



Marist Mail

Friday 22nd May 2026



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

Dear Marist families,



*'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.
Receive the Holy Spirit'*

As we approach Pentecost this Sunday, we are reminded of the moment when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, filling them with courage, purpose and a renewed sense of hope. It is a time to reflect on how we, too, can be inspired and guided in our daily lives. As we move into the half-term break, perhaps take a quiet moment to pause and consider where you see growth, change or new beginnings in your own life. How might you use this time to rest, reconnect and return with a fresh sense of energy and purpose?

Catholic Life

Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a beautiful Marian Mass. It was truly a joyful and prayerful celebration and for many in the Marist community it remains one of the highlights of the year. We are especially grateful to Fr Aaron for leading us so thoughtfully and to all the Marist Learners and staff who helped

Week after half term...

All Week - Year 4 Multiplication Check

Wednesday 3rd June - 6L Library Visit

Thursday 4th June - EYFS and Y6 Class
Photos

Friday 5th June - 5C Class Worship -
families welcome 8.55am start

Friday 5th June - Class 4T to Mass at
Our Lady 10am



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bring the liturgy to life. A special well done must also go to Mrs Cheadle for her wonderful organisation- coordinating two such meaningful masses in two weeks is no small feat and we are very thankful for her dedication and care.

As we continue to celebrate and take pride in our collective worship, we want to ensure that children are always dressed smartly for special occasions such as Mass and when leading class worship. We kindly ask for your support in making sure your child has their blazer in school for these moments. We fully appreciate that at this time of year it can feel far too warm to even think about blazers! Please be assured that we would never ask children to wear them if it is too hot; however, having them available means we can uphold the sense of occasion when needed. Following the recent uniform consultation, many families expressed a wish to keep the blazer and these special moments give us the opportunity to wear it with pride. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sports Day

What a fantastic Sports Day we had! The weather, energy and team spirit all came together to make it a truly memorable occasion. It was wonderful to welcome so many families who came along to support and encourage our Marist Learners- thank you for helping to create such a positive and uplifting atmosphere. A huge congratulations to Lourdes House for winning overall; an incredible achievement in what was an exceptionally close competition. We could hardly believe how tight the results were! Well done to everyone who took part and gave their best, and thank you to all staff who helped make the day run so smoothly.

Reception Uniform

When we return, we kindly remind our Reception families that children should come back to school in full uniform. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final half term of the year.

We hope all our families enjoy a happy and restful May half term. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time together, recharge and hopefully enjoy some sunshine- it is certainly looking that way!

With every blessing
Mrs Fanzo



Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 97.4%.



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.



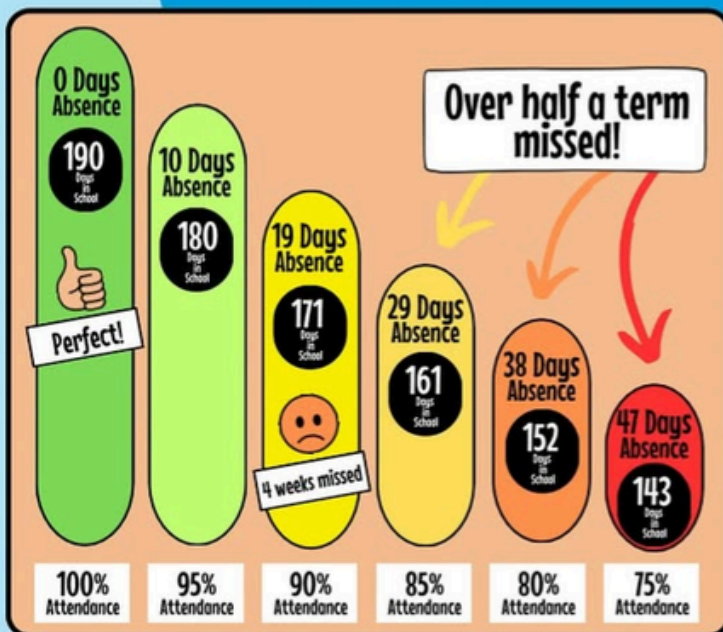
Building Confidence

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.

