Marist Mail

Friday 6th November 2026



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



Dear Marist Families,

"We will remember them'

As we mark Remembrance Sunday, we will be encouraging the children to pause and remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts. We will think about the soldiers who gave their lives, as well as the many men, women and children whose lives have been affected by war. We will also take time to reflect on those we have loved and lost, remembering that although people may no longer be with us, the love and memories we hold in our hearts remain. Sunday's Gospel tells us the parable of the ten bridesmaids and reminds us to be ready and to keep our lamps burning. We will reflect on how we can keep the light of love, hope and peace shining in our own lives through the way we treat others. As we remember those who have gone before us, we will consider how we can honour them by choosing kindness, compassion and peace in the world .

Next week…

- Remembrance Week
- Book Fair under the canopy after school - Tuesday to Friday
- Monday 9th November - Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Meetings
- Tuesday 10th November - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Meetings
- Wednesday 11th November - Year 3 and 4 Parent Meetings
- Wednesday 11th November - EYFS Phonics Worship 2.30-3.00pm
- Thursday 12th November - Parents Tours - please book via the website
- Friday 13th November - 4P Class Worship 8.55 (Coffee and Tea avaliable)
- Saturday 14th November - Marist Winter Fayre

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Our School Website



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Catholic Life

A huge well done to 5C for their fantastic class worship! The children did a wonderful job sharing their learning and talents with us and we are very proud of their confidence and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Miss Bruce and Mrs Wesley for all their hard work in preparing the children and making it such a success.

Welcome back

We hope everyone has enjoyed a lovely half-term break and had the opportunity to spend some special time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, refreshed and ready for another busy half term. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities and activities planned over the coming weeks. Thank you, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a happy and productive half term together!

Remembrance Week

Next week, as part of Remembrance Week, the children will be taking time to reflect on the impact of war on people's lives, both past and present. Through history and art, they will explore the experiences of those affected by conflict, with a particular focus on the lives of evacuees during the Second World War. We will also come together for a special Remembrance worship in the school hall on Remembrance Day, giving us an opportunity to pause, reflect and remember all those whose lives have been affected by war. Children who are members of uniformed organisations, such as Scouts, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows, are very welcome to wear their uniforms to school on this day.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo

Key Calendar Dates for Autumn 2

Dates may be subject to change



Week beginning 9th November - Remembrance Week

Week beginning 9th November - Book Fair (after school)

Monday 9th November - Year 5 and 6 Parent Meetings

Tuesday 10th November - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Meetings

Wednesday 11th November - Year 3 and 4 Parent Meetings

Thursday 12th November - Parent Tour 9.15am



Friday 13th November - Class 4P Worship (teas and coffees)

Saturday 14th November - Winter Fayre

Monday 16th November - Year 5 and 6 Parent Meetings



Friday 20th November - Year 5 Viking Day



Tuesday 24th November - Class 5C to Mass

Wednesday 25th November - Year 6 SJB Trip

Friday 27th November - EYFS Visit to the postbox



Sunday 29th November - First Sunday of Advent

Monday 30th November - St Francis Xavier Day - School closure



Friday 4th December - EYFS Advent Performance - 9.30am

Week beginning 7th December - Reindeer Run

Monday 7th December - Year 3 and 4 Show and Share

Wednesday 9th December - PTA Meeting - 9.00am

Wednesday 9th December - Year 5 and 6 Show and Share



Thursday 10th December - KS1 Advent Performance (Year 1 families)

Friday 11th December - KS1 Advent Performance (Year 2 families)

Monday 14th December - KS2 Rehearsal at the Church - 9-11am

Tuesday 15th December - KS2 Advent Performance - Our Lady's - 5pm

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch and Jumpers



Friday 18th December - Advent Mass led by 5J - 9am

Friday 18th December - End of Term - 1.15pm



Book Fair - next week

Next week, from Tuesday to Friday, we are delighted to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair under the canopy outside the hall.
Please come along and support the fair by purchasing a book. With Christmas just around the corner, it's a great opportunity to pick up a gift while encouraging a love of reading. Every book purchased helps our school earn rewards to buy even more books for our children.

Please note: Payment is made via a QR code and you will need your card details to complete your purchase. Unfortunately, Apple Pay is not available.

