



Marist Mail

Friday 24th April 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

'I am the door of the sheep'



This Sunday's Gospel invites us to think about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. When we talk with the children, we will explore what it means to know that Jesus looks after us, just as a shepherd lovingly cares for each of their sheep. Jesus also describes himself as the door. This might sound a little strange at first, but it helps us understand how much he cares for our safety. A door protects the sheep, keeps danger out and provides a safe place to rest. In the same way, Jesus keeps us safe, watching over us and protecting us with his love. We will encourage the children to think about the quiet voice inside their hearts. Is that Jesus gently guiding them? Do they listen when they feel encouraged to be kind, to forgive or to make good choices? We'll talk about how listening to Jesus means being open to advice, learning from others and trusting that he always wants what is best for us.

Next week...

The Great Marist Bird Watch Week

Saturday 25th - PTA Uniform Sale
- 9am-11am

Wednesday 29th April - St David Class
Visit to the Library

Friday 1st May - Class 3B Worship -
Families welcome 9am



info@marist.surrey.sch.uk



01932 344477



[Our School Website](#)



continued...

Catholic Life

Well done to 1P for a super Class Worship this morning. It isn't easy speaking in front of that many people and you did so well!

EYFS

Over the past two weeks, our EYFS children have enjoyed some wonderful learning experiences beyond the classroom. A highlight was our recent visit to Little Street in West Byfleet, where the children had lots of fun exploring, playing and learning together. It was a joy to see their imaginations come to life and their confidence grow as they explored the different activity areas. The children have also been visiting the local library, developing their love of books and learning how to share stories in a calm and welcoming space. These visits have been a valuable opportunity to encourage curiosity, listening skills, and a lifelong enjoyment of reading. A huge thank you to our EYFS staff, whose care, organisation and enthusiasm made these trips so successful. Thank you, also, to our parent helpers for giving their time and support- we could not do these experiences without you!

Lunchtimes in the Sunshine!

It has been absolutely lovely to enjoy the recent sunshine and even more wonderful to see the children making the most of their lunchtime play outdoors. The playground is full of smiles as the children move confidently between the different play zones, choosing activities that spark their interests and imaginations. From dressing up, games, sports, the adventure playground, colouring and musical instruments, there is something for everyone and it is a joy to see how engaged and happy the children are. A special mention must go to Disco Thursday, which continues to be a firm favourite- the children's enthusiasm, energy and enjoyment are clear to see and it creates such a positive atmosphere. Thank you to all of our lunchtime staff for their continued hard work to make it such a success



With every blessing,

Mrs Fanzo



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.



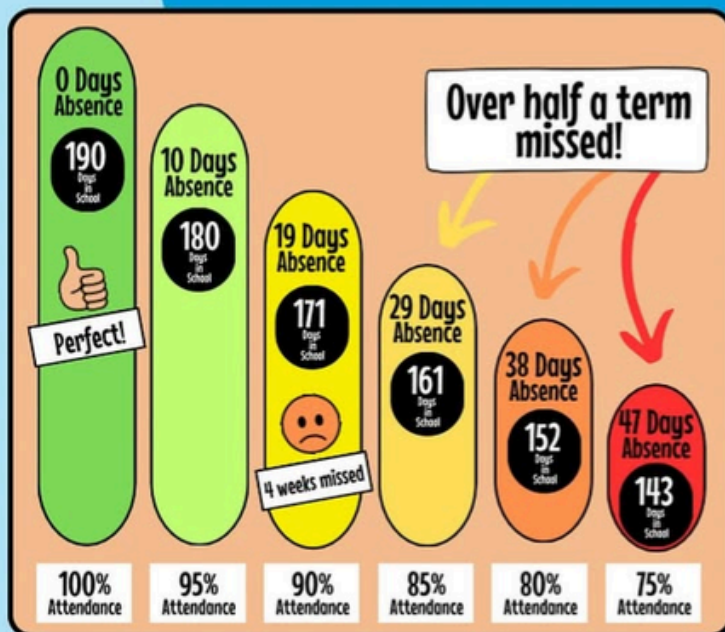
Building Confidence

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.

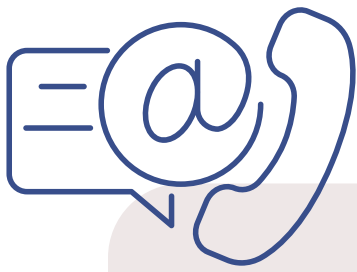
Stay in touch

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...

