



# Marist Mail

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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we love, we achieve together...

Dear Marist families,



Next week, we will be reflecting on the baptism of Jesus by John in the River Jordan. This moment is a reminder of God's love and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. We'll explore how baptism is not only a sacred ritual but also a sign that we belong to God's family.

With the children, we will talk about what it truly means to be part of God's family- how we can live out our faith through kindness, prayer and service to others. We will encourage them to think about simple, everyday actions that show their love for God and for one another, helping them understand that being part of God's family is something we demonstrate in the way we live and care for others.

## Next week...

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Class 6L to  
Mass - Postponed - New date to follow

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - EYFS 2026  
Admission Deadline

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Class 3M Worship



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### **Mrs Morreale's Thanksgiving Mass**

We were delighted to celebrate Mrs Morreale's Thanksgiving Mass on Friday. We also celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, which was on Tuesday. The children sang beautifully, creating a truly joyful atmosphere and it was wonderful to hear from Mrs Licence and welcome her back during the celebration. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this occasion so special.



### **Parent Forums**

I have been in discussion with the PTA and our governors regarding upcoming parent forums. I am currently awaiting confirmation of dates that will work best for the class reps. In the meantime, please don't forget to share any thoughts about our school uniform with your class reps. The governors and I are very keen to ensure that any decisions about uniform reflect your views. Please note, there are no plans to change the uniform during this academic year. This process is simply to ensure we are fully aligned with government statutory guidance ahead of September 2026.

### **Notices**

A gentle reminder to please be considerate when parking near the school. We have received an increasing number of reports of cars parking on pavements and blocking pathways, which makes it difficult for pedestrians and compromises safety. Thank you for helping us keep the area safe and accessible for everyone.

Additionally, please remember that we are in winter uniform, which includes blazers and ties. We appreciate your support in ensuring all children are dressed appropriately for the season.

With every blessing,  
Mrs Fanzo



## Contacting Us

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[info@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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.



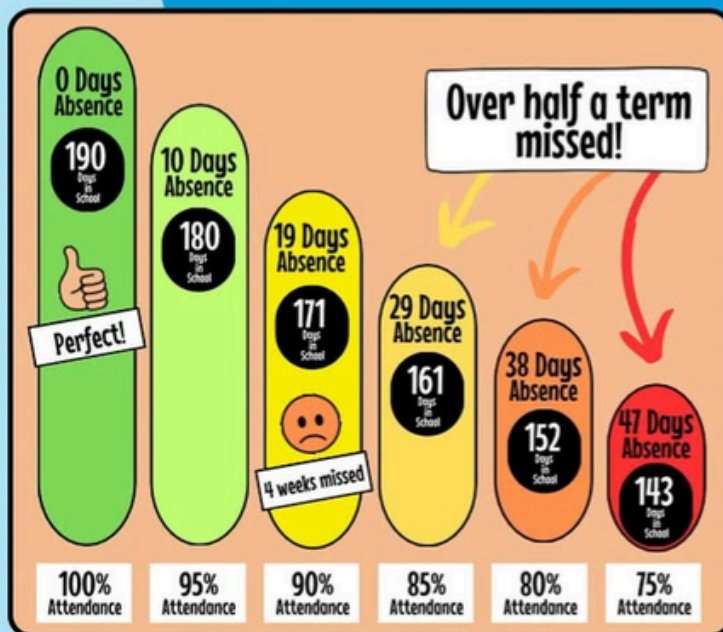
### Building Confidence

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 whole school attendance was 97.6%.



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.



## Advent Collection

Thank you to families who have donated to our Advent Collection for the Nativities, Carol Service and Reindeer Run via ScoPay or in person. The option on ScoPay is open until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.



Please share with  
friends and  
families! We've  
saved them a seat!



# The Marist Catholic Primary School

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## Reception 2026 Applications open!

Application deadline:  
Thursday, 15 January  
2026

Contact our office to  
arrange a tour – we'd  
love to welcome you!

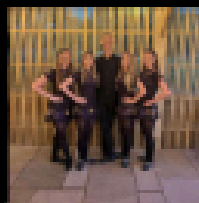
We were graded 'outstanding'  
in our Catholic Schools  
Inspectorate in February 2025

"This is a warm and welcoming  
community where everyone is known and  
loved. Across the school, pupils are  
confident to share their opinions and  
ideas, knowing that these are highly valued  
by the adults who look after them."

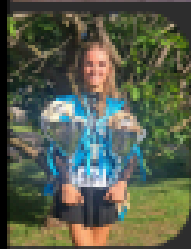
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## Dance Classes at The Marist

### Fridays 3:15 - 4:15

*Come along and join us on to learn Irish dancing taught by Danielle Gale T.C.R.G*

*Term Dates 9th January - 20th March*

*£63.00 - 7 sessions ✨*

*Please Note No Classes*

*6th February / 13th February*

*Fabulous opportunity to join a friendly, fun dance family  
Teaching all important skills of teamwork, dedication, Self Confidence  
and Self Esteem.*

*Helping to boast flexibility, Balance, Muscle strength and Cardio.*



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Payment Details  
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# Martial Arts School Club

**Your child will...**



- ✓ Gain Confidence
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Dear Parent,

The London TKD School Clubs are an exciting children's martial arts programme at the cutting edge of character building and life skills development.

