



Marist Mail

Friday 6th March 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

'A spring of water welling up to eternal life'



Next week's Gospel tells the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. She was completely alone and she was shocked that Jesus would speak to her—Jews and Samaritans weren't supposed to mix and men didn't usually speak to women they didn't know. Yet Jesus approached her with gentleness, understanding and compassion. Even though she felt isolated, Jesus showed her that she was seen, known and loved. This reminds us that Jesus is always there for us too, especially when we feel alone, unsure, or unnoticed. He meets us where we are, just as He met the woman at the well. Next week, we will be asking our Marist Learners to be wells of kindness- places where others can find support, encouragement and friendship.

Next week...

Tuesday 10th March - Year 6 SATs meeting

Friday 13th March - INSET - School closed for all children



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Book Week– “Books Can Take You Anywhere!”

This week we celebrated Book Week with the wonderful theme “Books Can Take You Anywhere!” It was a brilliant reminder that stories have the power to transport us to new worlds, new ideas and new adventures without ever leaving our chair. We kicked off the week on Monday with a fantastic author visit from Steve Williams. He inspired our Marist Learners with his energy, creativity and passion for storytelling, showing us all how imagination can lead us to unexpected places. Yesterday’s Dress Up Day was a real highlight. The school was filled with Harry Potters, Little Reds, superheroes, animals, princesses and every character in between! It was amazing to see so much effort, colour and excitement around reading. A huge thank you to Miss Ripley for organising a memorable Book Week full of fun, learning, and imagination. Her hard work helped make the week a truly magical experience for everyone.

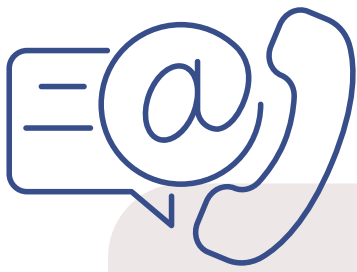


Year 5 & 6 Orienteering at Hoe Bridge School

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented our school at the orienteering event at Hoe Bridge School this week. The children showed brilliant teamwork, determination and enthusiasm. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, and we are very proud of them. A special thank you to Miss Bruce and Miss Madariaga for organising the opportunity and to Miss Kirk for taking the children on the day.



With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



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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.



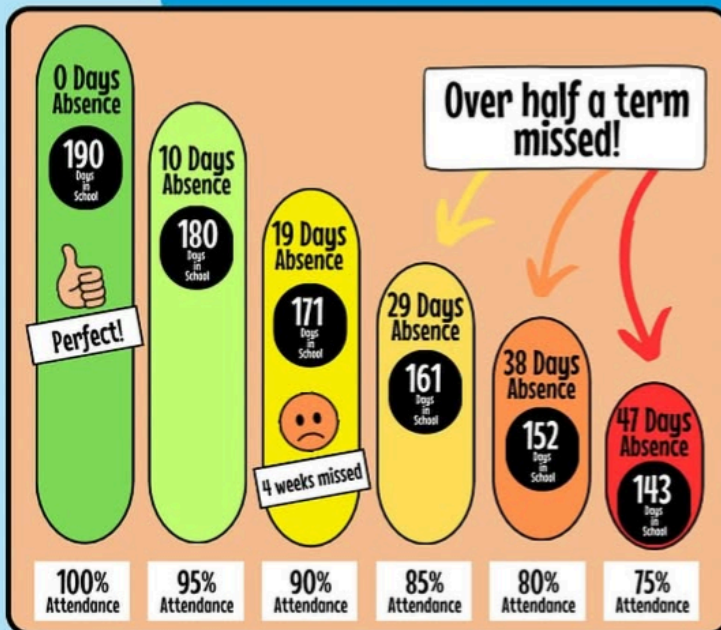
Building Confidence

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 our whole school attendance was 95.8%.



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



This Marist Learner is climbing Jabal Al Alam in Morocco to raise money for The Dabbagh Welfare Trust. He is raising money to help build water wells in Africa.

He said “When I turn on the tap at home, clean water comes out. I can drink it, wash my hands and have a shower. But some children don’t have water like that. Some children have to walk a long way just to get water, and sometimes it isn’t even clean.

That made me think... every child deserves water, just like we have it.” If you would like to sponsor his, please use this [link](#).

We wish him the best of luck!



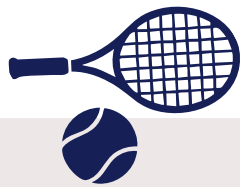
Chess Club News



We have great pleasure in announcing that this Marist Learner is the new Marist school chess club champion .

They have been playing the school chess club championships over the past few weeks and had many exciting chess battles, great fun and good sportsmanship.

Congratulations as he has put a lot of effort into his chess in recent months and his dedication has paid off.



Byfleet Lawn Tennis Club

Thank you for welcoming us to your fantastic school! We had a brilliant time giving the children the opportunity to play tennis, their energy and enthusiasm was amazing! If your child would like to continue playing, we have plenty of opportunities available and would love to see them back on court soon.

- Weekly Junior Classes – Come along FREE for your first lesson!

- Byfleet Lawn Tennis Club

- West Byfleet Recreation Ground

- Holiday Camps - Fun-filled tennis during the school holidays

- Free Park Tennis on Sundays at West Byfleet Recreation Ground – Free Tennis every week, a great place to start your journey!

We hope to see you and your child on the tennis court again very soon!



HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join us for action-packed Holiday Tennis Camp at BLTC!

