



Marist Mail

Friday 8th May 2026



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

Dear Marist families,



'If you love me, you will keep my commandments'

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." He teaches us that love is shown not just in words, but in actions. We can link this to the promises we make each day: to our friends, our families and to God. When we keep our promises, even when it is difficult, we show care, trust and respect for others. When we break them, that trust can be hurt. This week, we will ask the children to think about the promises they make, why keeping them matters and how being faithful to our word is one simple way we can show our love, just as Jesus asks us to do.

Well done, 1G

Well done to 1G for a fantastic worship. You did a wonderful job. It was clear how much thought, effort and care went into preparing it and it was truly uplifting to see. Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work. You should be very proud of what you achieved.

Next week... Y6 SATs Week

Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day
Mass led by Liturgy Leaders - 2pm

Friday 15th May - 4T Class Worship -
families welcome - 9am start

Saturday 15th May 2026 - First Holy
Communion Masses
(11am and 1.30pm)

Sunday 17th May 2026 - First Holy
Communion Celebration Mass -
9.15am



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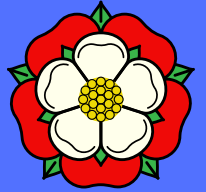
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Ufton Court

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Ufton Court, where they thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time and taking part in exciting Tudor activities. The children had great fun learning about life in Tudor times, including dressing up, enjoying a traditional Tudor banquet and taking part in a dramatic raid. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork throughout the trip. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support the visit and make it so memorable, particularly Miss Stimpson and Miss Madariaga.



More Trips!

Some of our Liturgy Leaders also enjoyed a special day out at Wintershall this week, accompanied by Mrs Cheadle and Mrs Cunningham. The visit was a valuable and inspiring experience, giving the children the opportunity to deepen their understanding of faith. Meanwhile, 2F had a lovely visit to the local library, where they enjoyed stories and developed their love of reading. Both outings were excellent opportunities to enrich learning beyond the classroom and our thanks go to the staff who supported and made these visits possible.

A Prayer for Year 6

Dear God,

Thank you for each of the wonderful Year 6 children.

As SATs week approaches, please help them to stay calm and confident.

Remind them that they are always loved and valued, no matter what.

Give them clear minds, brave hearts and the courage to try their best.

Help them to remember all they have learned and to be kind to themselves and others.

Amen.



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Year 6, you have worked so hard to get to this point and we are very proud of you already. SATs are just one small part of your journey- they do not show everything that makes you special. Try your best, take your time and remember to breathe if something feels tricky. Get plenty of sleep, eat well and believe in yourself. Whatever happens, you are capable, valued and ready for the challenges ahead.

Parking

We have once again received complaints from local residents regarding parking around the school. We fully understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, however unsafe or inconsiderate parking causes real difficulties for those who live nearby. I have advised residents that they are within their rights to report illegal parking to the council and, where appropriate, the police. We kindly ask all parents and carers to park legally, be considerate of driveways and access points and show respect and kindness to our neighbours. Thank you to the majority of families who always park considerately.



With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 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.

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.

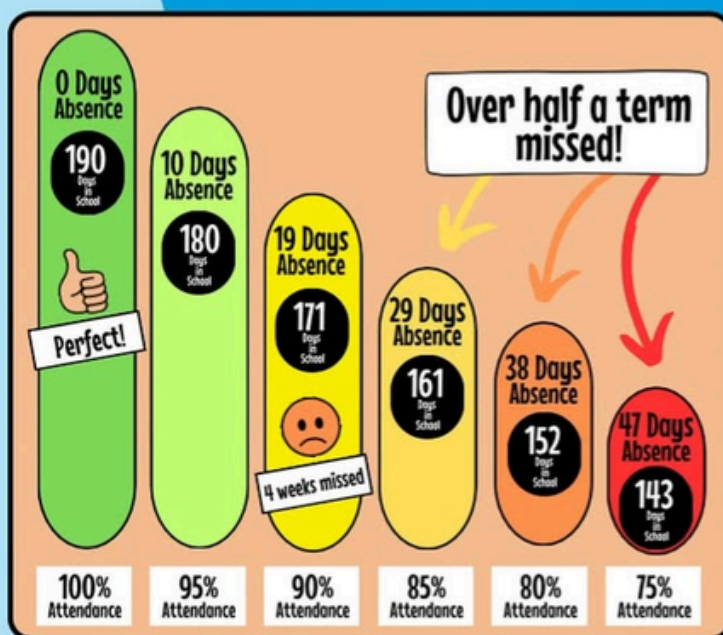
School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...

