



# Marist Mail

Friday 27th March 2026



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

Dear Marist families,



“We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain.

But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection.

“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!”

Pope John Paul II

Lent in a Catholic primary school is always a sacred time, and this year is no exception. The children have had the opportunity to share their prayers; to raise money for our Lenten charity; to experience the Paschal Play and to pray Stations of the Cross as school community. Well done to all at Team Marist. I am particularly proud of the children who have been integral to making these moments special as we approach the Easter break.

## Next week...

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Start of the Summer Term

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Class 3B to Mass at Our Lady's - 10am

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Class 2A to West Byfleet Library - 9.30am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Start of Summer Term and Eastertide Mass - 9am - led by Class 4T

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - PTA Disco  
4-5pm EYFS and KS1  
5.05 - 6.005pm - KS2



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As we begin the Easter holidays, let us take a moment to reflect on the significance of this holy season. Easter is a time of joy and renewal, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life. It is a time to gather with loved ones, attend Mass, and engage in spiritual practices that deepen our connection to God. As we prepare to celebrate this most blessed of seasons, may we embrace the spirit of hope, love and forgiveness that Easter embodies. Let us also remember those who may be facing challenges during this time and extend a hand of compassion and support. May the grace of the risen Christ be with us all, and may everyone have a truly blessed and joyous Easter holiday.

### **Science Fair**

The Xavier Science Fair was held at the Royal Holloway College and attended by children from every Xavier primary school. This was a celebration of science, which was enjoyed by all. Of course, the build up to this event was exciting in itself and Mrs Walsh ensured that The Marist entries were of an exceptional quality. Our Marist Learners really get a good deal with their science curriculum, so special thanks to Mrs Walsh for her enthusiastic and inspirational leadership of the subject.



### **Marist Learners**

Spring Term is exceptionally busy and so much has been packed into the weeks since Christmas. International Week, Book Week, the Science Fair were definite highlights, as were Children's Mental Health Week and the Paschal Performance. There have been trips to Butser Farm and the O2 and sporting events. Visitors to the school have included an author and historical figures. Children have also enjoyed baking and painting. Threaded through all our learning has been oracy, with children gaining in confidence as speakers and empathy as listeners. We are so proud of all our Marist Learners, particularly those who won Headteacher Awards this term (please see page 4-5).



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### Staffing News

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mrs Cunningham will be leaving The Marist this Easter to focus on Betty and Brook and spend more time with her family. She has done so much to raise the profile of art in the school and she will be missed. We do, however, have the comfort of knowing we will still continue to see her, just like Mrs van Zyl, for Art Club. We wish you all the best, Mrs Cunningham!

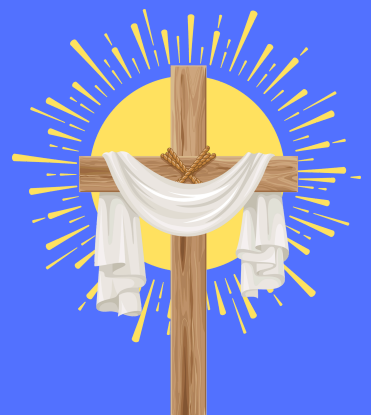


### A few reminders

- Blazers should be worn by all children in Years 1-6.
- EYFS children can begin to move into summer uniform, which includes a blazer for all children.
- The register closes at 8.45am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late.
- Please do not request term-time holidays, as they cannot be authorised.
- Parents should set an example with safe and legal parking. There is going to be traffic every day, and you need to allow time for this when planning your journey. Thank you to the vast majority of our parents who park safely and considerately.

### Easter

Please ensure you and your families take time to rest over the Easter break. Spending time together, limiting screens and getting outside- and even going to Mass- are things that may drop off the end in term time. Easter is a perfect opportunity for a re-set. So, enjoy the lighter days, the spring flowers and the Easter eggs- Team Marist wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.