CHILDREN AGED 4-16 YEARS



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DATES:

Easter: 30th March – 10th April

Half Term: 26th – 29th May

Summer: 27th July – 28th August

£28/£45
Half-day/Full day

A FUN AND RELAXED ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU CAN MEET NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS, PLAY TEAM-GAMES AND PLAY MATCHES

Early Drop off: 8:30-9:00

Morning: 9:00-12:00

Afternoon: 12:30-15:30



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MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ByfleetLawnTennisClub/Coaching/Camps>

BYFLEET LAWN TENNIS CLUB



YOUTH PROGRAMME

Byfleet Lawn Tennis Club provides premium tennis coaching for children aged 3-18 for complete beginners to performance level

Sessions start at ONLY

£10 for Members or £12 for Non-Members

First session FREE!

For more information, scan the QR Code or visit the website below.



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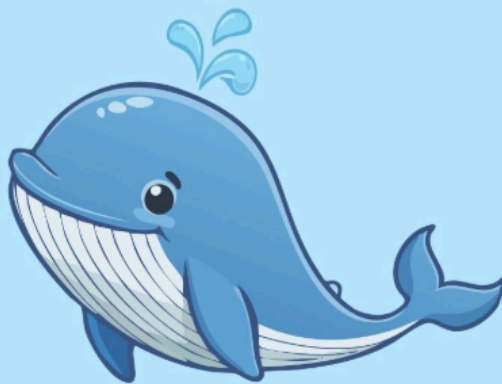
A Whale of a Tale

Monday 30th March & Tuesday 31st March

9:30 - 12:00

Join us for two half days filled with fun, crafts and more!
Learn all about the story of Jonah and the big fish

Join us for our
family fun night
Tuesday 31st March
6:30pm

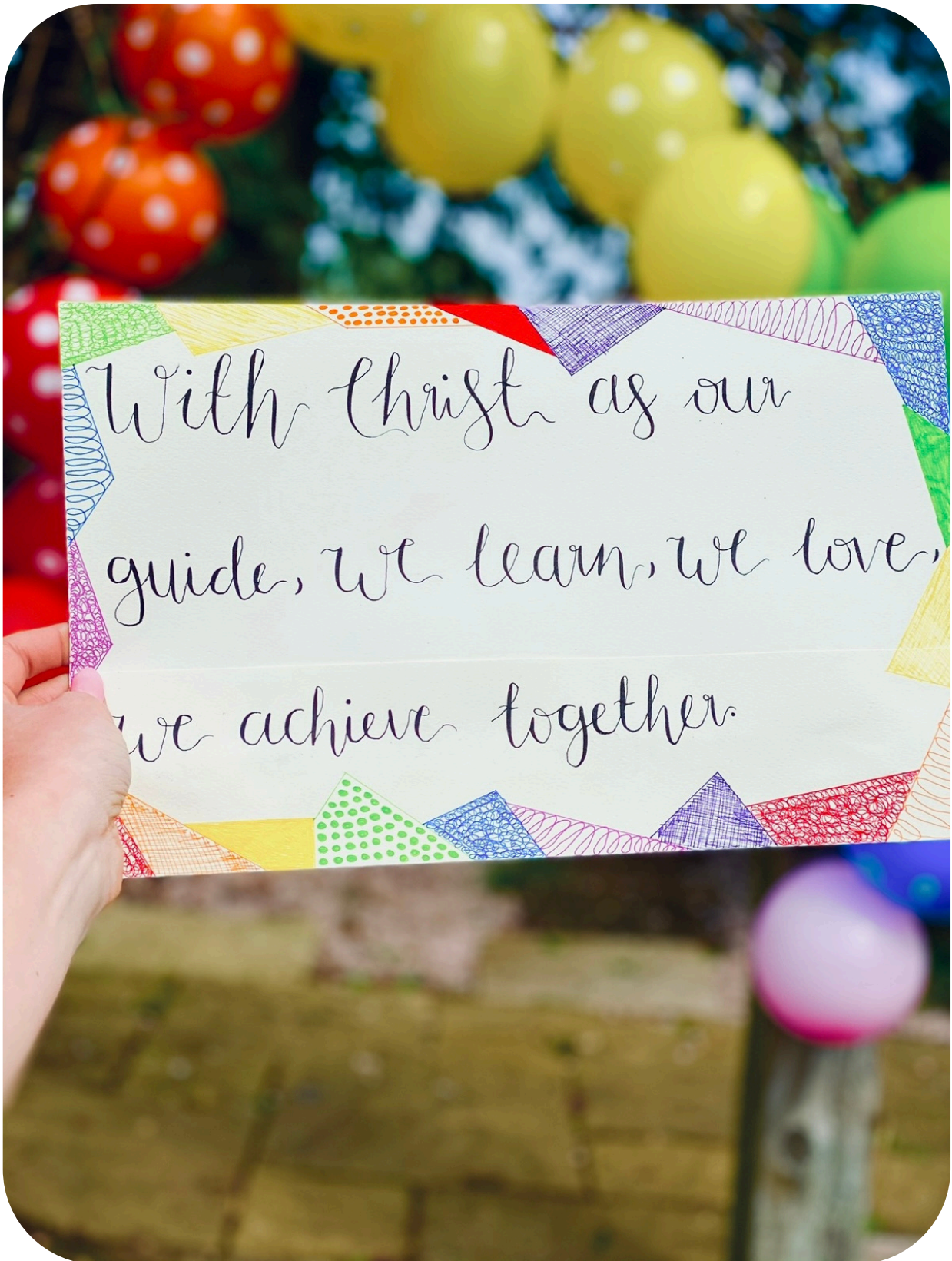


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