



Marist Mail

Friday 4th September 2026



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

Dear Marist Families,

"If he listens to you, you have gained
your brother."



This Gospel reminds us that when we have a disagreement or problem with someone, we should first try to talk to that person calmly and kindly to resolve it. If the problem cannot be sorted out on our own, it is important to ask a trusted adult for help so that everyone can be listened to and supported fairly. Jesus teaches us that working together, showing forgiveness and seeking help when needed helps build a caring and peaceful community. He also reminds us that whenever we come together in His name, He is with us, guiding us to make good choices.

Next week...

Monday 7th September - EYFS children
in full time

Tuesday 8th September - Meet the
Teacher Evening
EYFS, Y2, Y4, Y6 - 5.00-5.45pm
Headteacher Talk - 5.45 - 6.15pm
Y1, Y3, Y5 - 6.15-7.00pm

Friday 11th September - New Year
Mass led by Father Aaron with Class 6T
9am start - families welcome



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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year at The Marist! We hope all our families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children, who have already made such a positive start to their school journey. We also send our very best wishes to our former Year 6 pupils as they begin Year 7. They looked so grown up when they left us in July and we are confident they will embrace the exciting opportunities ahead.

In our first worship of the year, we reflected on the gift of a fresh start and how each new beginning gives us the chance to make positive choices, set a good example for others and become the very best versions of ourselves. We look forward to a year filled with learning, friendship and faith as we continue to grow together as a school community.

Uniform Reminders

As a reminder, boys are not required to wear a tie until after the October half-term break. Children may also choose whether to wear shorts or trousers as part of their school uniform.

In this week's worship, we spoke with the children about how wearing our uniform smartly helps us to represent our school community with pride. The first opportunity to do this will be at our Start of Term Mass next Friday.

We kindly ask that all children have their school blazer available. If you are experiencing any difficulties sourcing a blazer for your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us as we may be able to help.



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Please remember that blazers are expected to be worn in Y1-6 for:

- School Masses
- When leading Class worships/Child-Led Liturgies
- Visits to church
- Events where they are representing the school, e.g. Education Sunday

Parking Reminders

Finally, a polite reminder to all parents and carers regarding parking at drop-off and collection times. Please park considerately, avoiding residents' driveways, restricted areas and locations that may obstruct visibility or create hazards for pedestrians. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo

PE Days for 2026- 2027

All children in Year 1-6 should come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please see updated PE days tomorrow.

EYFS	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Friday
Year 5	Monday	Wednesday
Year 6	Monday	Friday



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 94.6%.



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...



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.



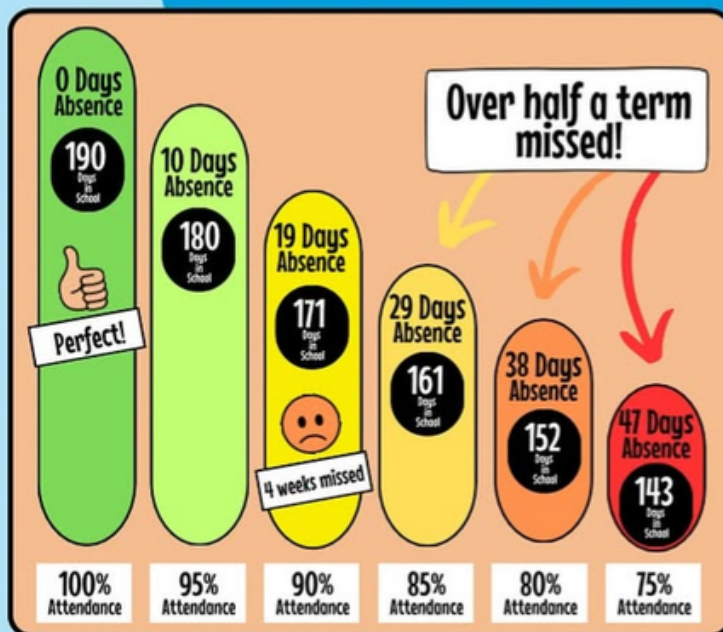
Building Confidence

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.