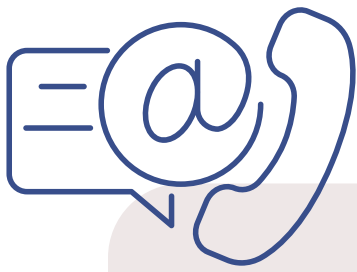
Stay in touch

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

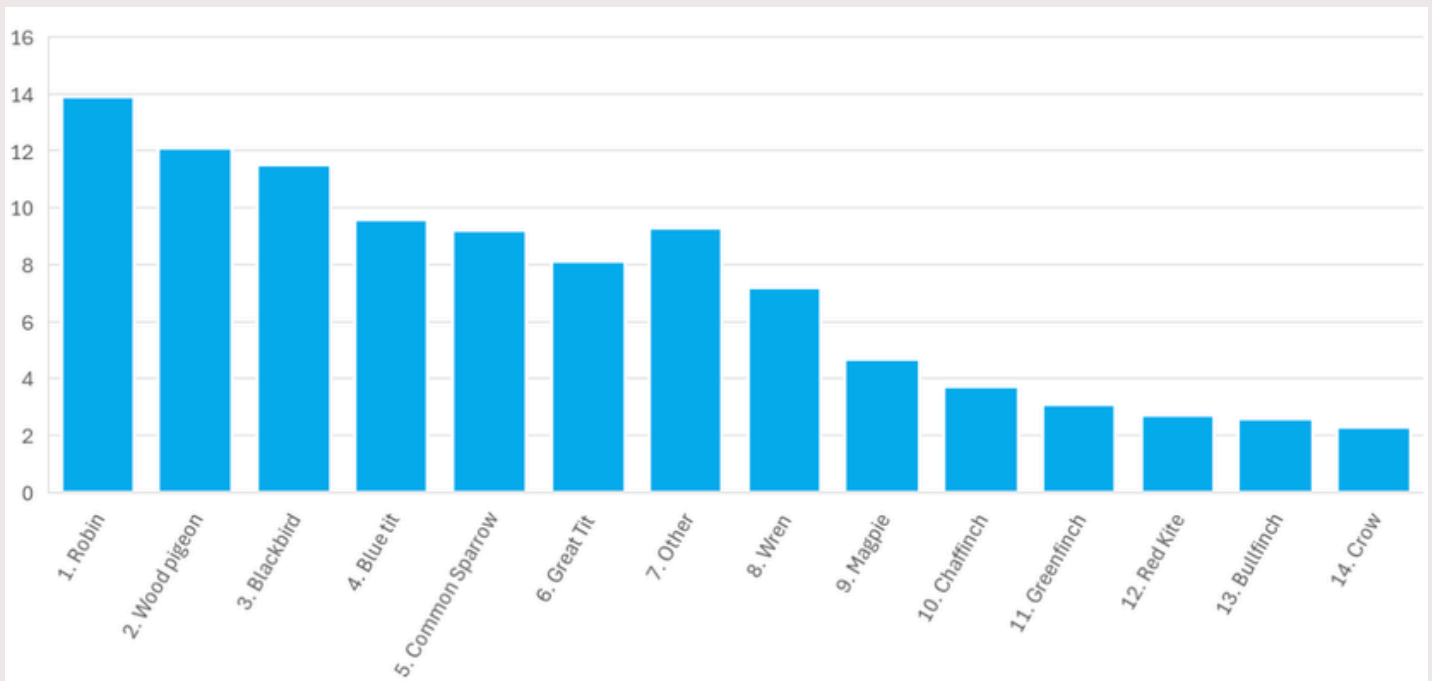
Doors open 3:15 PM



The Great Marist Bird Watch

Thanks for your support on with the children during the Marist Great Bird Watch Week. We was very delighted that 39% of Year 1 to Year 6 children took part. The classes with the greatest entries were both Year 2 classes and 5J.

The most common bird spotted was the Robin and in total 39 different types of birds were spotted by the children. Please see below a graph based on % of the most common birds spotted.



TINY TERRAPINS



SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL

(formerly Swimrays swim School)

SUMMER FAST TRACK 5 DAY INTENSIVE COURSES

VERY LIMITED SPACES!

- Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July
- Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August
- Monday 10th August - Friday 14th August

✓ 30 minute lessons

£80.00 (small group)

£225.00 (121 private lessons)

£275.00 (221 private lessons)

Byfleet Primary School

Kings Head Lane
Byfleet

✉ Info@tinyterrapinsswimschool.com

☎ **07786 106768**



At The Marist | Limited spots left!

Want to start your child's day with something fun and creative? No experience needed! Join us for a free taster session where your child will explore ukulele, percussion, keyboard and rhythm, guided by a professional musician. It's fun, relaxed and perfect for complete beginners in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Students who continue can build real musical skills, perform at school events and be part of a brilliant creative community!

