



Marist Mail

Friday 30th January 2026



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

Dear Marist families,



Next week, we will be reflecting on The Beatitudes, a beautiful teaching from Jesus about how we can live lives filled with kindness, fairness, and compassion.

These messages encourage us to think about how we treat others and how we help to build a community where everyone feels valued and included. As part of this focus, we will be inviting the children to explore how the Beatitudes link with our British Values, including respect, tolerance, fairness and individual responsibility. We will also be helping the children think about inclusion and how Jesus showed love to everyone he met, regardless of their background, differences or needs.

Catholic Life

Today, 6L led a truly fantastic class worship and we could not be more proud of them. The children showed great confidence and maturity as they presented to the school community. It was clear how much effort had gone into preparing the worship and the pupils worked brilliantly

Next week...

Monday 2nd February - Online Safety
Talk - The Breck Foundation 6pm

Tuesday 3rd February - EYFS
Handwriting Workshop 2.30pm

Friday 6th February - Class 2F
Worship 9am

Friday 6th February - PTA Meeting 9am

Friday 6th February - Class 3M to Mass
at Our Lady's - 10am

Friday 6th February - Year 4 Roman
Day

Tuesday 16th June - Class 6L to Mass -
New Date



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together to deliver something special. Huge thanks to Mr Moore and the 6L Team who supported 6L in preparing for today.

E-Safety

This week, we were delighted to welcome specialist visitors into school to speak with the children about e-safety and how to stay safe and responsible online. During these sessions, the pupils learned about making sensible choices, protecting personal information, recognising unsafe situations and seeking help if something online makes them feel worried or unsure. These discussions support our ongoing commitment to ensuring all children understand how to navigate the digital world confidently and safely.

We will also be holding a parent e-safety session on Monday 2nd February where families can learn practical strategies to support safe online behaviour at home.

Mrs Morreale

After an incredible 25 years at The Marist, we are celebrating the retirement of the wonderful Mrs Morreale, who has left us today. Known for her colourful outfits, warm smile and quick humour, she has brightened our school every single day. Over the years, she has taken on many roles- lunchtime supervisor, LSA, after-school club leader and, of course, a much-loved and invaluable member of the school office. Her knowledge, kindness and calm presence have supported staff, pupils and families alike and we will dearly miss hearing her famous reminder: "Slide the bolt; push the gate!" She has made our community warmer, fairer and more joyful and while we will miss her greatly, we wish her the happiest and most well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Mrs Morreale, for being such a fabulous and colourful part of Team Marist.

We would like to welcome Mrs Gale who has been working in the office for the past couple of weeks. She will be taking on Mrs Morreale's role from Monday.

With every blessing
Mrs Fanzo



Handwriting

Workshop for EYFS families



Tuesday 3rd February 2026



2.30–3.15pm

Opportunity to see how we teach early handwriting skills and how you can support your child at home. See message sent via Arbor.



Contacting Us

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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.



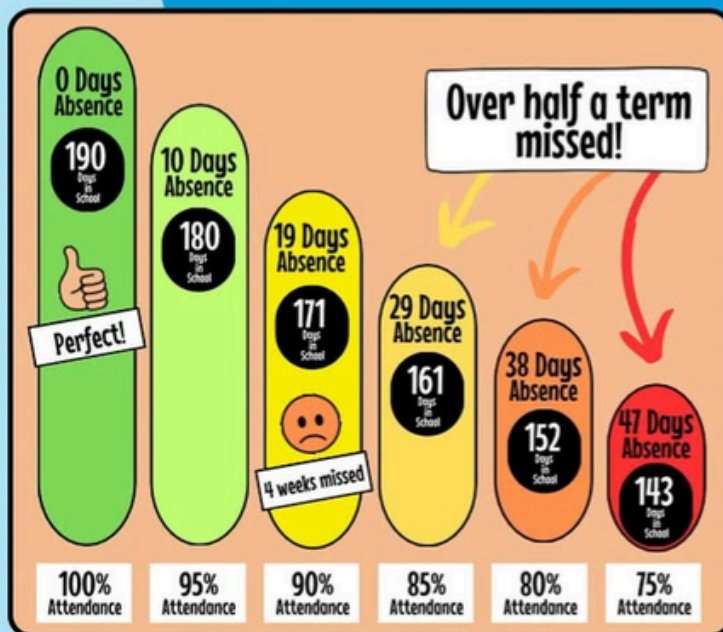
Building Confidence

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



Today our whole school attendance was 99.3%.



