



Marist Mail

Friday 17th April 2026



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

Dear Marist families,



'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread'
On Sunday, we will be reflecting on the Gospel story of the Road to Emmaus, where two of Jesus' friends walk alongside him without realising who he is. It is only later that they recognise Jesus and understand that he had been with them all along. In school, we will invite the children to think about times in their own lives when they may not have recognised Jesus- moments when they later realised they were being guided, supported or comforted, even if they didn't notice it at the time. We will link this to the well-known Footprints in the Sand poem, reminding the children that even when life feels difficult or lonely, we are never truly walking alone.

Catholic Life

We are now in the Easter season, a time of joy and hope as we celebrate the Risen Christ and we marked this beautifully in our Mass this morning. A sincere thank you to Fr Aaron for leading our celebration and helping us reflect on the meaning

Next week...

Monday 20th April - St David Class
Trip to Little Street

Tuesday 21st April - St Anne Class
Trip to Little Street

Wednesday 22nd April- St Anne Class
Trip to the Library

Friday 24th April - St Paul Class Worship
Families welcome - 9am start



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of Easter. A special well done to 4T, who read so confidently, particularly with some challenging readings- they did an excellent job. As always, our Chamber Choir sang beautifully and enhanced the prayerful atmosphere of the Mass. Thank you to Mrs Cheadle for organising the celebration and for all the work behind the scenes to make it such a meaningful experience for our school community.

Ofsted at The Marist!

It has been a really big and significant week for our school as we welcomed Ofsted for our inspection. I would like to thank every member of the team for doing such a wonderful job- your professionalism, dedication and teamwork were evident throughout.



Under the new Ofsted framework, inspections are highly involved, with inspectors in lessons throughout the day, every day, talking to staff and pupils, reviewing work and evaluating a range of areas including the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, and Early Years. During the inspection, our children absolutely shone- they articulated their learning confidently, demonstrated excellent attitudes and truly embodied what it means to be Marist learners. There is no long While we are unlikely to receive the final report until after half term and it will not be ready to share with families until closer to the summer holidays, what we can share is that we are delighted with the outcome.

Thank you once again to Team Marist for representing our school so brilliantly.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 95.8%.



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.



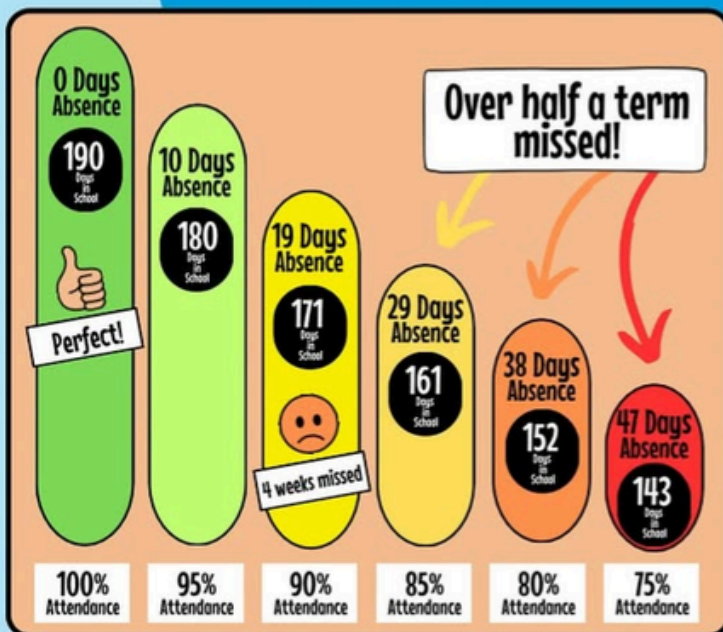
Building Confidence

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.

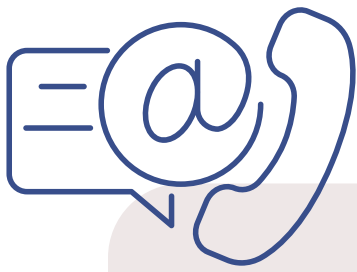
Stay in touch

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...

What a first week back!

Thanks to everyone who brought bags in for the clothing collection. In total 490kg of clothing was collected (quite the pile I think you'll agree!) which means that £220.50 was raised in just one morning – thanks for all of your contributions!