If you are able to spare some time to help run the book fair during the week, we would be very grateful. Please let Miss Ripley know if you can help. A huge thank you to the parents who have already offered their support – it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Book Fair!

Catholic Social Teaching

Each half term, we reflect on a different Catholic Social Teaching value. During Autumn 1, we focused on Human Dignity, learning that everyone is special and loved by God. This week, we were delighted to award certificates to the children who consistently live out this value through their words and actions.



RA - Theo

RD- Gigi

1G - Theo

1P - Emma

2A - Zaki

2F - Clemmie

3M - Haoyun

3B- Zelie

4P - Viola

4T - Leanne

5C - Nancy

5J - Joseph

6L - Olivier

6T - Darcie

News from the PTA

Thanks to everyone who donated to the clothing collection. There were lots of bags collected and it raised £232.20 (and it gave us the opportunity to have clear out!).



A few dates for your diary:

Marist Market – 14th November (ONE WEEK TO GO!)

Tickets are now on sale for the Winter Market. You can buy them using this link. 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.

We will be putting out some very specific requests in weeks to come. For the moment if anyone is able to attend on Friday 13th to help put up Christmas lights to give the event atmosphere please make yourself known. The lights will be provided but we need some help (possibly a group of Dads) to get them up in time for the Marist Market.

If you have any unwanted and good condition toys or books that you would be happy to donate to the toy stall for the Marist Market we are now collecting donations (please see poster). These can be left in the black bins under the canopy.

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 MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO THE MARIST WINTER MARKET

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and shopping
at the Marist Catholic Primary School, West Byfleet, KT14 6HS
14th November 12-4 pm



COME AND FEED THE REINDEER

baked goods, meats and cheeses

wood crafts and jewellery

condiments and honey

natural soaps, candles and floral arrangements

games, crafts and activities for children

mulled wine, licensed bar and a selection of hot street food

Family tickets £7 (max 2 adults 2 children, only available when pre-booking) adults £3.50, children £2.

PRE-BOOKING ADVISED


The Marist Catholic Primary School
Winter Market
Wanted
new or excellent condition
Toys and Books.
Please leave donations
in the black bins
underneath the canopy.
Please donate by
Tuesday 10th November

Ottershaw Christmas Tree Farm & Santa's Grotto

Opens 27th November



The Farm

Huge selection of trees, accessories, coffee trailer and more.

The Grotto

Weekends: pre-book your visit at **thegrotto.mauricemandry.com**

Weekdays: just walk up!

More farm info at **mauricemandry.com**

@ottershawchristmastreefarm

Attendance Matters

- Yesterday our whole school attendance was 96.9%.
- 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.



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.

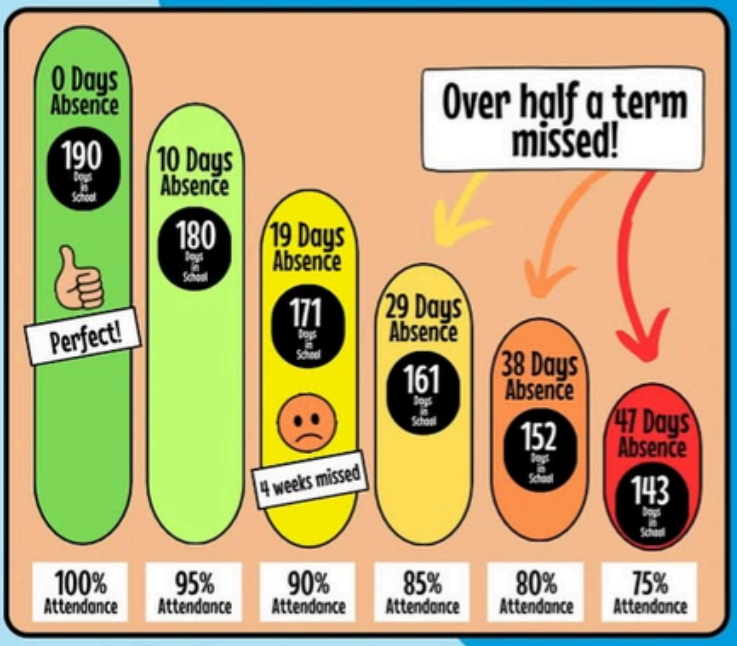
Social Skills
Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.

