# Marist Mail

Friday 13th November 2026



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

Dear Marist Families,



*'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'*

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A master gives different amounts of money to three servants before going away. Two servants use what they have been given wisely and double it, while the third servant, out of fear, hides his money and does nothing with it. When the master returns, he praises the first two servants for their faithfulness and initiative but rebukes the third for wasting the opportunity he was given. We will be explaining to the children that God gives each of us gifts, talents and opportunities. He asks us to use them courageously and generously in His service rather than hiding them. How will they use their talents?

## Next week…

Monday 16th November - Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Meetings

Friday 20th November - Year 5 Viking Day

Friday 20th November - The Power of Play - EYFS nad KS1 families 9.00am


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**Remembrance Week**



As part of Remembrance Week, the children have taken part in a variety of meaningful activities, including learning about the experiences of evacuees during wartime and reflecting on the sacrifices made by so many. We held our two-minute silence on Wednesday and it was wonderful to see so many children proudly wearing their Brownies, Scouts, Guides and Cadets uniforms. The thoughtful work produced by the children has also been a real highlight, demonstrating both their understanding and respect for this important occasion. We are especially grateful to Colonel Money, who visited on Monday to share his own experiences with the children.

**Catholic Life**



Congratulations to 4P for leading their class worship this week. The children spoke with great confidence. Thank you also to Miss Madariaga for all the hard work and preparation that went into making the worship such a success. We are very proud of all of them.

**Marist Learners**

A huge well done to our Sports Captains for their fantastic initiative in organising a cake sale to raise funds for new sports equipment. Their proactive approach and commitment to improving opportunities for their fellow Marist learners is a wonderful example of pupil leadership in action. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and would also like to thank their families for their generous support.



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**Parking**

I was disappointed to learn of a recent Facebook post highlighting poor parking by some members of our school community. As representatives of The Marist, we are called to demonstrate respect, consideration and care for others, values that sit at the heart of both our school and our Catholic faith. I ask all families to be mindful when parking and to show the courtesy and thoughtfulness that we expect from our community. We all want our children to arrive and leave school safely. Where residents raise complaints, we will advise them to report anyone parking where they shouldn't.

**Uniform reminder**

All boys from Year 3-6 should be wearing school ties with their winter uniform. Please also ensure that all coats and winter accessories are black or navy. Thank you for your support
with this.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo

# Key Calendar Dates for Autumn 2

*Dates may be subject to change*

Saturday 14th November - Winter Fayre

Monday 16th November - Year 5 and 6 Parent Meetings



Friday 20th November - Year 5 Viking Day

Monday 23rd November - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to the Travelling Crib



Tuesday 24th November - Class 5C to Mass

Wednesday 25th November - Year 6 SJB Trip



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

# 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

# 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.

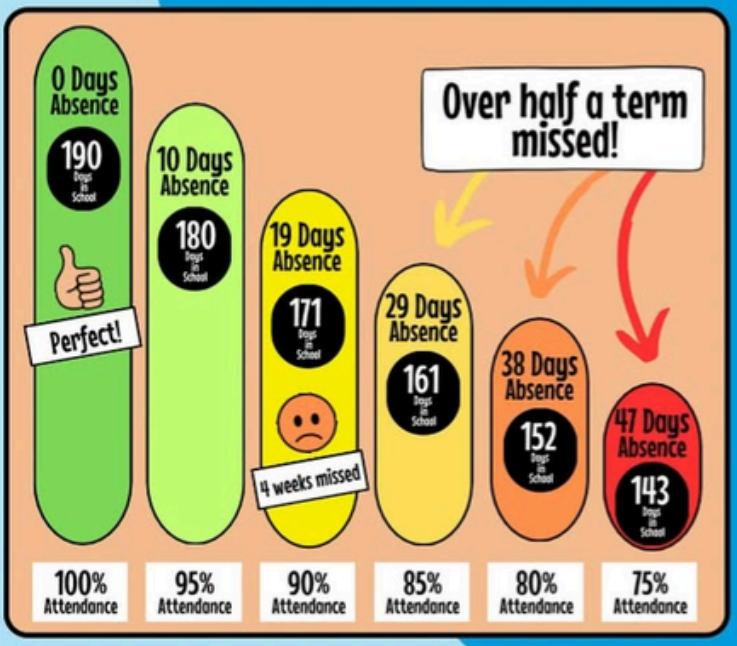
### Social Skills
Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.