<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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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



Upcoming Masses

Families are warmly invited to join us for our **Ascension Day Mass on Thursday 14th May at 2pm**, a special moment for our whole school community. The Mass will be led by our liturgy leaders, and we would love to see you there.



Families are also invited to our **Marian Mass on 22nd May at 9am**, a special opportunity to honour Mary together. As the date approaches, we will invite our Marist learners to bring in a flower to create class bouquets in Mary's honour. These bouquets will then be shared with local care homes, helping to brighten the days of others and reminding us that honouring Mary also inspires us to show love, kindness and service within our community.

Please spread the word... September 2026 cohort



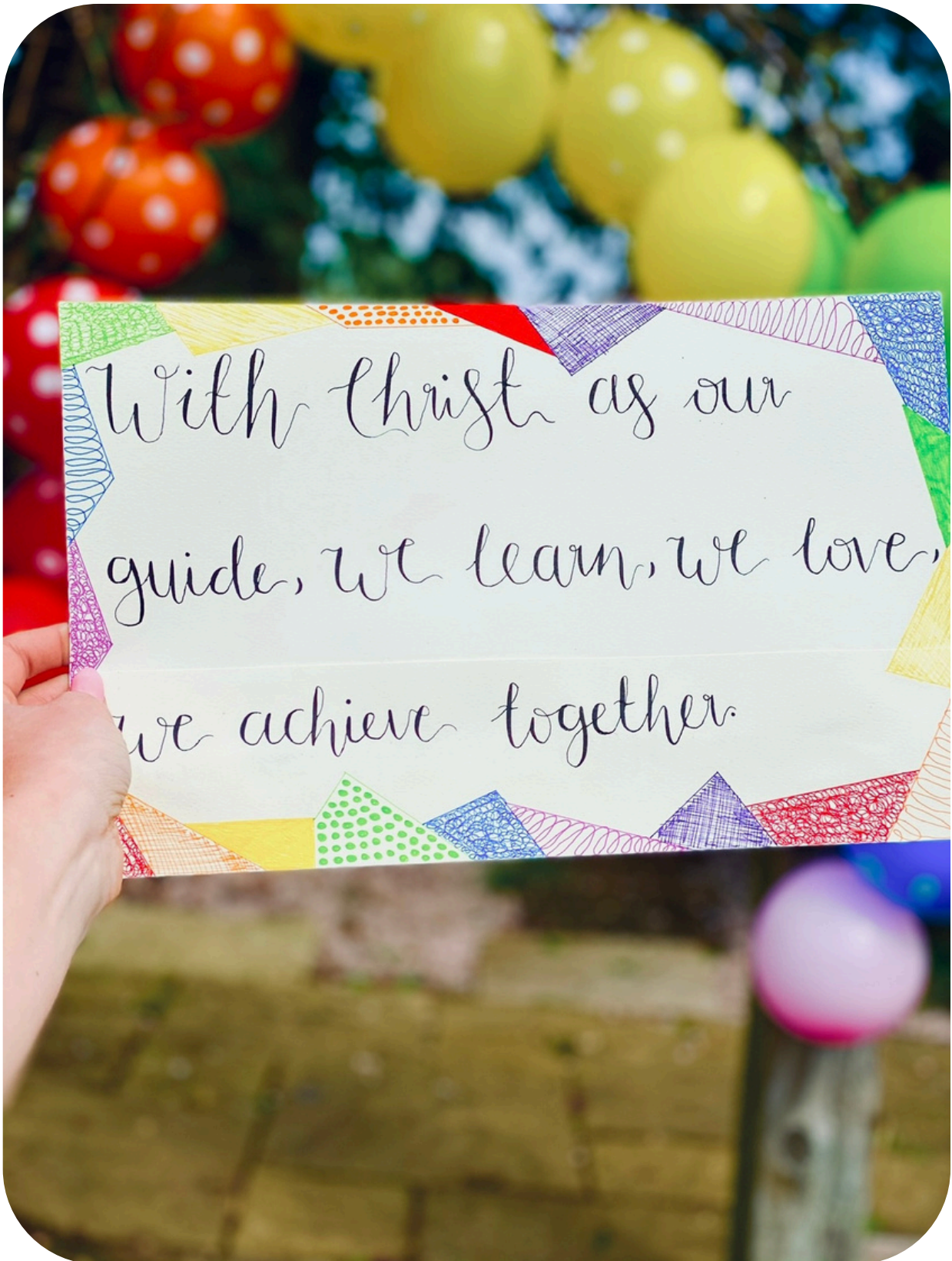
The Marist Catholic Primary

SCHOOL STARTER SESSION

Saturday 11th July 13:35 – 15:00



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