



Marist Mail

Friday 2nd October 2026



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

Next week...

Wednesday 7th October - Class 4T to
Mass

Thursday 8th October - Parent Tours -
9.15am

Friday 9th October - Class 6L Worship -
8.55am

**Friday 9th October - Tea and coffee
outside the hall for our School
Development Fund 8.30-9.00**

Dear Marist Families,

'He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.'

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants who were trusted to look after a vineyard but chose to act selfishly and hurt those who came to collect the owner's harvest. Through this story, Jesus reminds us that, even when things do not go our way or when we feel upset, angry or treated unfairly, God calls us to respond with love, respect and faithfulness. In school this week, we will be encouraging the children to think about how God wants us to respond when something bad happens. We know that life can sometimes be difficult, but our Marist Learner values can guide us in making positive choices. By showing resilience, kindness, respect, responsibility and compassion, we can follow Jesus' example and help to build a community where everyone feels valued and cared for.



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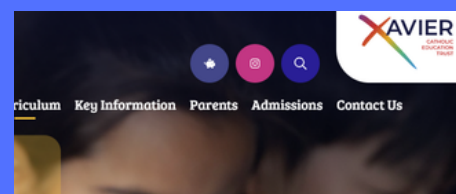
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Swimming Pool

At our first Governing Body meeting of the academic year, we were delighted to share plans for an exciting project that will have a lasting impact on our school community: the transformation of the former swimming pool area into a new multi-purpose hall. This space will provide a much-needed indoor area for PE, worship, clubs, events, meetings and a wide range of learning opportunities for our children.

We are incredibly grateful to the Trust for their generosity and commitment to our school. To explain the funding in simple terms: if you imagine turning the building upside down, anything that would stay attached to the building itself is being funded by the Trust. Anything that would fall out, such as equipment, furnishings and the items needed to make the space fully functional, will be funded by the school.

We will be using our School Development Fund to support these costs and ensure the hall is equipped to benefit all of our Marist Learners. We would love the support of our families as we work towards making this vision a reality. The simplest way to help is through a regular monthly donation, although every contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference. If you would like to support the project, please click [here](#). Alternatively, go to the [school homepage](#) and click on the piggy bank at the top.



We are delighted to share that we will be selling tea and coffee outside the school hall before our class worships to raise funds for our School Development Fund. Please note that this will be a cashless event. We look forward to welcoming lots of families for a tea or coffee. Please check the school calendar for the dates of these events.



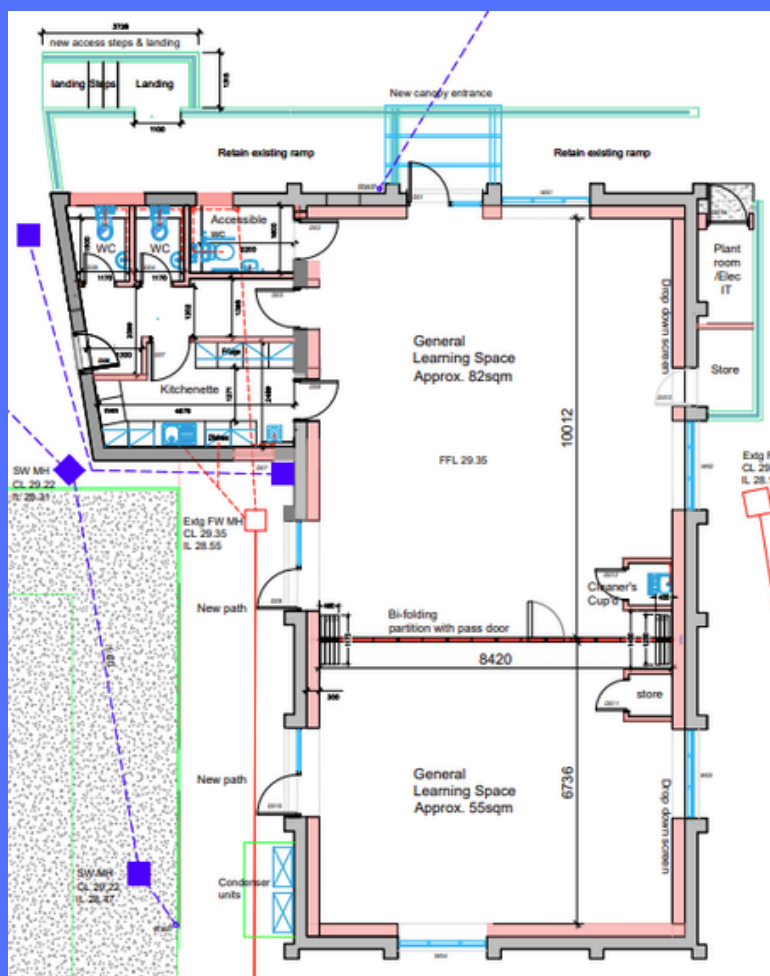
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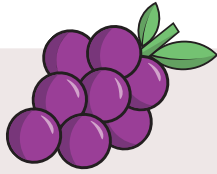
Subject to planning and construction timelines, we are hopeful that the hall will be ready for use by September. The more funding we can raise in the early stages of the project, the more quickly we can move forward with purchasing and installing the equipment and resources needed to bring the space to life as soon as the building work is complete.

