



Marist Mail

Friday 6th February 2026



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

Dear Marist families,

'You are the light of the world'



Next week, we will be hearing from Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus teaches His followers that they are called to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." We will be exploring these words with the children, helping them understand what Jesus meant and how they can live this out in their everyday lives. We'll talk together about how being "salt" means bringing goodness, kindness and joy to others- just as salt brings flavour to food. We'll reflect on how Jesus asks us to be shining lights: people who spread hope, encourage others, stand up for what is right and share God's love wherever they go.

Next week...

Monday 9th February - Mufti Day

Tuesday 10th February - EYFS and KS1
Show and Share

Wednesday 11th February - KS2
Show and Share

Friday 13th February - INSET Day -
School closed for children



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Catholic Life

A huge congratulations to 2F for a truly brilliant class worship this week. The children showed such confidence and joy, and it was clear they had worked so hard to prepare. Well done to every child and to Mrs Parmigiani- you did Team Marist proud!

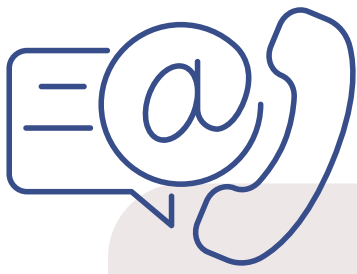
Roman Day!

Year 4 had a brilliant Roman Day today, coming to school in fantastic costumes and throwing themselves enthusiastically into activities that brought their history learning to life. The children made excellent contributions throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions, sharing great ideas and showing real curiosity about Roman life. A big thank you to Miss Stimpson and Miss Madariaga for organising such an enjoyable and memorable experience; your hard work and creativity made the day a great success.

Our Marist Learner Staff

Team Marist have had a very busy and productive week, with staff continuing to develop our Oracy journey in exciting ways. Two members of staff attended the Voice 21 training day, which provided valuable ideas and strategies to strengthen speaking and listening across the curriculum. We were also delighted to host an open morning for colleagues from other schools, giving them the opportunity to see strong Oracy practice in action. Alongside this, staff have been leading maths training and taking part in prayer and liturgy training, making it a big week of professional learning and collaboration across our community.

With every blessing,
Mrs Fanzo



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on a daily basis, **please use the log absence feature under attendance in your Arbor app.**

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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

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.



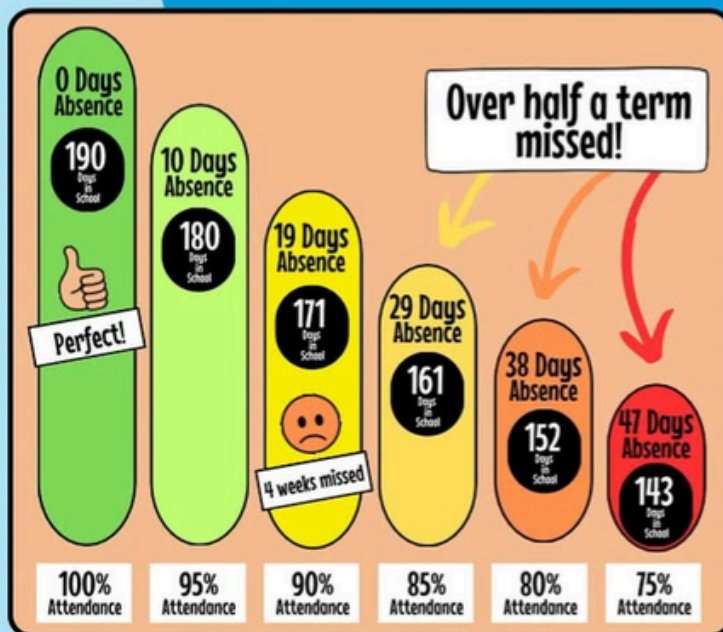
Building Confidence

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 99.3%.



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.

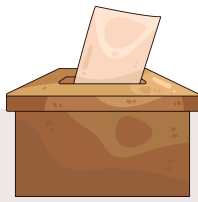
Attendance Ladder



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.



Upcoming Parent Governor Election

If you would be interested in applying for the upcoming Parent Governor vacancy, please contact our Chair of Governors, Sue Jarrett, at sjarrett@marist.surrey.sch.uk to arrange a meeting to find out more about the role.



News from the PTA...

It was great to see all of the year 4 children dressed in their Roman finery today – we all hope that they had a great day of immersive learning!