### 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.

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# 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




We welcome **EVERYONE** to our

# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

# FREE EVENT

**21st of December**

**Eastwood Leisure Centre**

**12-3pm**




**Meet the Cherry Trees Mascot and enjoy an afternoon of**

**FOOD - CHILDREN'S PRESENTS - ACTIVITIES**

**ADULTS & CHILDREN WELCOME - EMAIL: JAYJONES@EVERYONEACTIVE.COM FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET**

**Eastwood Leisure Centre**
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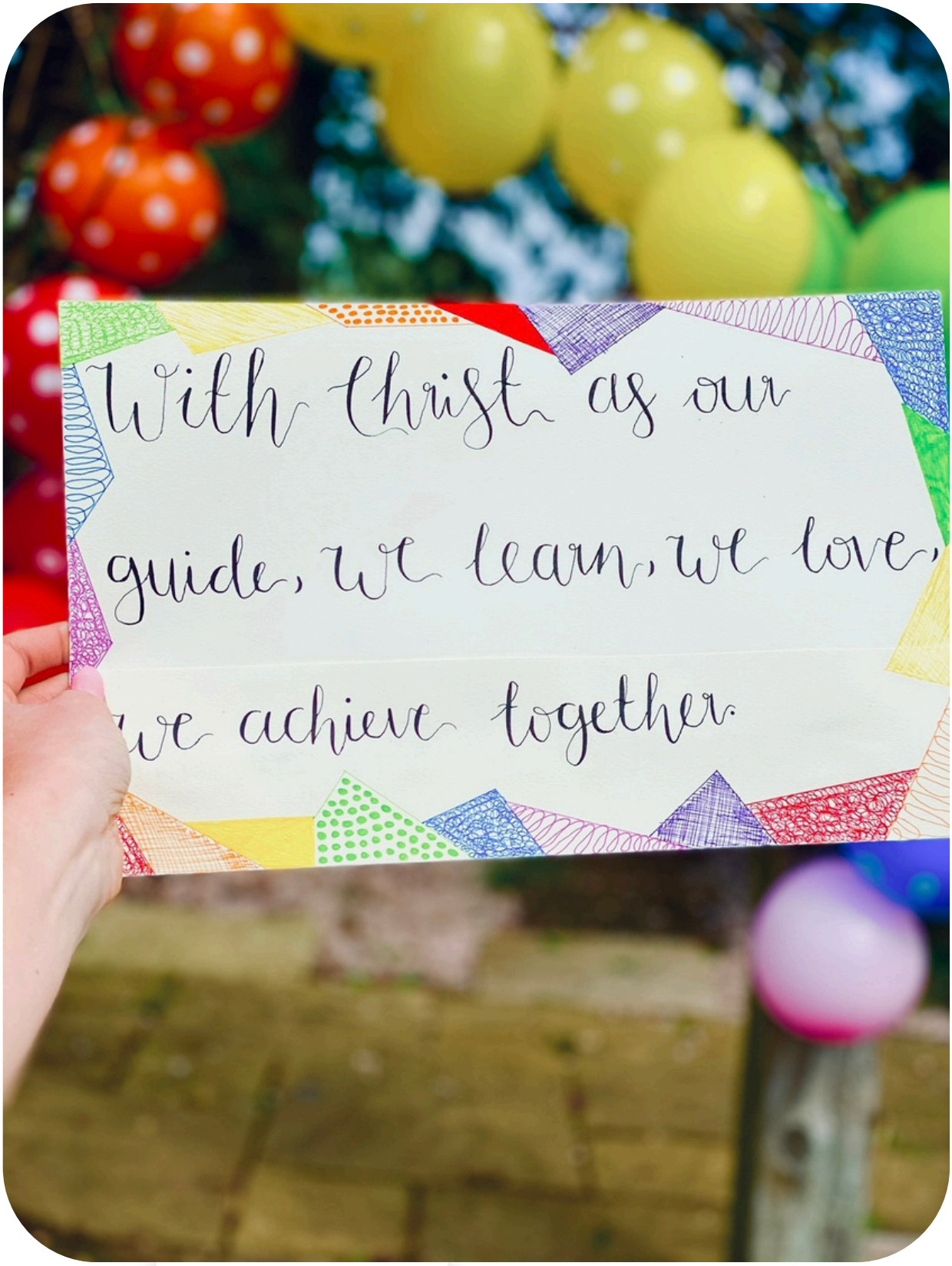
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