



Marist Mail

Friday 20th March 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

'I am the resurrection and the life.'

In next week's Gospel, we hear the amazing

story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Everyone was so sad because Lazarus had died, but Jesus showed them that God's love is stronger than anything- even stronger than death! When Jesus called, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus walked out of the tomb, alive again. This miracle reminds us that Jesus brings hope and life to every situation, even when things feel dark or impossible. Where in your own life do you need Jesus to bring light, hope or a fresh start? And how can you help bring that same hope to someone else this week?

Catholic Life

We want to say a big thank you to Fr Aaron, who has been visiting our classes and taking time to talk with the children. His stories and prayers have helped us all grow a little closer to Jesus. We also want to congratulate 5J, who represented



Next week...

Tuesday 24th March - Xavier Science Fair

Wednesday 25th March - Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm

Wednesday 25th March - Whole School Show and Share

Thursday 26th March - Year 3 and 4 Paschal Play - 9.30am

Thursday 26th March - Big Lent Walk for CAFOD - donate via ScoPay

Thursday 26th March - Year 4 Residential Meeting - 4pm

Friday 27th March - Stations of the Cross - 9am parents welcome



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our school wonderfully at Our Lady's- they made us very proud! And well done to 6T for leading a beautiful child-led liturgy; your confidence and reverence were inspiring.

Across the school, classes have been taking part in Visio Divina, which means "divine seeing." It's a quiet, prayerful way of looking at a sacred image and asking God to speak to our hearts through what we notice. The children used Visio Divina to reflect on the images of their class saints, thinking about how those saints can guide and inspire them each day.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

It's hard to believe how quickly we are approaching the end of term- time is flying by! A reminder that we are still in winter uniform, so boys must remember to wear their ties each day. After Eater, children may wear their summer uniform and no ties are required.

Practices for our Paschal Play are now well underway, and the children are working beautifully to prepare something truly special.

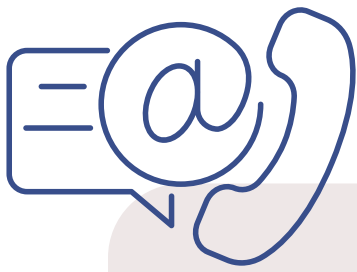
We are also delighted to be welcoming visitors from St Hugh and St Augustine's on Tuesday. Because of this, Show and Share for the whole school will take place on Wednesday instead. It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting week, and we're looking forward to everything the children will accomplish!

Parking Reminder

A gentle reminder to all families to please park considerately and safely around the school. We kindly ask that you avoid blocking driveways, parking on corners or stopping on the yellow zig-zags. These rules help keep all our children safe, especially at the busy drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your continued cooperation and for helping us keep our school community safe and respectful.

With every blessing,

Mrs Fanzo



Contacting Us

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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

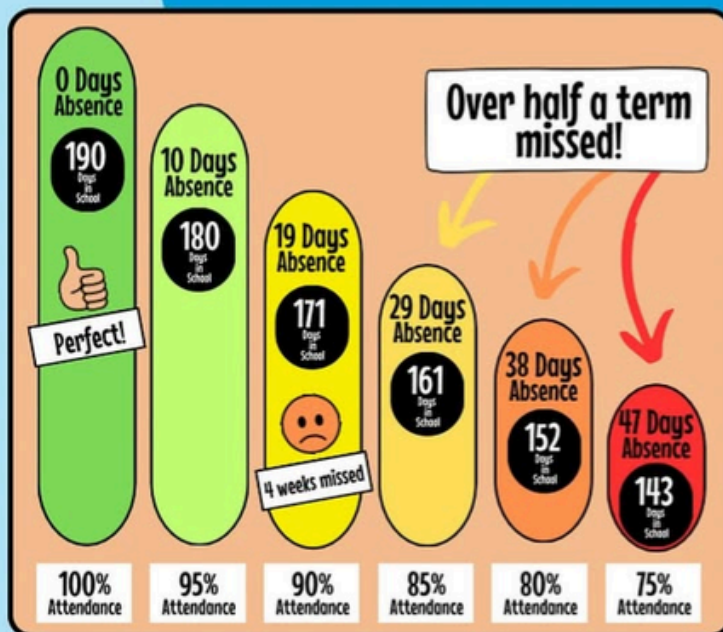
School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...

<p>Academic Achievement</p> <p>Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.</p>	<p>Social Skills</p> <p>Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.</p>	<p>Routine & Responsibility</p> <p>Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.</p>	<p>Focus & Engagement</p> <p>Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.</p>	<p>Building Confidence</p> <p>Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.</p>	<p>Enhanced Learning Opportunities</p> <p>School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.</p>
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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...

<p>Set a regular routine</p> <p>A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.</p>	<p>Aim for every day</p> <p>Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.</p>	<p>Plan appointments carefully</p> <p>Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.</p>	<p>Talk positively about school</p> <p>Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.</p>	<p>Stay in touch</p> <p>When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.</p>	<p>Prepare the night before</p> <p>Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.</p>
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Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 88.2%.



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.



Community Box



A huge congratulations to one of our Marist learners for finishing the Quran in Arabic (the Quran consists of 30 books).

