



Marist Mail

Friday 13th March 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5).



In this Sunday Gospel, we hear about Jesus meeting a man who was blind from birth. Jesus lovingly heals him, giving him sight for the first time. Some people accept this miracle with joy, while others refuse to believe what God has done. This Gospel story reminds us that Jesus brings light into our lives and helps us see what truly matters—kindness, faith, and God's love for us.

Our teachers gathered together this morning to reflect upon this Gospel. We reflect upon our role as educators, where we are called to the same mission: to help our children see what truly matters. We strive to help our children see their own dignity, their worth, and the possibilities God places before them.

Next week...

Wednesday 18th March - Class 5J to
Mass at Our Lady's - 10am



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Assessment Week

This week, our children in Years 1–5 have taken part in Assessment Week, and we are incredibly proud of the focus, determination, and positive attitude they have shown. Assessment Week is not just about tests—it is a valuable opportunity to celebrate the wonderful progress the children have made so far this year. It also helps us understand the next steps in their learning, so we can continue to support and challenge them in just the right ways. We are delighted with their efforts, and we look forward to building on this progress together as the year continues. Year 6 it is your turn next week!

Multisports at Royal Holloway

We are incredibly proud of the children who represented The Marist at the multisports event this week at Royal Holloway. They showed wonderful enthusiasm and gave their very best in every activity. Miss Kirk was full of praise for them, commenting on their impeccable Marist manners, outstanding teamwork, and impressive sportsmanship. They were true ambassadors for our school, and we couldn't be more delighted with the way they supported one another and embodied our Marist values.



Big Lent Walk

Finally, as we look ahead to our Big Lent Walk on Thursday 26th March, we kindly ask children to begin collecting their sponsorship. Yesterday, the children should have brought home their sponsorship form, and all donations can be made securely online via Scopay. We are extremely grateful for your support in helping us make this Lenten fundraiser a meaningful and successful event for our whole school community. Thank you in advance.

With every blessing, Mrs Cheadle



Contacting Us

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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.**

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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...



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.



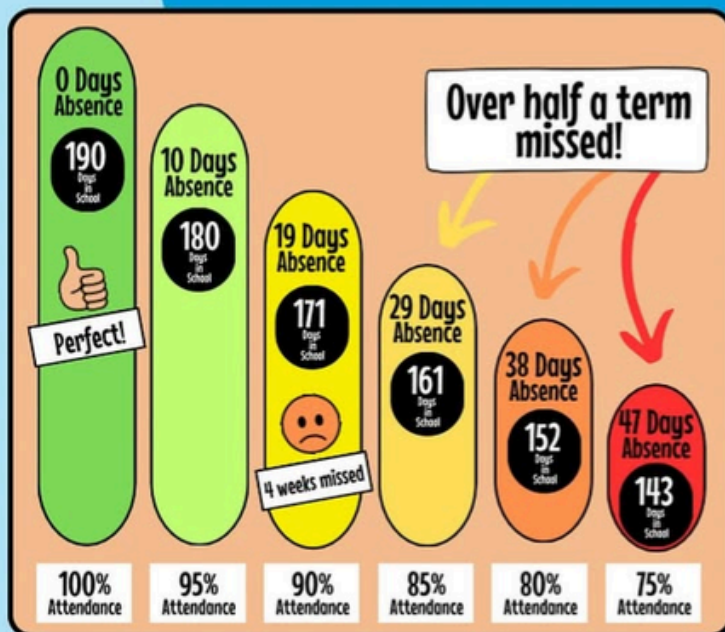
Building Confidence

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



Yesterday our our whole school attendance was 98.1%.



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.



TRAINING COURSE

Tigerlily

Parent & Guardian First Aid Practical

Thursday 14 May 2026 - 18:30 to 21:30

Barnardo's Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow

Sythwood

Woking, Surrey

GU21 3AX

P Travel and parking:

No onsite parking, park along Sythwood Road

USEFUL INFO

Dress code: Please wear casual, comfortable clothes.

Timings: Please check your journey times and the venue location. You must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the course start time. The trainer has the right to refuse entry once training has started.

Lunch: Please ensure you take your lunch and all necessary refreshments with you.

Dress code: Please wear casual, comfortable clothes.

Practical activity: The duties of a first aider can be physically demanding. For certification you must be able to meet our assessment criteria by demonstrating your skills during practical course assessment. You must be able to kneel on the floor to administer CPR and put a casualty into the recovery position.

