



Marist Mail

Friday 14th November 2025



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

Dear Marist families,



'By your endurance, you will gain your lives'

On Monday in worship, we will be talking to the children about who helps us in tricky times and how God is always there to guide us. We will reflect on how we can be present, listen to His advice and trust that He walks with us every step of the way.

Catholic Life

A huge congratulations to 4P for their fantastic child-led worship this week! I am always amazed at the confidence and leadership skills the children show as they guide us so beautifully in prayer and worship. Thank you to Mrs Cheadle and Miss Madariaga for supporting the children and helping them shine.

Next week...

Saturday 15th November - Winter Fair
12-4pm

Tuesday 18th November - Class 4P to
Mass - 10am at Our Lady's

Wednesday 19th November - Y1
Parent Teacher Meeting

Friday 21st November - Class 5J to
Mass - 10am at Our Lady's



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Marist Learners

This week, our learning has been deeply rooted in Remembrance. The children have taken part in a range of activities to help them understand and honour this important time. One of my favourites was the stunning poppy wreaths they created and presented before the 11am silence on Tuesday. A special thank you to Miss Beddow for organising these activities and to our service children for leading the silence with such dignity and respect.

Year 4 and Year 5 have also had an exciting week of enrichment!

- Year 4 welcomed the Thames Explorer team yesterday and enjoyed hands-on learning about our local river.
- Year 5 transformed into Vikings today for their themed workshop—there were some truly terrifying warriors in the hall! The children had a fantastic time and learned so much.

Thank you to all the adults in Team 4 and 5 for your hard work and creativity in giving the children such memorable learning experiences.

PTA Events

A big thank you to our PTA for organising the Book Fair—it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying books together and supporting reading for pleasure. We are also incredibly grateful for all the work going into the Winter Fair. This is our first Winter Fair prior to Christmas at The Marist and we are so excited to welcome families tomorrow for what promises to be a fantastic event.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



Upcoming Events

 Saturday 15th November - Winter Fair 12-4pm

 Tuesday 18th November - Class 4P to Mass

 Wednesday 19th November - Year 1 Parent Teacher Meeting

 Friday 21st November - Class 5C to Mass

 Tuesday 25th November - EYFS trip to the postbox

 Friday 28th November - Class 3B to Mass

 Sunday 30th November - First Sunday of Advent

 Monday 1st December - School Closure

 Friday 5th December - EYFS Advent Performance 9.30am

Monday 8th December - Year 3 and 4 Reindeer Run

Tuesday 9th December - Year 5 and 6 Reindeer Run



Wednesday 10th December - Year 1 and 2 Reindeer Run

 Thursday 11th December - KS1 Advent Performance to Year 1 families 9.30am

Friday 12th December - KS1 Advent Performance to Year 2 families 9.30am

 Friday 12th December - Year EYFS Reindeer Run

 Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Show and Share

 Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Advent Service at Our Lady's 5.00pm

 Wednesday 17th December - Christmas jumper mufti and Christmas lunch

 Wednesday 17th December - EYFS and KS1 Show and Share

 Thursday 18th December - Festive Disco

 Friday 19th December - Advent Mass 9am led by 5J, end of term at 1.15pm



Contacting Us

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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.



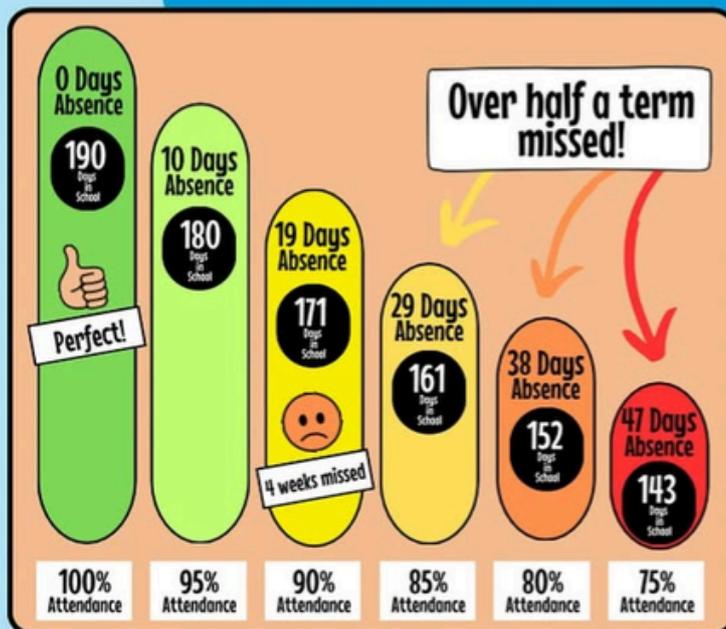
Building Confidence

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



Today our our whole school attendance was 95.3%.



If your child is unwell and needs to be kept at home, you must call the school to inform us each day they are absent by 9am.



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.



News from the PTA

We hope to see as many of you at the Marist Market as possible. Thanks to Genevieve and Carrie for organising this event and Mrs Lopez for all of her school knowledge pulling together all of the various bits of information.

This is for the whole school and the wider community to enjoy as we look towards adventure so if you've not bought a ticket yet or signed up to help please do if you are able.