Completing such a significant journey at the age of eight is an inspiring achievement that deserves high praise. This is a wonderful accomplishment reflecting hours of hard work and consistency. She has also memorised several verses of the Quran too.

Well done.



News from the PTA...

Hasn't it been nice to see some sun this week – the promise of spring is right round the corner and with it comes the Easter holidays and a chance to clear out for our upcoming clothing collection.

This will be on 14th April at drop off. Please see the attached poster for what is and isn't collected. The PTA gets a price per kilo for the items donated which adds up! This is a great way to support the PTA and have a clear out at the same time.

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 next term. 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.



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

14 APRIL
TUESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



PREMIER

HOLIDAY CLUBS

MORE fun, More friendships, More smiles
during the **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

**BOOK
TODAY**



**@ West Byfleet Infant
School**





FUN, TRAINING AND GAMES
AFTER EASTER 2026

WE HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR
YOUR RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2
TO JOIN US



EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE

Saturday mornings

08:30 - 09:30

Reception, Year 1 & 2

Inside the fabulous sports hall

CARDINALSNETBALL.COM



Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

[bemyfriend.tv](https://www.bemyfriend.tv)





ART CLUB 'FUTURE CREATIVES' PART 2

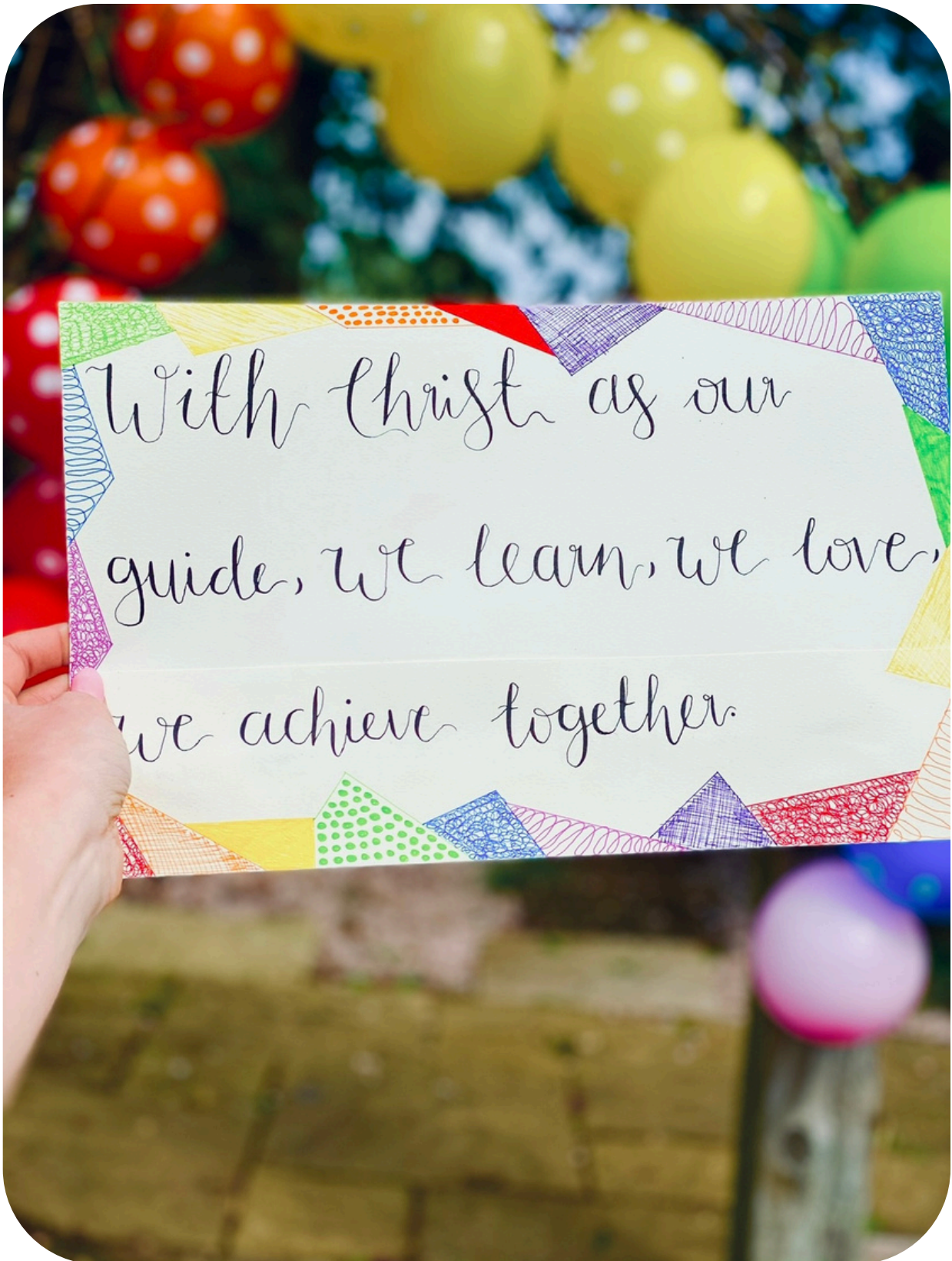
Tuesdays 3.15-5pm
Years 1-6

14th April - 30th June 2026
£143, with 10% sibling discount

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