For more information contact: **Nasreen Farooq** - nasreen.farooq@barnardos.org.uk - 01483 310419

Families should email wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk to book their place or for further information.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Yr 1-6 MULTISPORTS CLUB



The Marist Catholic Primary School



TIME

Wednesdays
3:15pm - 4:30pm



DATES

April 15th -
July 15th



COST

£84.50
(13 Weeks)

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Yr 1-6 NETBALL CLUB



The Marist Catholic Primary School



TIME

Fridays
3:15pm - 4:30pm



DATES

April 17th -
July 10th



COST

£78.00
(12 Weeks)

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Yr 1 & 2 FOOTBALL CLUB



The Marist Catholic Primary School



TIME

Tuesdays
3:15pm - 4:30pm



DATES

April 14th -
July 14th



COST

£84.50
(13 Weeks)

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Yr 3-6 FOOTBALL CLUB



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TIME

Mondays
3:15pm - 4:30pm



DATES

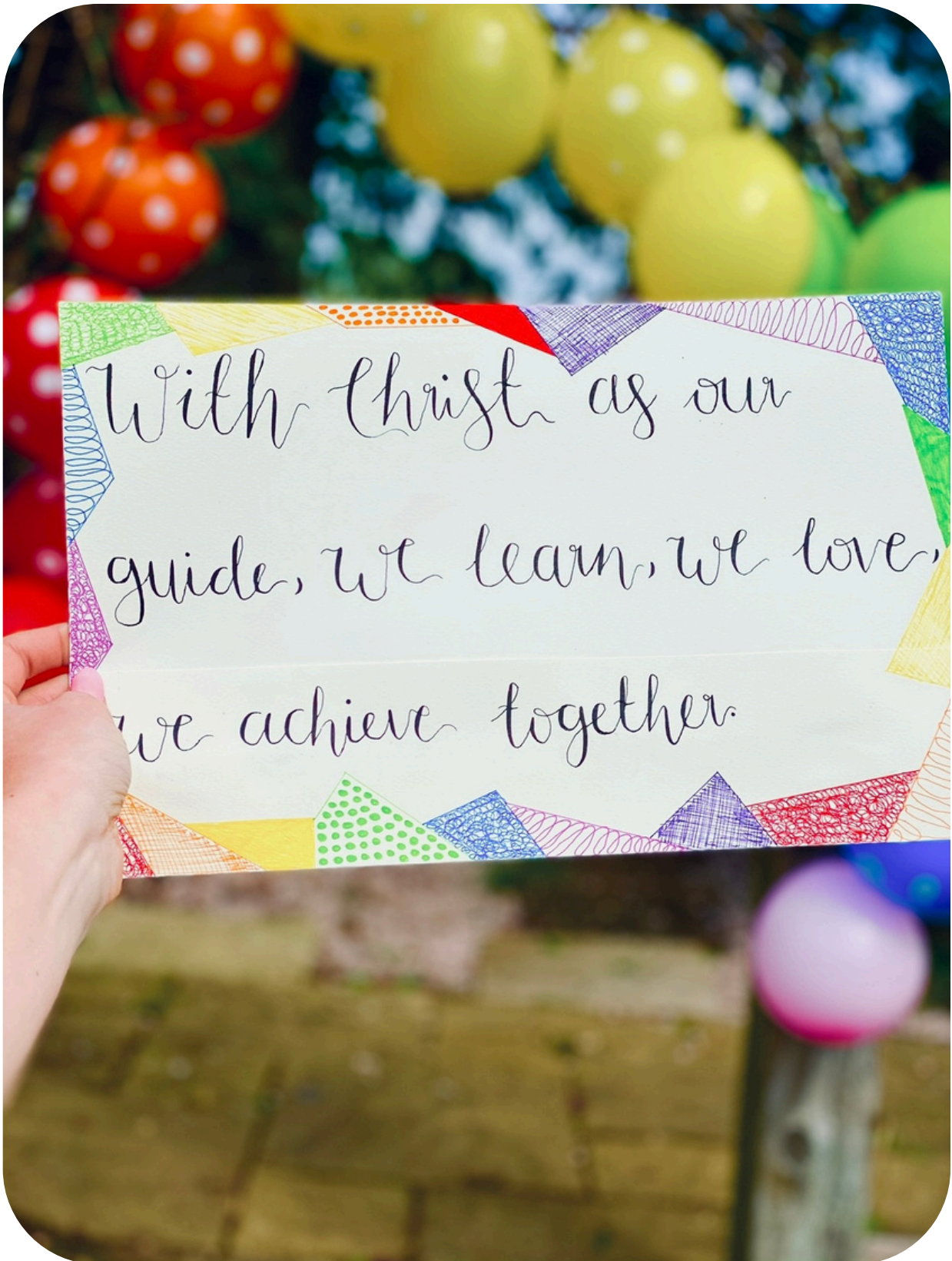
April 13th -
July 3th



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