With every blessing,  
Mrs Fanzo

# Head Teacher Awards - Spring

## St Anne's RA



Contribution - Demian  
Progress - Hugo  
Courtesy - Fatima  
Behaviour - Lily

## St David's RD



Contribution - Aurora  
Progress - Finn  
Courtesy - Jacob  
Behaviour - Mikka

## St George's 1G



Contribution - Lorenzo  
Progress - Rayyan  
Courtesy - Danna  
Behaviour - Chiemerie

## St Paul's 1P



Contribution - Luna  
Progress - Oscar  
Courtesy - Arlo  
Behaviour - Mila

## St Andrew's 2A



Contribution - Owen  
Progress - Olivia  
Courtesy - Mattia  
Behaviour - Jonas

## St Francis' 2F



Contribution - Wilf  
Progress - Joshua  
Courtesy - Arabella  
Behaviour - Ella

## St Bernadette's 3B



Contribution - Kaitlin  
Progress - Aranveer  
Courtesy - Max  
Behaviour - Anamaria

## St Matthew's 3M



Contribution - Finn  
Progress - Rodrigo  
Courtesy - Viola  
Behaviour - Leonora

## St Patrick's 4P



Contribution - Alfie  
Progress - Evelyn  
Courtesy - Sophie  
Behaviour - Joseph

## St Theresa's 4T



Contribution - Paa Kwesi  
Progress - Ollie  
Courtesy - Larissa Rose  
Behaviour - James

# Head Teacher Awards - Spring

## St Cecilia's 5C



Contribution - Brenan  
Progress - Arty  
Courtesy - Hazel  
Behaviour - Darcie

## St Joseph's 5J



Contribution - Amanda  
Progress - Lucca  
Courtesy - Gabriel  
Behaviour - Noor

## St Luke's 6L



Contribution - Laine  
Progress - Nancy  
Courtesy - Arabella  
Behaviour - Arina

## St Thomas Moore's 6T



Contribution - Hugo  
Progress - Bella  
Courtesy - Adelyn  
Behaviour - Sienna

## Art Awards



Contribution - Leo (3M)  
Contribution - Khadija (5J)  
Progress - Scarlett D (6L)  
Courtesy - Ella (2F)  
Behaviour - Axel (4P)  
Behaviour - Samuel (2A)

**And well done to all the  
Marist Learners across the  
school who worked so hard to  
be their very best this term!**



## Big Lent Walk - Thank you!

Just to say a massive thank you for all the generous sponsorship donations for our Big Lent Walk! Already we have raised an incredible £1532 for CAFOD. If you haven't donated, there is still time! The option on ScoPay will be live until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

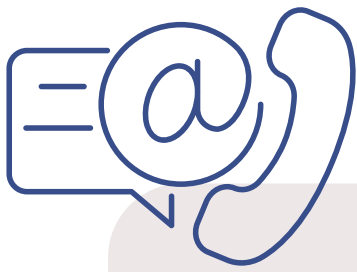
Lots of photos to follow on Instagram!



## Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday the children are invited to join with the youth of the Parish in children's Stations of the Cross at Our Lady.

These will be led by the young people preparing for Confirmation. The children's Stations of the Cross are at 12 noon and everyone is welcome.



## Contacting Us

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

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[office@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@marist.surrey.sch.uk) - Extended Schools, Trips & Events, Lettings, SCOPAY

[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



# Attendance Matters



Today our whole school attendance is 92.1%.



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.



## News from the PTA...

Hasn't it been nice to see some sun this week – the promise of spring is right round the corner and with it comes the Easter holidays and a chance to clear out for our upcoming clothing collection.

This will be on 14th April at drop off. Please see the attached poster for what is and isn't collected. The PTA gets a price per kilo for the items donated which adds up! This is a great way to support the PTA and have a clear out at the same time.

### Uniform sale

We are going to try something a little different this time to give as many people the chance to attend the PTA uniform sale next term.