After the free session, if you want to sign up the club runs every week at £12.60 per session. Book your free spot today— only few places remaining! -

LEARN - CREATE - PERFORM

JUSTPLAY

Free Intro to Music Workshop

04/06/2026

At The Marist Catholic Primary School

- Perfect for making new friends
- Boosts confidence, teamwork, listening skills, and creativity
- Using a range of instruments including - Recorder, Keyboard, Ukulele, Drums, Glockenspiel and vocals
- Builds a strong musical foundation in a supportive, playful environment



**Sign Up
Here for a
free trail**

Thursday 15:15-16:00

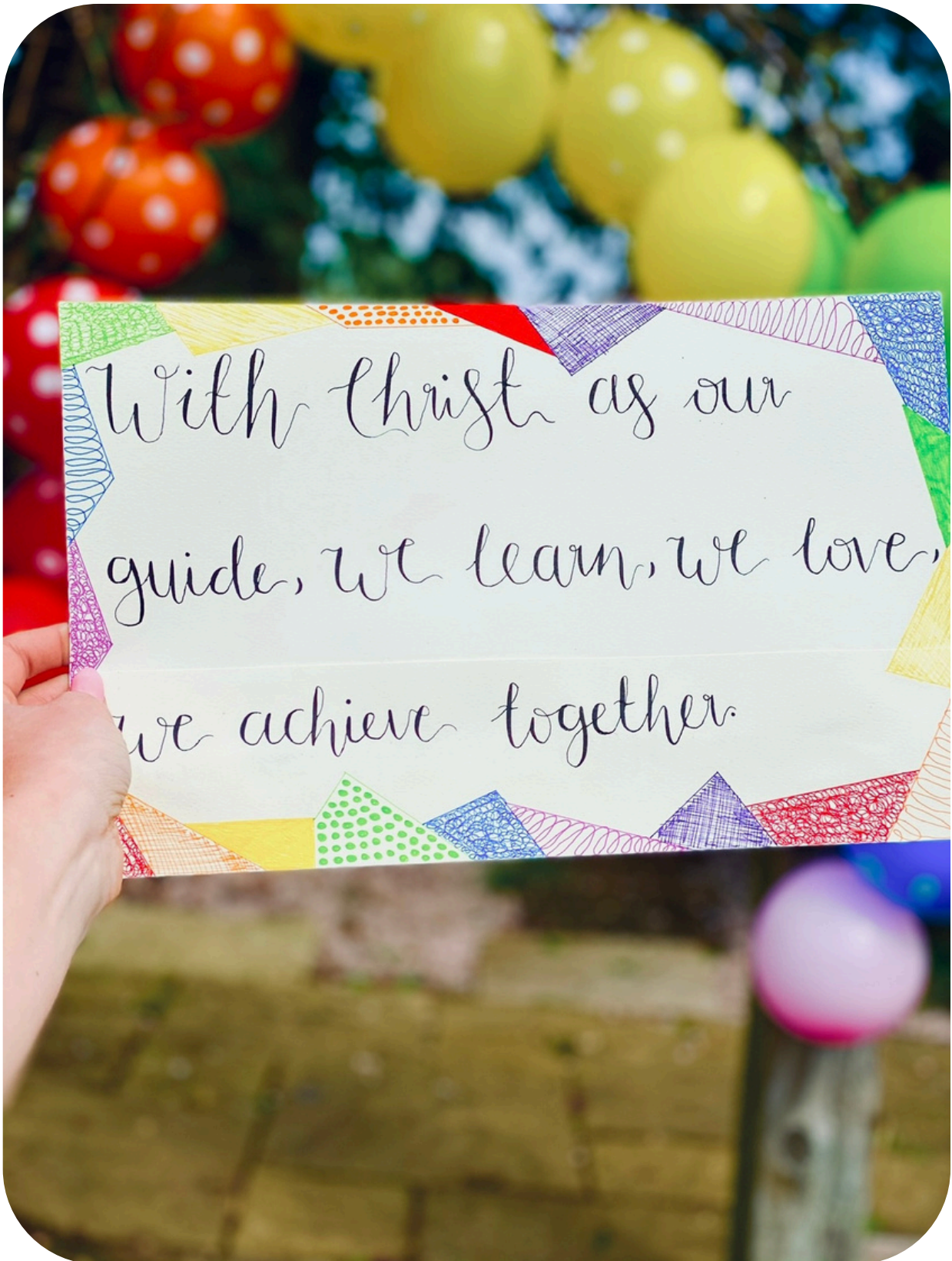
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