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THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO

THE MARIST MARKET

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 12-4

Join us for a magical pre-festive afternoon with our friendly
REAL Reindeer!



Gourmet food-crepes-baked goods-mulled wine and Gin-bar-quality and unique artisan gifts and crafts-local meats-professional family photographer-children's games and activities-write and post your letter to Santa and don't forget to feed our real Reindeer, sent by St Nicholas himself for the day.

Family ticket £7 (max 2 adults 2 children, adults £3.50, children £2.

PRE BOOKING ADVISED



DECEMBER ACTIVITY CLUB

The Marist Primary School
58 Old Woking Rd, KT14 6HS

8:30AM - 4:30PM
2ND JANUARY 2026

Our holiday courses give children from Year 1 to Year 9 the ideal blend of play and structure. With safety and enjoyment always in mind, every day is designed to keep children active and engaged.

£24 PER DAY
DISCOUNT FOR MULTIPLE DAYS

- ☑ **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**
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ENTITLED TO BENEFIT RELATED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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MON
10
DEC
3.15-4.30PM

Parent-Child Workshop

Festive Craft

MAKE YOUR OWN SET OF FESTIVE CLAY AND
DECOUPAGE DECORATIONS

£15

PER CHILD

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

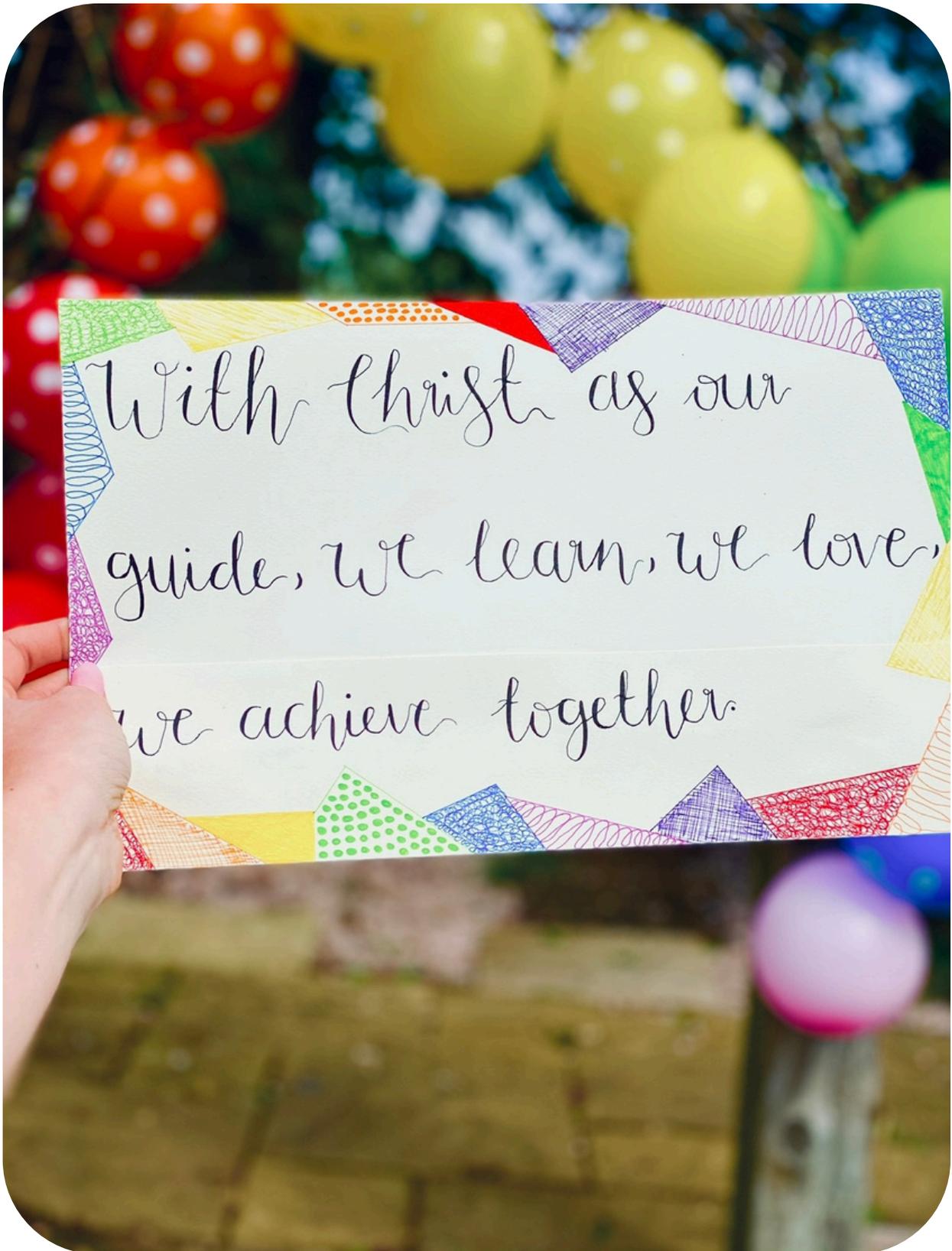
PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENT/ CARER. UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT ACCOMODATE YOUNGER SIBLINGS.

A DONATION WILL BE MADE TO WOKING AND SAM BEARE
HOSPICE FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD



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