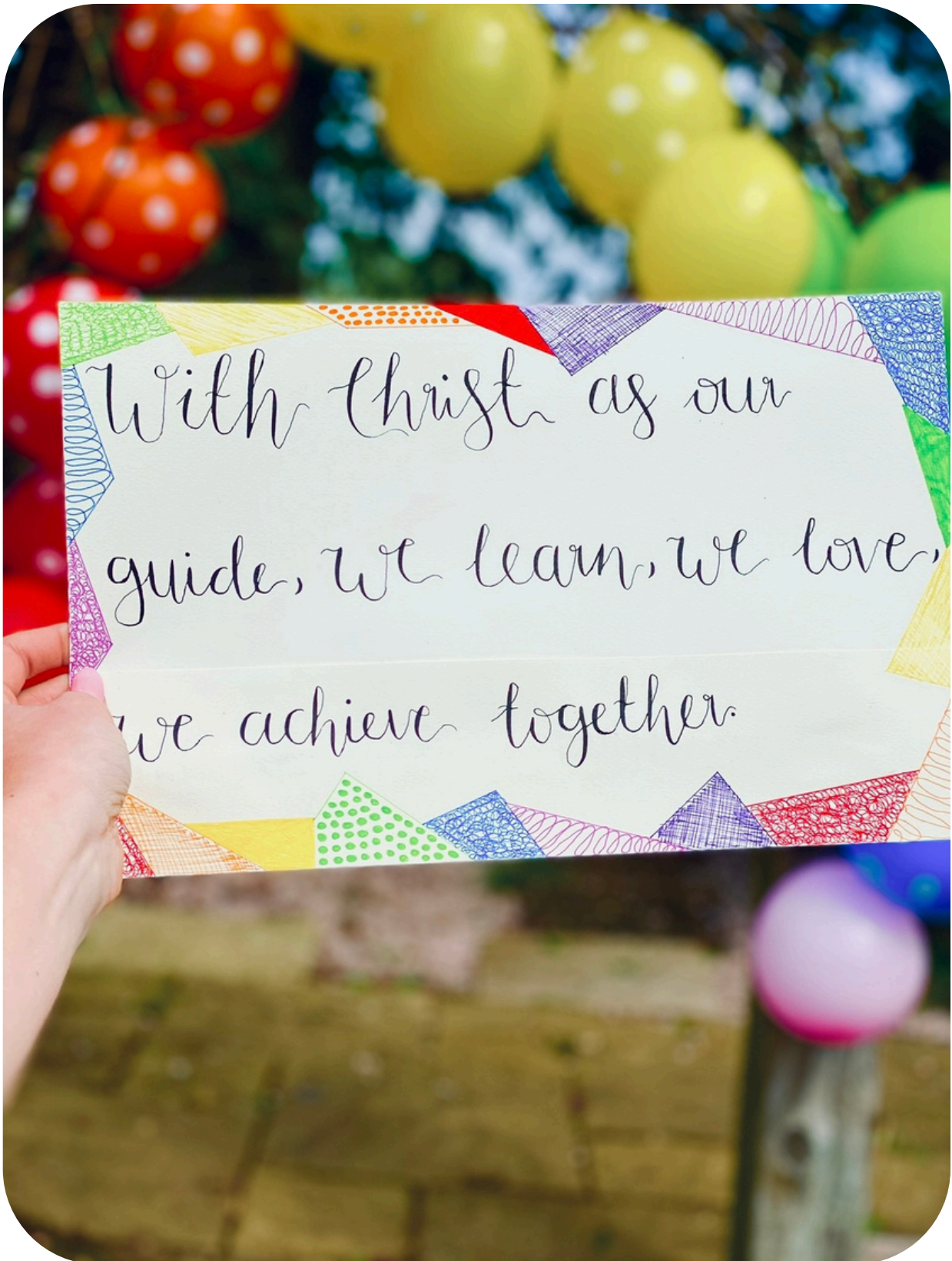
We will have a sale on the 24th April before school, it will also be on at pick up time and then again, the following day (Saturday 25th April) from 09:00 – 11:00). We are trialling the Saturday sale and if it goes well will hold more. If anyone is available to help at these events, please email [pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk)

### Summer BBQ

The summer BBQ is in the diary for 6pm-9pm on Friday 26th June. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle or know of a local business (or not so local!) that may be able to could you please contact the PTA so we can follow up on this: [pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk).

### Fundraising ideas

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



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