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.

Chess Club

On Friday 23rd January, children from the School Chess Team took part in a chess tournament at St Dunstan's school in Woking.

There were 8 schools participating and the event was played in great spirits.

Well done to all children who took part.



Community Box

One of our Marist Learners is in a tennis documentary called 'Super Seniors' on Amazon Prime. It was filmed a few years ago, but due to COVID it has only just been released. Eyes peeled to spot her!



THANK YOU!

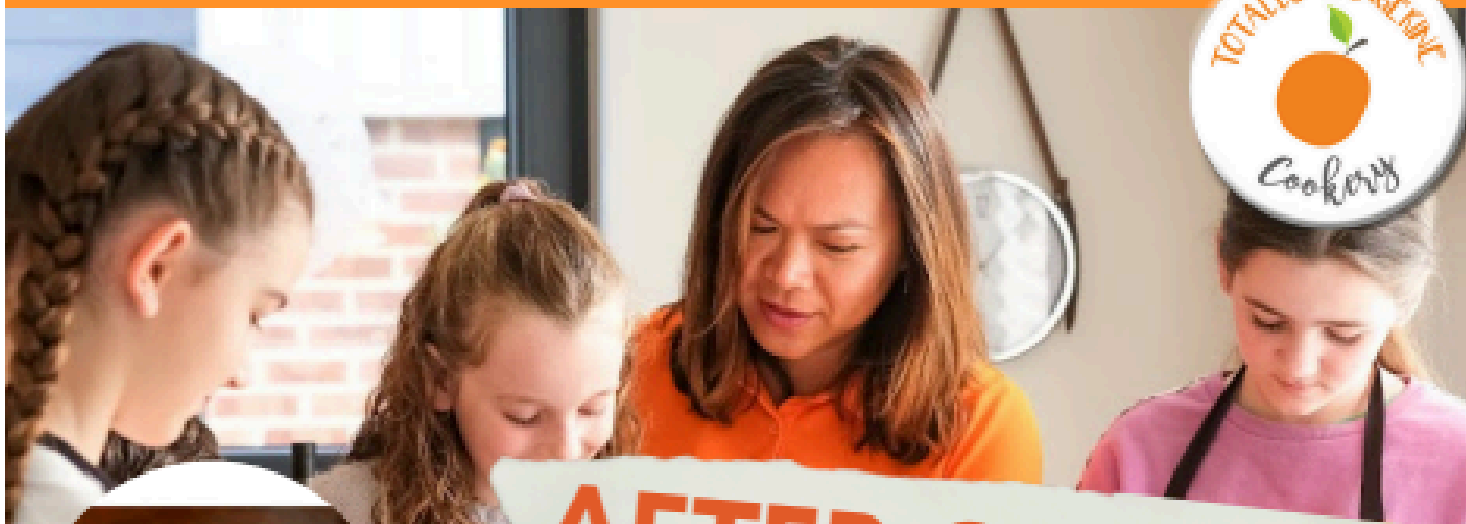
Advent Donations

Thank you so much for all the generous donations to our Advent Collection (Advent performances, Carol Service and Reindeer Run). We are able to make a donation to Woking and Sam Beare Hospice of £1176.14. Thank you!



Trading Cards

To help keep our school day calm and focused, we're asking students to leave any type of trading cards at home. Thanks for your understanding and support.