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.

Silly School Education



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.

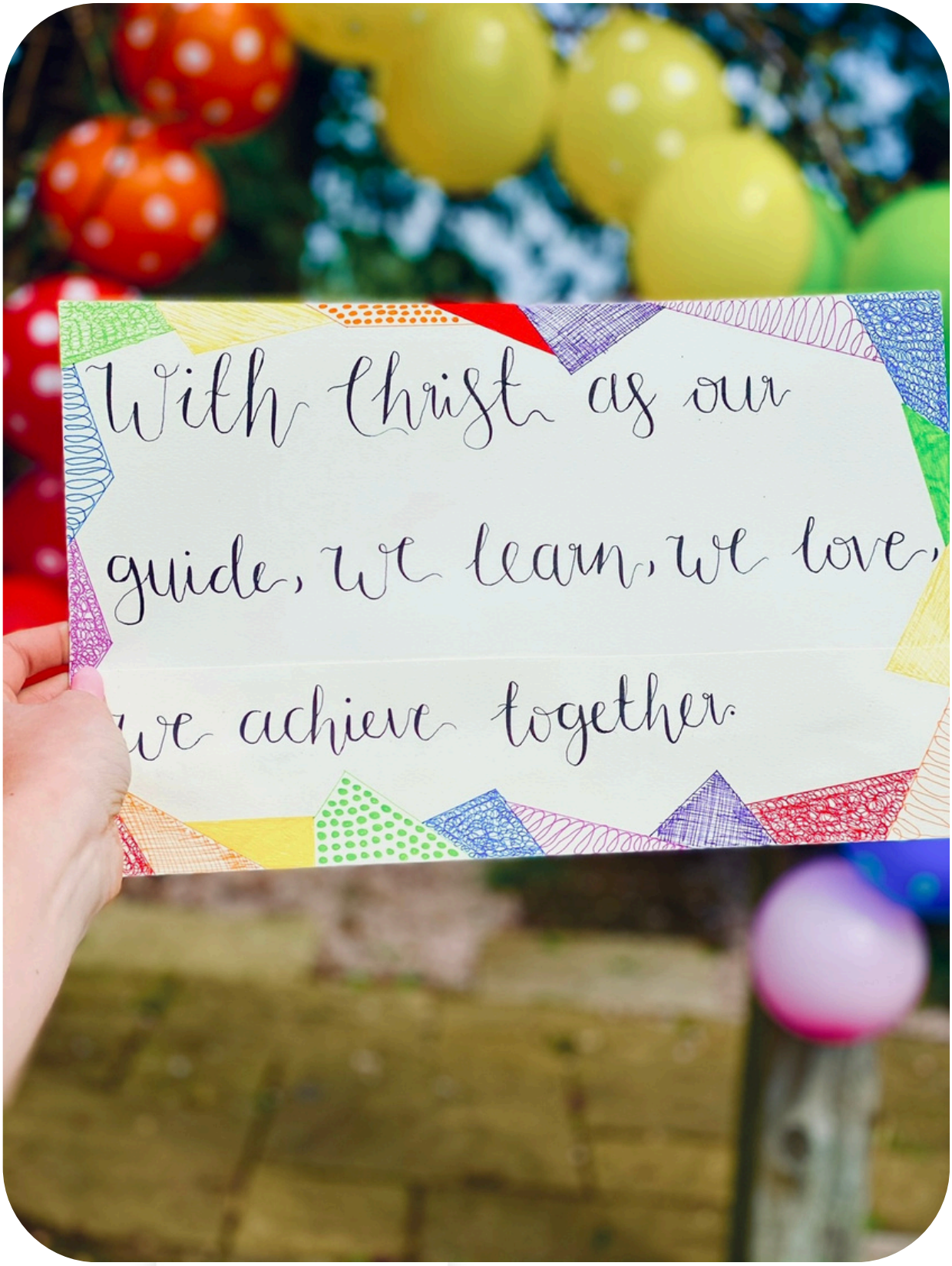
All the teachers have an activity for the children to complete when they enter the classroom. This means learning starts as soon as the children sit down at their desks.



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



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