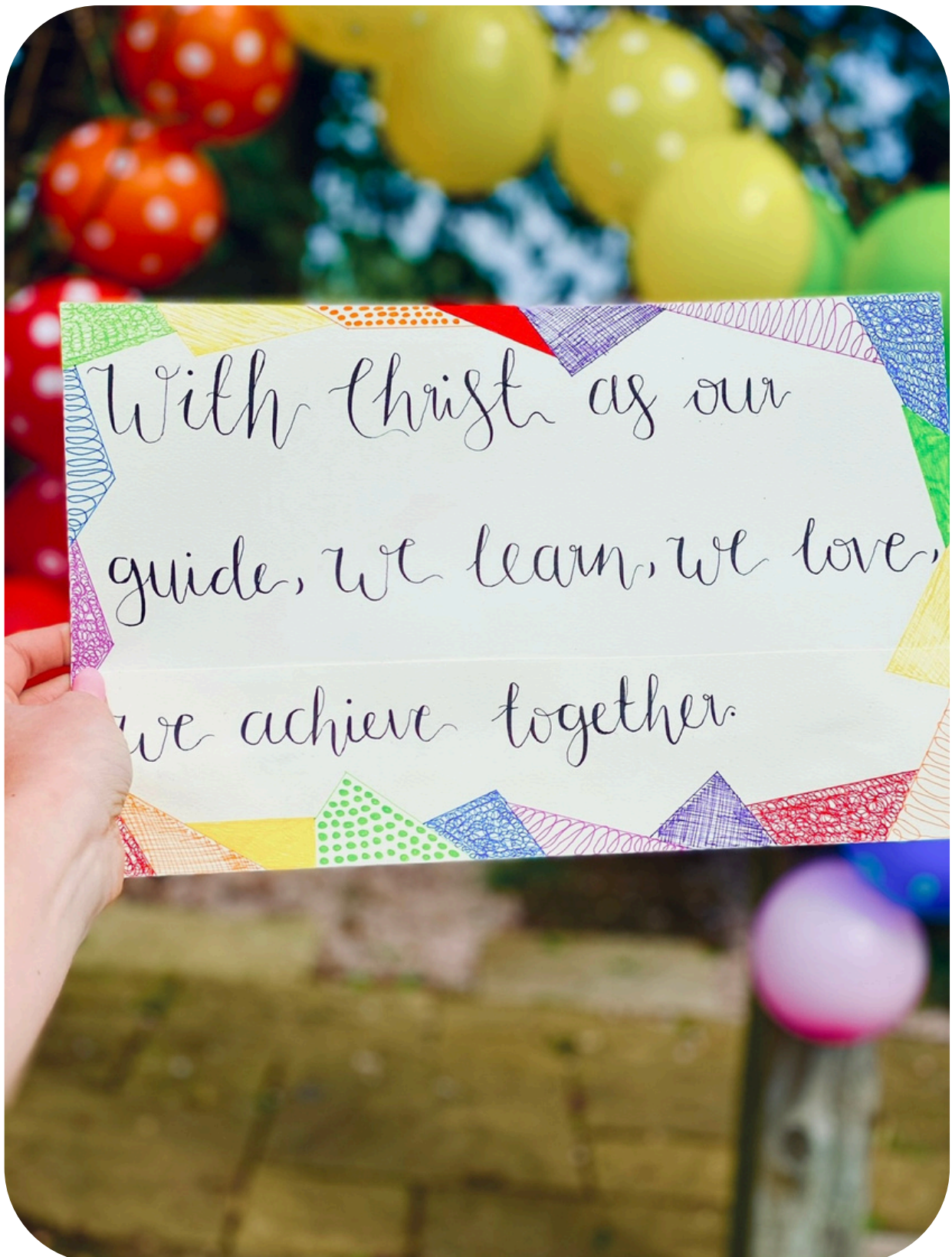
THURS 30 OCT, 10AM - 3PM, FULL DAY

Drop and go session in Shepperton, in our Cooking Studio!

To book go to [HERE](#)

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