AFTER-SCHOOL COOKERY CLUB JOIN AFTER FEB HALF TERM

*The Marist Catholic Primary School,
Tuesdays, 3:20 - 4:30, YR2 to YR6*



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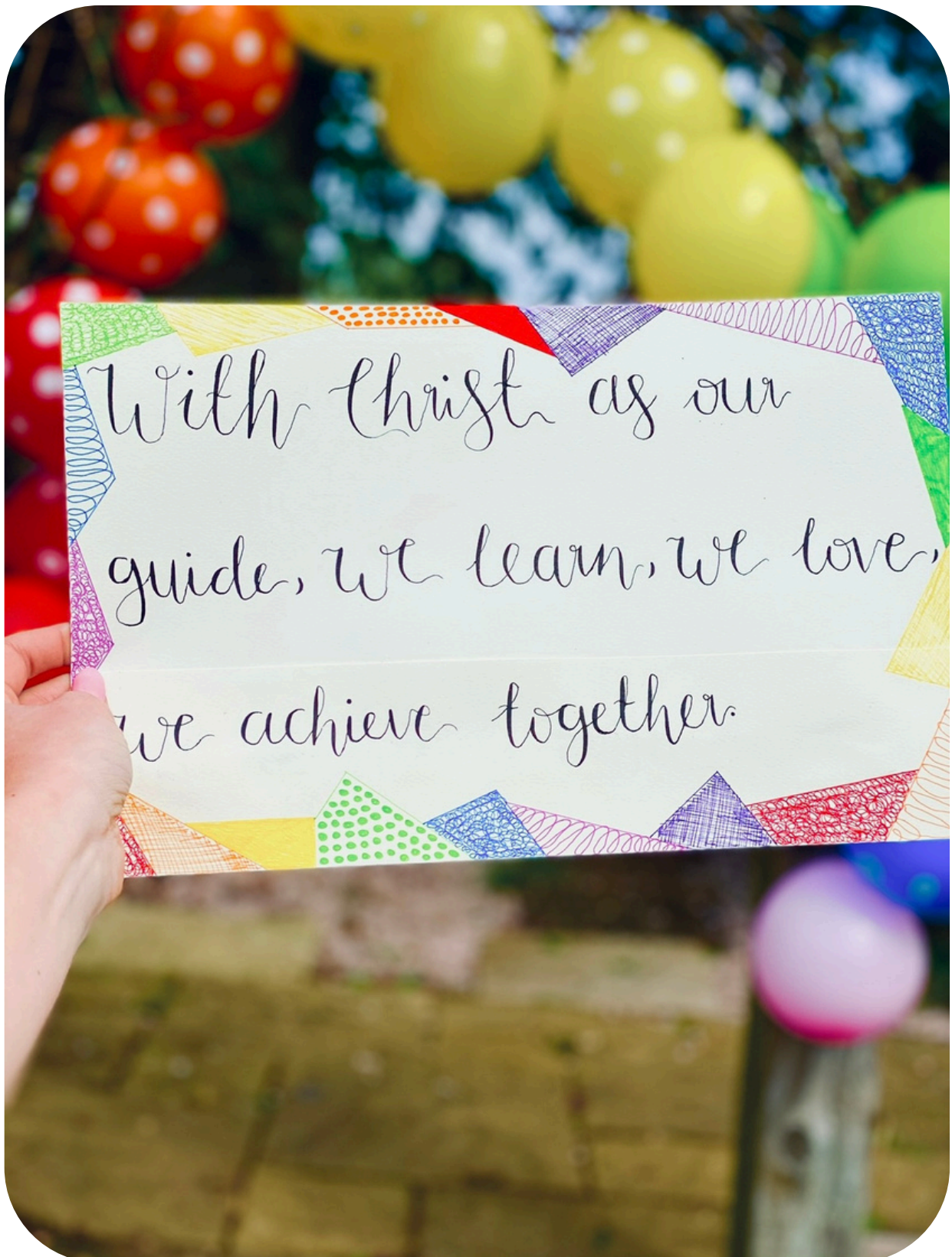
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Club runs from 24 Feb to 24 Mar

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