Thanks to everyone who supported the uniform sale before and after school.

Just a quick reminder that we will be outside the canopy on Saturday morning between 9:00 and 11:00 if you didn't manage to get there. Thanks so much to Viktoria for everything she does to organise the stock and the uniform sales.

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.

Please spread the word... September 2026 cohort



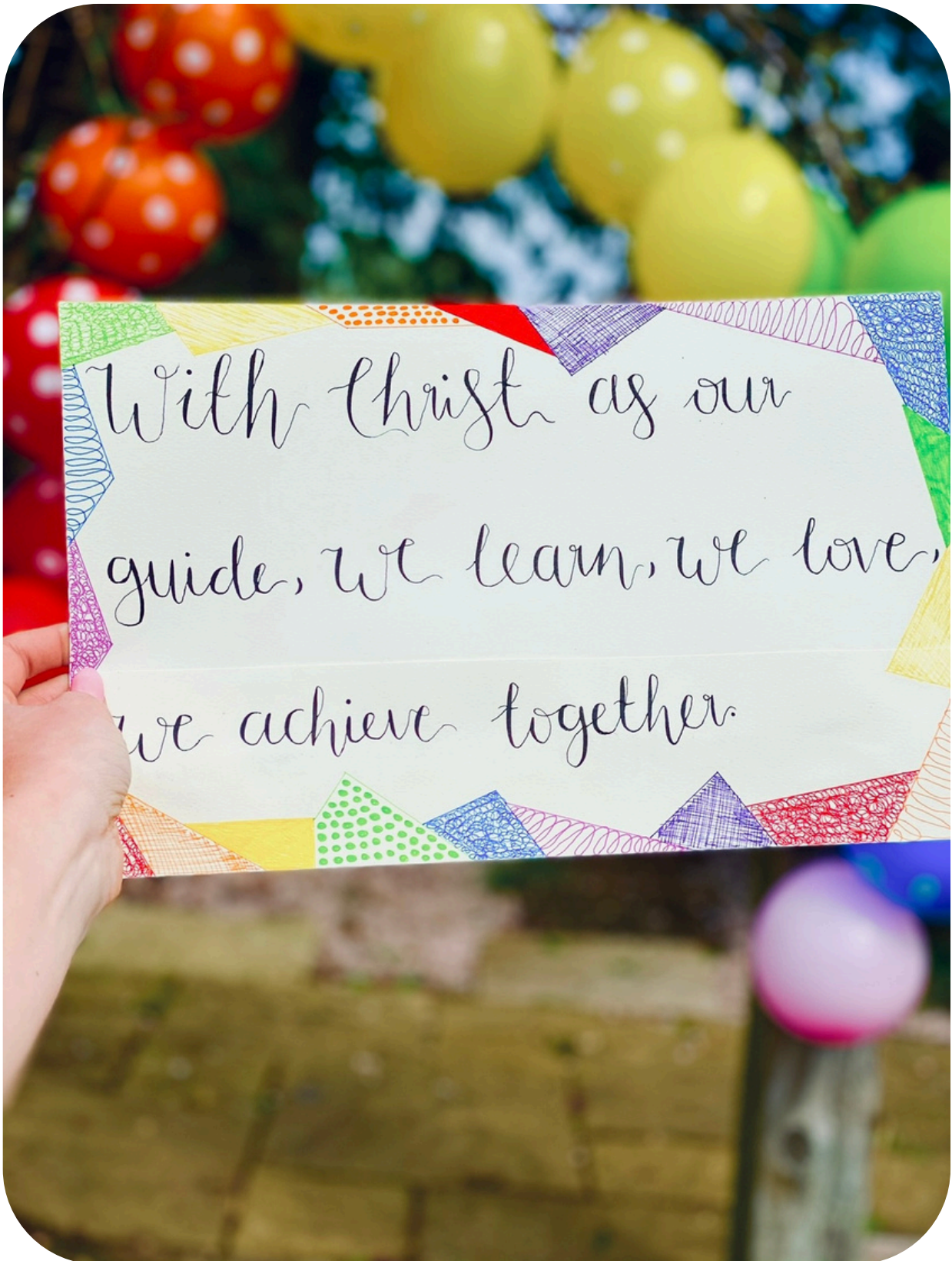
The Marist Catholic Primary

SCHOOL STARTER SESSION

Saturday 11th July 13:35 - 15:00



Book at www.little-street.co.uk or call 01932 976894



@THEMARIST_WB

Follow us on
Instagram to keep up
to date with life at The
Marist