Attached are some early concept images to give a idea of what we hope the hall might look like. These designs are intended only as a guide at this stage and may change as the project develops, but we are excited to begin sharing the vision with our community.

Finally, I would like to thank all those families who have already started fundraising and supporting this project. Your enthusiasm, generosity and belief in what this space will mean for our children is truly appreciated. We are incredibly excited about what lies ahead and grateful to have such a supportive school community behind us as we take this next step for The Marist.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo





Snacks

A Reminder About Grapes as a Snack

For the safety of all our children, please ensure that any grapes sent into school as part of a snack or packed lunch are cut lengthways into quarters. Whole grapes can present a choking risk for young children. We appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone safe and healthy at school.

We would also like to remind families that we are a **nut-free school**, so please do not send in any foods containing nuts, including peanut butter and nut-based snacks.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



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.

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.

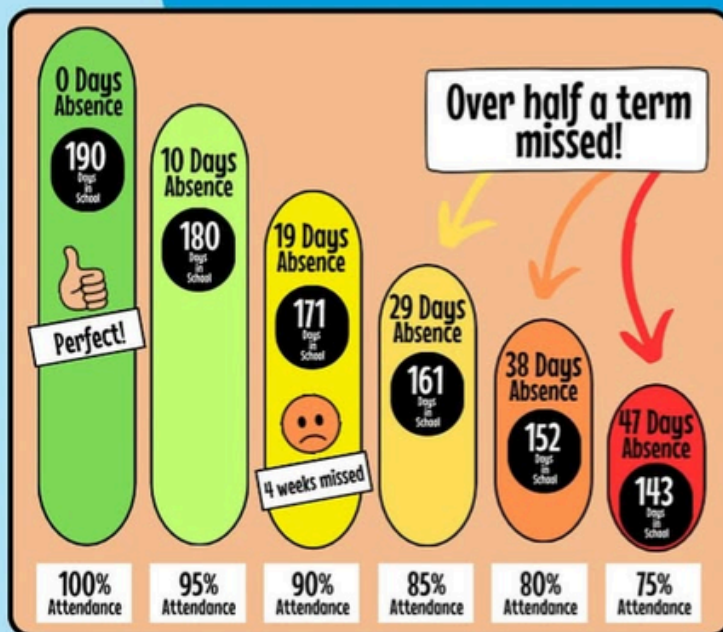
School Attendance

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.
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Did you know there are...