Throughout the term, students will learn a variety of self-defence techniques, specifically designed for realistic situations that children find themselves in.

These classes also help develop a positive attitude through learning, meditation, mindfulness and confidence building exercises.

### **How to get started?**

Simply scan the QR code, or visit our website and select "**Get Started**", then follow through the booking instructions to select your school and start date.



Once you have booked, your child's name and details will be added to our coaches register ready for their first class.

With our special joining offer you will be charged **£10 for 2 weeks** and then the ongoing classes are **£10.50** weekly.

### **What does my child need to wear and bring?**

Please wear some comfortable, loose fitted clothing (PE kit) and bring along a bottle of water.

**Thank you for entrusting us with your child, we are looking forward to welcoming them in for their first class with us!**



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# RETRO GAMING Afterschool Club

Design and code your own classic retro games such as Pong!, Asteroids, Space Shooter and Doodle Jump. Then it's competition time! Can you beat your friends at your own game? Working in a team, create your own maps, characters and game code. An awesome workshop which teaches creativity and coding skills whilst having fun.

## DATES :

Every Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

## TIME :

3:30 - 4:30 PM

## PRICE :

6 WEEKS OF FUN LEARNING  
FOR £61.50!



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Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require.

N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

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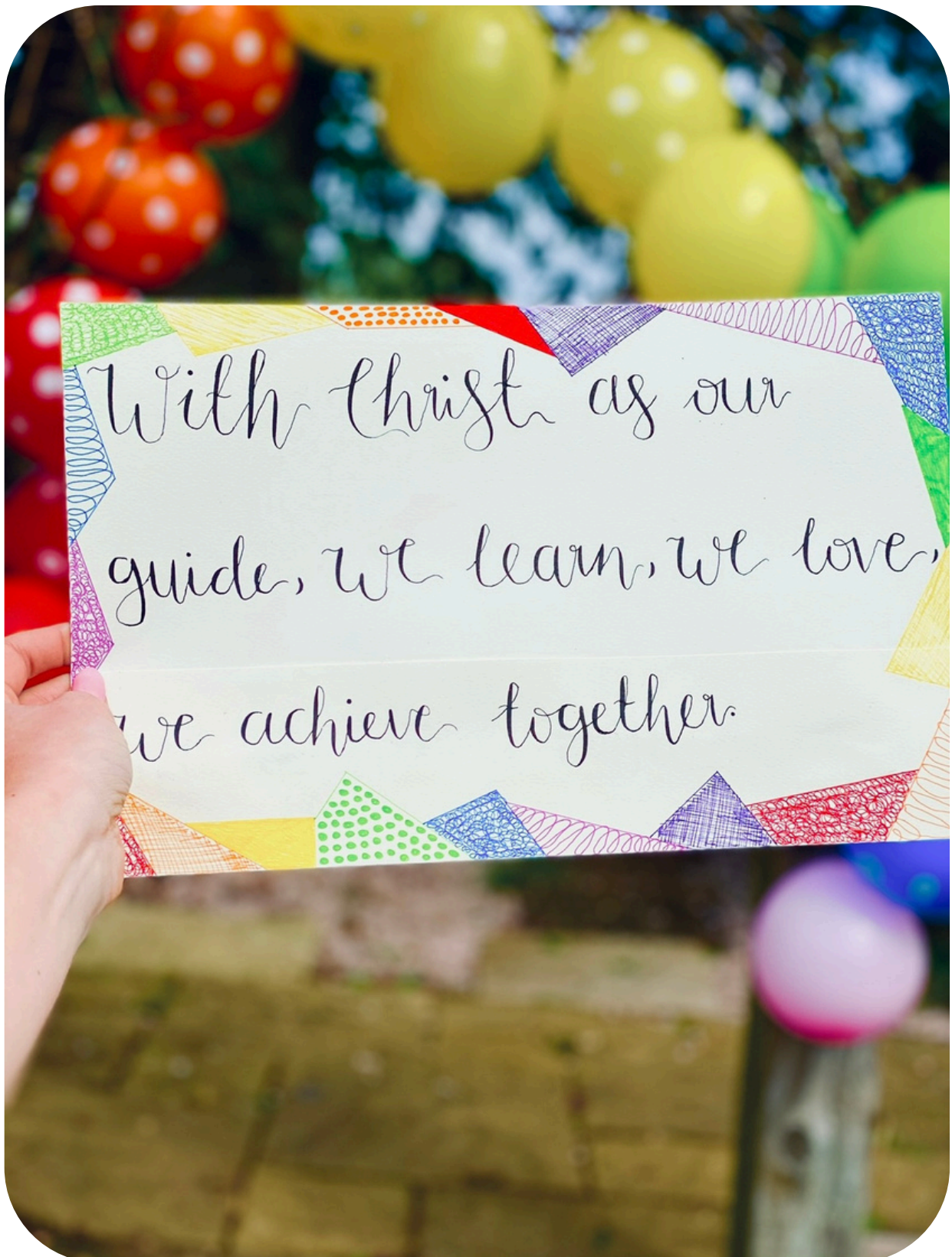
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