Marist Mail

Friday 16th October 2026



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

Dear Marist Families,



'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's'

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking whether people should pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus asks to see a coin and points out that it bears Caesar's image, so He tells them, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." Jesus reminds us that while we have responsibilities in the world, our hearts, lives and actions belong to God. Just as the coin carries the image of Caesar, each one of us is made in the image and likeness of God. When we think about "the things that are God's", we are called to offer Him our love, kindness, prayers, service to others and the way we live each day. This Gospel encourages us to reflect on whether we are giving God the place He deserves in our lives and using the gifts He has given us to serve Him and others.

Next week…

Monday 19th October - EYFS Show and Share 3.15-3.30pm

Wednesday 21st October - PTA Meeting 9.00am

Wednesday 21st October - Class 6L to Mass - Our Lady - 10am NEW DATE

Wednesday 21st October - KS1 Show and Share 3.15-3.30pm

Thursday 22nd October - Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 22nd October - Year 3 Egyptian Day

Friday 22nd - School closed -Half term

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Our School Website



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Harvest Festival

Due to illness, we were unfortunately unable to celebrate our Harvest Mass with Father Aaron as planned. However, we were blessed to come together for a beautiful Harvest Liturgy led by Mrs Cheadle. The children participated wonderfully, leading prayers and readings with confidence, while taking time to reflect on the importance of harvest, gratitude and caring for those in need. Throughout the liturgy, we kept Father Aaron in our prayers and wish him a swift and full recovery. A particular highlight was our joyful rendition of Something to Put on the Harvest Table, which certainly brought plenty of smiles, laughter and enthusiasm from the children and staff alike! Thank you to Team Marist for helping to bring such fun and energy to our celebration while keeping the spirit and message of Harvest at the heart of our gathering.



Marist learners

Year 2 had a fantastic day at the British Wildlife Centre, where the children enjoyed an exciting opportunity to learn about some of Britain's best-loved native animals up close. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to the staff who organised and accompanied the trip, and to the parent volunteers whose support helped make the visit possible.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



Uniform Reminders

As we enjoy outdoor play in all weathers, please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable coat each day so they can stay warm, dry and ready for learning and play.



Packed Lunch Reminders

We are committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging positive eating habits. A balanced packed lunch helps children stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Please remember to include healthy options such as fruit, vegetables and protein-based foods, while keeping sugary snacks and processed foods to a minimum.
As always, we kindly remind families that The Marist is a strictly nut-free school. Thank you for your support in keeping our children healthy, happy and safe.

For more information on school lunches please see our school website.

News from the PTA

Thanks to everyone who has bought a ticket for the quiz night we will see you before 7:30! We hope everyone has a fantastic night tonight to kick start the fundraising for this academic year.

If you are still wavering, there is still time to buy a ticket and you can do so here– you will be very welcome tonight.

For those of you that are new to the school there is a dedicated Marist families Facebook page. If you would like to join please click here. You will need to answer the questions to be able to join. Please make sure you answer the questions accurately or you will be declined. Thank you.

A few dates for your diary:

Clothing collection

There will be a textile collection on Wednesday 4th November after drop off so if you are having a clear out in half term please keep clothing and bring it in bags to school on this date and leave under the canopy for collection. The PTA get 45p per kilogram of items collected.

Winter Market – 14th November

More details to come but please put the date in your diary! A great event to stock up on some Christmas presents as we look towards Advent.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas that they would like to spearhead, please feel free to email pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk or come along to one of our meetings.

The next meeting is on the 21st October at 09:00 in the staff room – everyone is welcome; it would be lovely to see some new faces!

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be involved or have skills that we could utilise please give us your details by completing the attached google form and we will be in touch.

Attendance Matters

- Yesterday our whole school attendance was 97.9%.
- 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.



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.

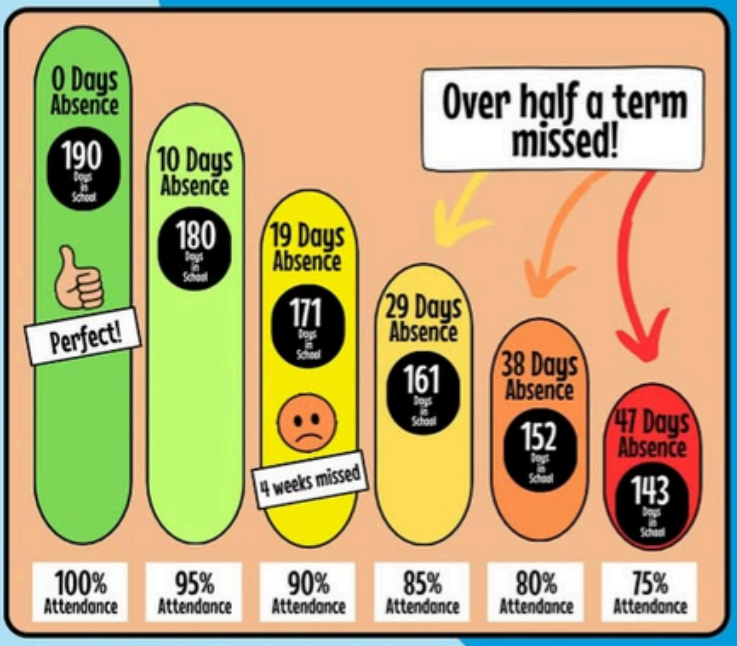
Social Skills
Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.

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.

Silly School Education



Contacting Us

EYFSTeam@marist.surrey.sch.uk – please use for emails to EYFS teachers

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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A cake sale organised by our Sports Captains - under the canopy on Wednesday 21st October.
Allergy information will be avaliable. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

DANCE SHACK

WEST BYFLEET

ages 3-18 yrs

street dance - contemporary - musical theatre

ballet - hip hop - lyrical - drama - competition - heels

Beginners to advanced - all welcome



www.danceshack.co.uk

National Autistic Society | Neuroinclusive Education Network

Schools

Making Sense of Autism

Gain a better understanding and awareness of autism and the way it affects children.