School disco

Thanks to everyone who has bought a disco ticket, made a donation or volunteered to help. We hope all of the children (and volunteers) attending have a brilliant time. A massive thank you to Hollie for organising the event. These things don't just happen and she has done a fab job over the last few years. On that note, we are soon to lose some of the current year 6 parents so if anyone is interested in taking on the disco going forward, please let us know (pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk). These events cannot continue without volunteers. Thanks.



Uniform sale

We are going to try something a little different this time to give as many people the chance to attend the PTA uniform sale week. We will have a sale on the 24th April before school, it will also be on at pick up time and then again, the following day (Saturday 25th April) from 09:00 – 11:00). We are trialling the Saturday sale and if it goes well will hold more. If anyone is available to help at these events, please email pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk

Summer BBQ

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.



The Great Marist Bird Watch Week

We're looking forward to our upcoming Great Marist Bird Watch Week, beginning Monday 27th April. This is a wonderful chance for students to slow down, notice the nature around them, and learn more about the birds that share our environment. Thank you for encouraging your children to take part with curiosity and enthusiasm.



Film Making Club

Lights, Camera, Leadership!

Is your child ready to move from the audience to the Director's chair? Our Filmmaking Club transforms screen time into creative mastery. Students step into the roles of Director, Cinematographer, and Actor to tackle "The Six Shot Challenge," choreograph high-octane chase scenes, and rediscover the art of Silent Film.

More than just a hobby, it's a masterclass in:

- **Teamwork:** Planning and executing a vision in production crews.
- **Problem Solving:** Turning "bright sparks" into cinematic realities.
- **Digital Literacy:** Mastering the technical tools of the 21st century.

It's fast-paced, high-energy, and builds the confidence to lead. The best part? At the end of the term so you can see their masterpieces on the big screen!

Don't just watch the magic—create it.

WOKING TOWN FC OPEN DAYS!

**18th April
& 2nd May**



U5-U9 (YEARS R-4) **10am - 11am**

U10-U18 (YEARS 5 - 13) **11am - 12pm**

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Mad Science SW (a community interest company) are here to spark the imaginations and curiosity of all children. Fostering a love for science and providing them with the tools to fuel their own discoveries! We focus on providing fun & engaging educational programmes, which are curriculum correlated and tailored to maximise their impact. Hosted at your child's school our clubs are a great solution to explore their passions through STEM.



AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE



HERE AT
YOUR
SCHOOL

The Club

Mad Science Afterschool Clubs provide the perfect mix of fun, interactive, educational content. Taking aspects of physics, chemistry and some biology to engage and excite all children enrolled. Our hands-on, enquiry based sessions encourage independent learning skills and discovery at their pace. They'll be immersed in a fully unique and different topic each week during the course, so there's plenty to explore as they get to grips with key science concepts and fun STEM based explorations.

**They'll have so much fun,
they forget they're learning**

Booking



Scan QR code to access registration.

1. Create your parent account
2. Add your child's details
3. Book Your Course

If you have an iPAL account with us, simply log in and choose your new club dates to secure your space.



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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!

THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEARS 3 - 6

Afterschool Code Club

Our first term starts with **GAMEBUILDING!** Become a coding legend and build your own epic 2D & 3D computer games with your team! Dream up worlds, animate characters, and code awesome interactive features using visual tools. Learn to think logically, solve challenges like a pro, and work together to bring your wildest game ideas to life. Finish the workshop with a coding certificate, and one team will even take home the ultimate trophy! Ready to level up your creativity and build the games everyone will be talking about?

NEW

In the second term, get ready for **MINECRAFT ESCAPE ROOMS!** An epic adventure where your coding skills will be put to the ultimate test! Using visual code, tackle exciting escape room challenges inside Minecraft. Build bridges, solve mind-bending puzzles, and use your coding knowledge to unlock the secrets of the castle. For the grand finale, take on an adrenaline-pumping parkour challenge and escape the castle once and for all! Do you have what it takes to solve the puzzles, code your way to victory, and make it out in time?