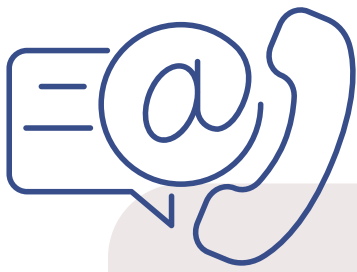
Stay in touch

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.





Contacting Us

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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

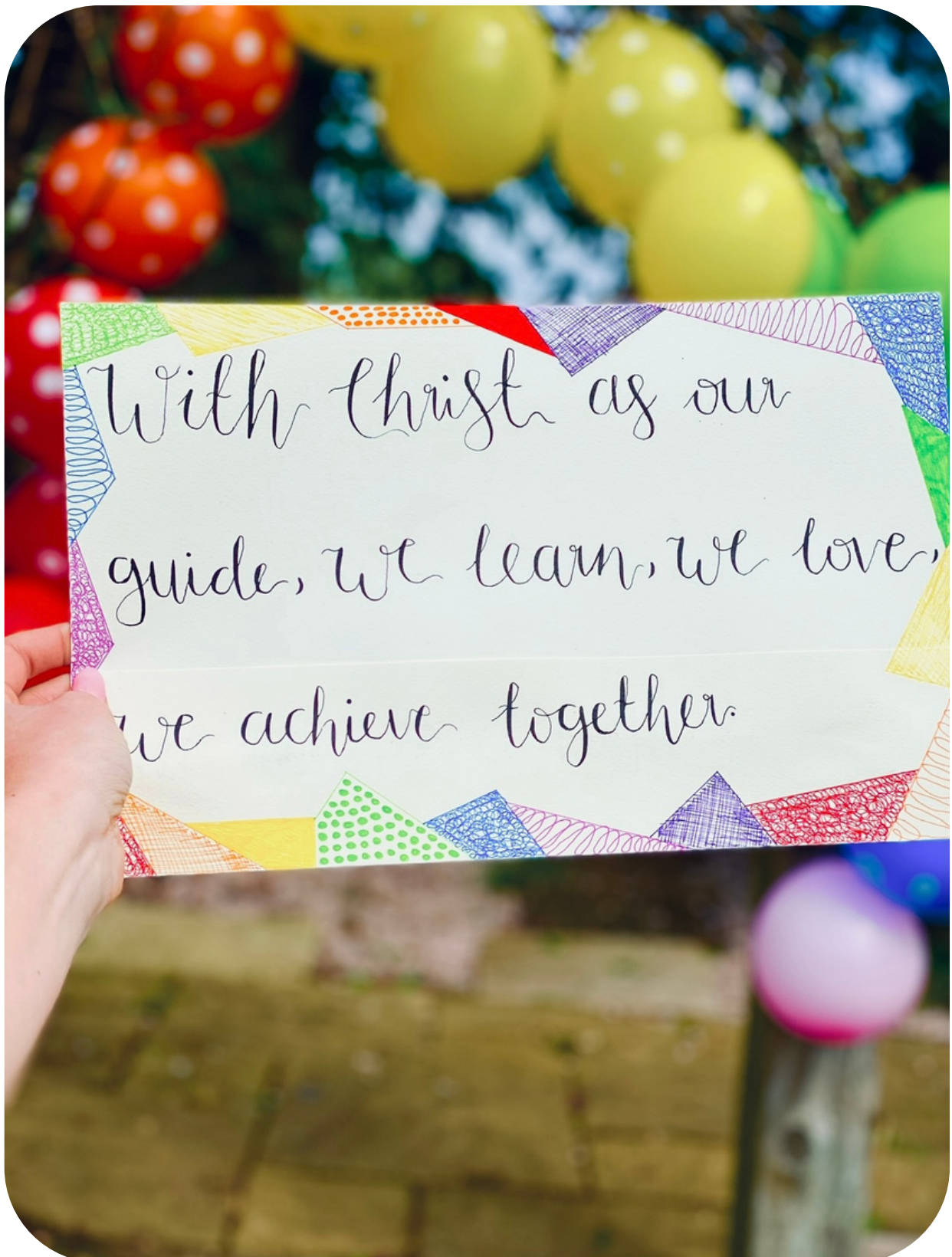
Registers taken 8.45 AM



Afternoons:

Gates open 3:00 PM

Doors open 3:15 PM



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