Who is this training for?

This is a raising awareness module for anyone who is a parent of someone with autism, and is seeking insight, understanding or awareness of the impact autism can have on a child.

What will you learn?

- Enhance your understanding and awareness of autism and how autism can affect children
- Know the importance of understanding the individual child and their profile of strengths and needs
- Identify potential barriers to learning for autistic children
- Begin to make reasonable adjustments in the way you support autistic children

Developed by leading autism specialists

Up to date with the latest research

Resources and frameworks linked to Ofsted

NEN Partner St. Joseph's Specialist Trust

Time 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Details 3rd November 2026
St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
Horseshoe Lane West, Merrow,
Guildford Surrey
GU1 2SX

St. Joseph's Specialist Trust
Christ in Our Lives
No Limits ... Just Possibilities

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The CPD Certification Service

For more information, visit: www.nen.org.uk

Please do email our school office to let us know if you are planning on attending this session. Many thanks

Led by Guildford Nursery School

Families First Guildford

Supporting families in our community

Guildford Family Centre

EARLYBIRD PROGRAMME

Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird programme for parents and carers of autistic children aged under 6 years.

The six-session programme covers:

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

National Autistic Society

EarlyBird Licensed

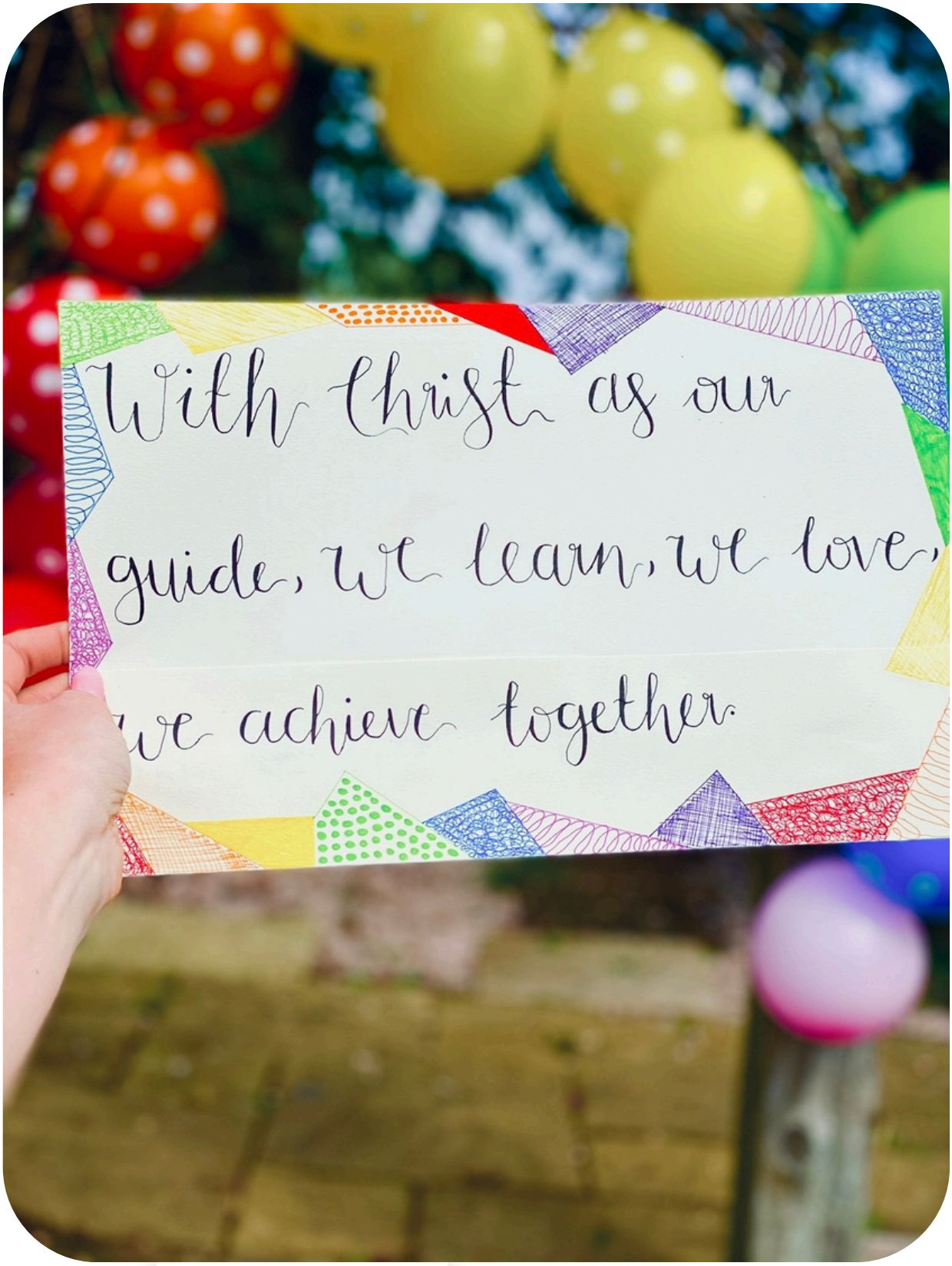
The EarlyBird programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

All sessions run from 9.30am-12pm:

Friday 8th January
Friday 15th January
Friday 22nd January
Friday 29th January
Friday 5th February
Friday 12th February

The cost of the course is £35, but if you are experiencing financial hardship, please come and speak to us.

ENROL HERE: familiesfirstguildford.com/events



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