Thanks to all of those who attended the PTA meeting in the staff room this morning; the minutes will be published next week so any interested parties can see what was discussed.

We also hope to have a list of dates of events soon but if you have any suggestions in the mean time please do get in touch (pta@marist.surrey.sch.uk) or come along to the next meeting – its great to have new people with new suggestions!



NEW MEMBER TRIALS

For children born between **January 2017** and **August 2020** who are interested in competitive swimming

2020 born must be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.

2017 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

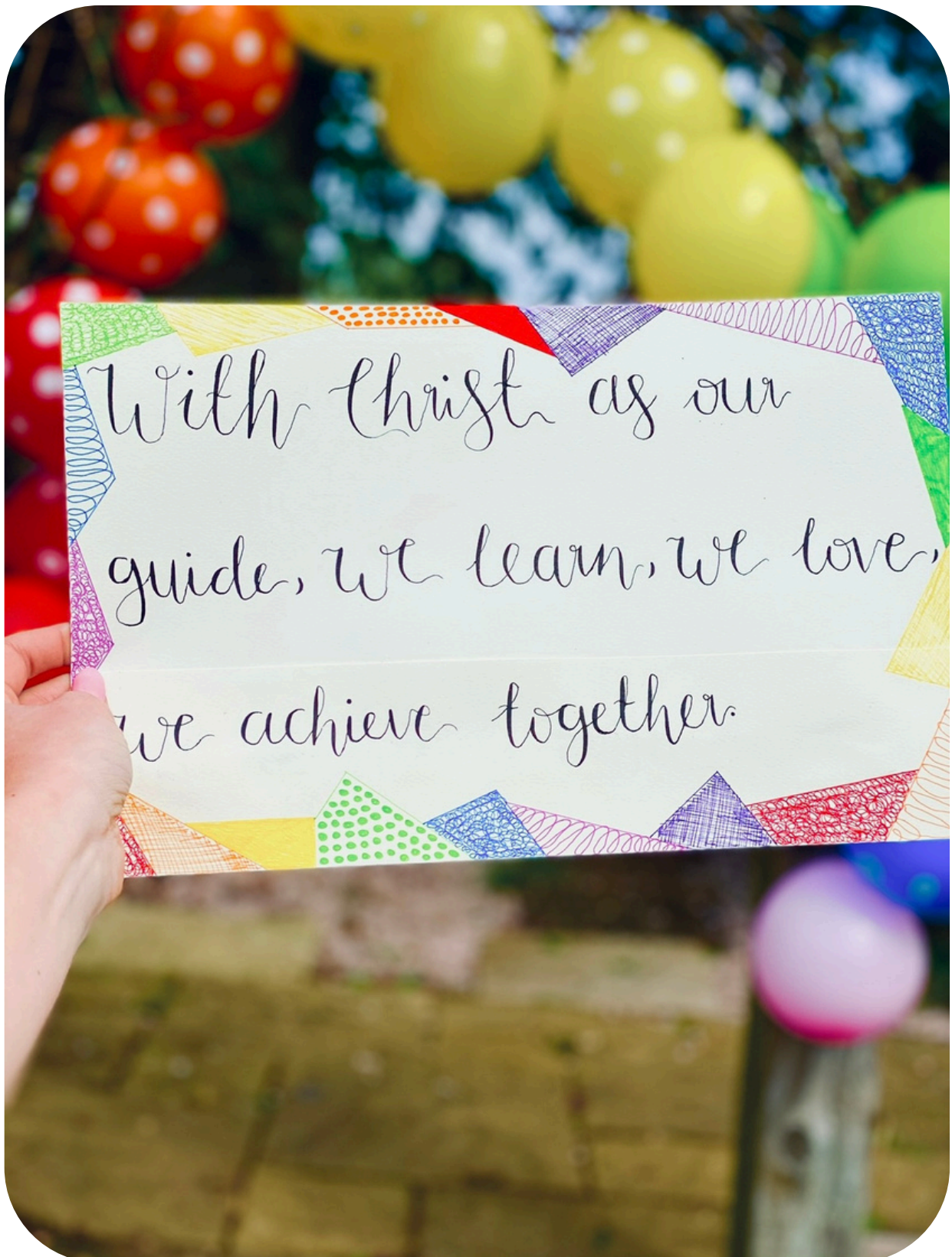
WHEN
Tuesday 24 February 2026 from 6.30pm

WHERE:
Pool in the Park, Woking



REQUEST A TIMESLOT

Or email Christine: wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com



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