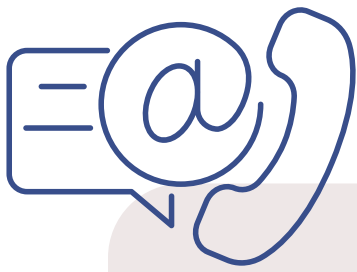
- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

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.
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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

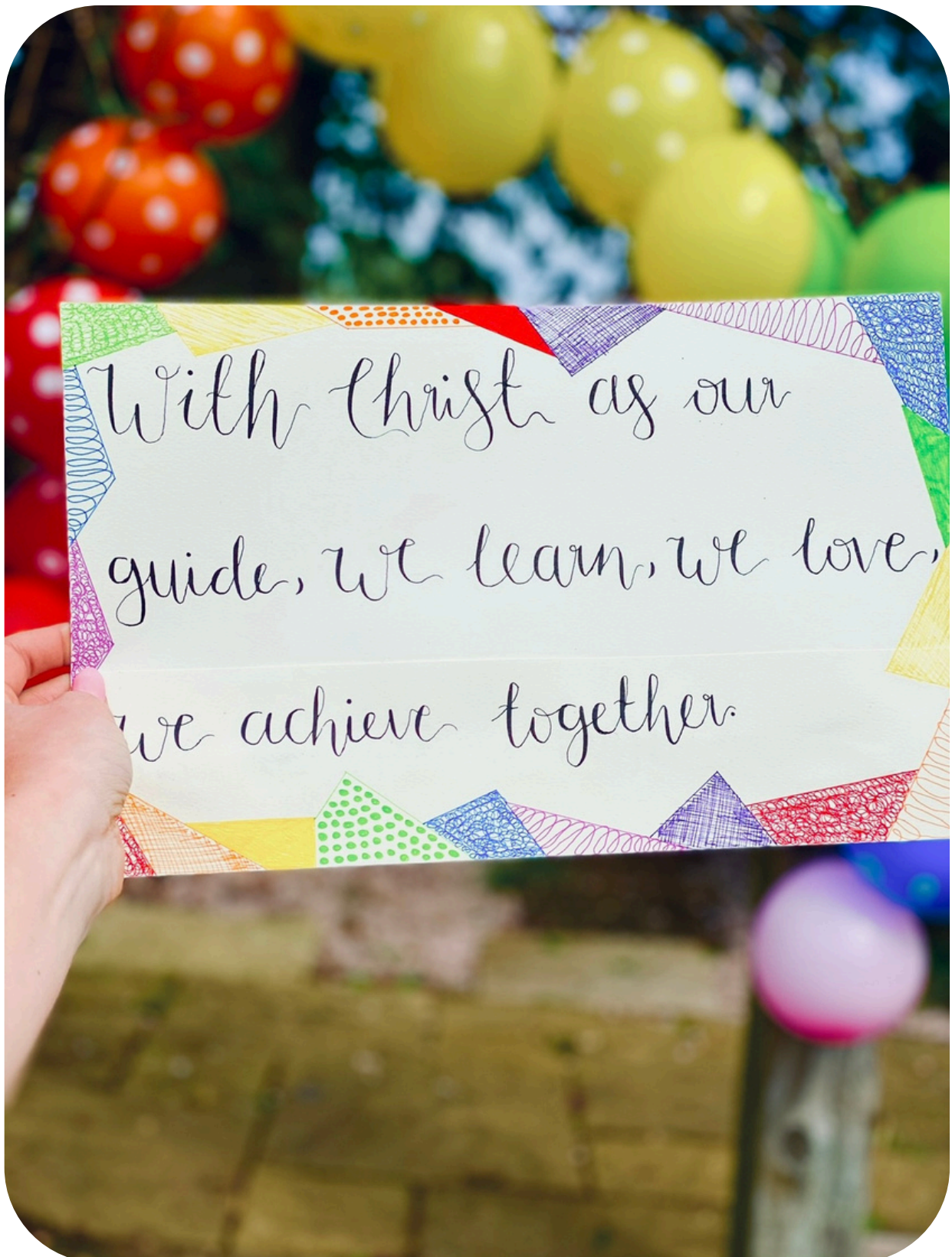
Registers taken 8.45 AM



Afternoons:

Gates open 3:00 PM

Doors open 3:15 PM



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