**“You can’t use up creativity.
The more you use, the more you have”**

DATES

Tuesdays
21th Apr - 7th Jul

TIME

3:20 - 4:20 PM

PRICE

£ 114.40 for 11 weeks
of fun learning

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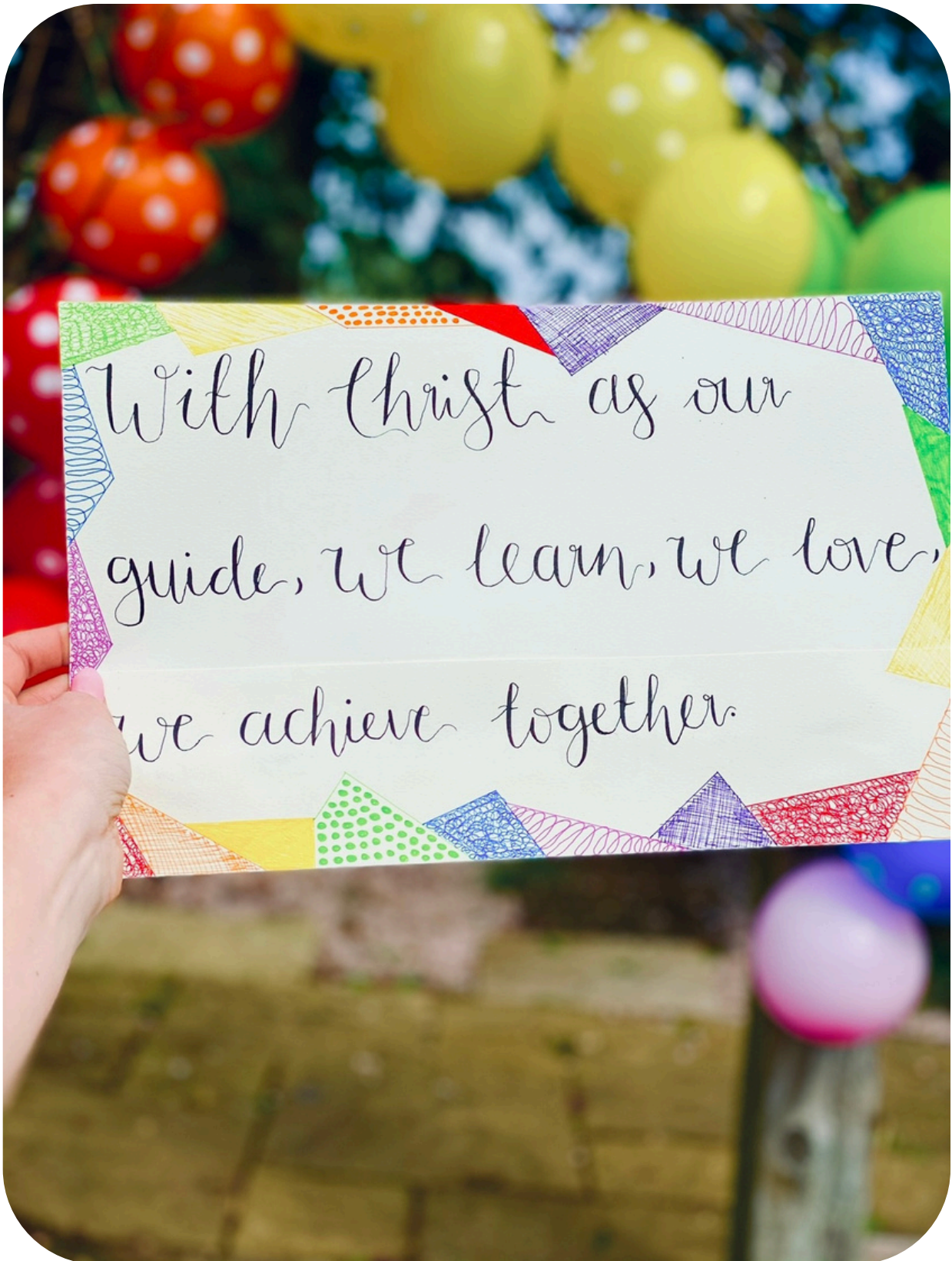
Join us for our Summer Festival

Saturday 27 June, 12.30pm - 4pm

Our theme is High School Musical. We are inviting local community groups from schools, Scouts, Brownies and dance organisations to perform on our stage to showcase their talents. We will also be welcoming a children's magician, ice cream van and a selection of stalls holders. BBQ food will be available, where we request cash payments.

To register your interest as a performance group/individual, or as a stall holder, or for more information, please call us on **01932 338000**.

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