

Marish Primary School Newsletter

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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at Marish/ Willow/ Pippins. Already we have had the excitement of our Ofsted report being published and Pippins joining the Marish Academy Trust family of schools.



It has been great too, to see so many enthusiastic children, happy to be back at school. However, I know this transition isn't easy for everyone, so do let us know if we can help by making adjustments to support your child, if they are finding coming into school challenging. Speaking to a staff member you trust is the first step, but can make all the difference.

Autumn is a time of change, always. The heat of the sun has diminished and the evenings are drawing in. There has been the novelty of rain this month, which will soon lose its fascination as it becomes the norm. The excitement of festivals of light are sometimes blurred by life's challenges, so can I encourage us all to look after ourselves and others in the school communities. A smile, a few kind words or taking the time to truly listen are never wasted. Have a great half term.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Denham (Executive Headteacher)

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SEND Unit Activities



Children in SU2 took part in an arts and crafts activity, creating handprints and choosing their own colours. Some children chose to use both hands, exploring the activity with enthusiasm and creativity. The children enjoyed the task independently, requiring only minimal prompts and support from adults.

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Our Nursery Journey Begins



Our Nursery children have settled in wonderfully and are enjoying exploring their new environment, building new friendships and becoming familiar with their daily routines. This term, we have been focusing on developing their listening and teamwork skills. The children are learning to stop and listen when they hear the bell, as well as working together and helping one another during tidy-up times. It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence and beginning to express their own interests and preferences, independently choosing the resources and activities they enjoy. We look forward to continuing to support their independence, confidence and curiosity as they learn, play and discover together.

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Roman Workshop



Year 4 enjoyed an exciting Roman Workshop, which brought their history learning to life. The children took part in a range of interactive activities, exploring what life was like in Roman Britain. They learnt about Roman soldiers, armour, daily life and significant historical events through hands-on experiences and engaging discussions.

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Temple Visit



Year 5 visited the Slough Hindu Temple as part of their Religious Education curriculum on Hinduism. The visit helped pupils deepen their understanding of Hindu beliefs and practices by making meaningful links between classroom learning and real-life worship.



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Stars of Leadership

Junior Leaders



Junior Librarians



Peer Mentors



We are delighted to introduce our newly selected Junior Librarians, Peer Mentors and Junior Leaders. These pupils have been chosen for their enthusiasm, responsibility and commitment to making a positive contribution to school life. We look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills and serve as excellent role models for their peers throughout the year.

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PE Activities



The Year 5 and 6 girls' football team recently took part in a football festival at Power League in Slough. The team worked incredibly hard and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the event. They showed great determination, made some fantastic tackles and scored several brilliant goals. We are very proud of their effort, teamwork and positive attitude.

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Parent Workshops

We recently had a very successful Headteachers' Coffee Morning, with parents joining us to share ideas and discuss ways we can continue to support our children. We encourage all parents and carers to attend our upcoming workshops. Your involvement makes a real difference and helps us work together to support your child's learning and progress.



Date	Session	Staff Lead	Venue
Tuesday 6/10/26	Year 6: SATS Prep	Mrs Mughal and Mrs Chaudhery	School Hall at 8:45am and 2:30pm
Monday 12/10/26	Nursery Stay and Read session	Marish Nursery team	Nursery 9:00-10:00 and 1:00-2:00pm
Wednesday 7/10/26	Writing workshop	Mrs Chaudhery	School Hall at 8:30am KS1 and 2:30pm KS2 only
Thursday 8/10/26	Reading workshop	Reception teachers	Reception class RB am session: 8:30-9am pm session: 3:30-4pm
Wednesday 4/11/26	Phonics and E-safety	Mrs Imtiaz and Mr Sinclair	School Hall at 8:30am and 2:30pm
Monday 10/11/26	Maths: MTC session for Year 4 parents only	Mrs Khan	School Hall at 8:30am and 2:30pm
Friday 20/11/26	SEN Unit Coffee Morning	Mrs Gentles	School Hall 8:30-9:30am

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Free School Meal New Changes

Am I eligible for benefit related free school meals?

Universal Credit eligibility changes

From the 01/09/2026 FSM eligibility is expanding to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings. There will be 2 categories of eligibility for families in receipt of Universal Credit. The 2 categories Targeted and Expanded Eligible.

Universal Credit targeted FSM eligibility

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less (the existing threshold for FSM prior to the expansion), will be eligible for targeted FSM. In addition to receiving free meals, pupils eligible for targeted FSM will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements that have previously been linked to eligibility for FSM, such as the Holiday Activities and Food program (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will also continue to be based on targeted FSM.

Universal Credit expanded FSM eligibility

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to expanded FSM (meals only).

If you think you may be eligible, or would like help completing an application, please contact the school office. We're always happy to help.

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Marish Instagram Account



We are proud to regularly share snapshots of learning, celebrations, and everyday school life with our families and wider community via Instagram.

Follow us to see more:

@MarishAcademyTrust

@MarishPrimarySchool



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Timings of the School Day

Soft start is from 8:15am to 8:30am for all year groups except Nursery.

SEN Unit:	Doors open 8:15am to 8:45am and then at 3:00pm
Nursery:	8:00 – 11:00am and 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Nursery full time	8:00am – 3:00pm
Reception:	8:30am – 3:15pm
Year 1 and Year 2:	8:30am – 3:15pm
Year 3 and Year 4:	8:30am – 3:25pm
Year 5 and Year 6:	8:30am – 3:25pm



Ensure that you drop your child off at the designated entrance. Do not leave them unsupervised on the school grounds.

Fees for Breakfast club and Meerkats

Meerkats	Before 4pm	After 4pm Additional Charges
	£2	£5
Breakfast Club	£1 per day	-
Late collection	£5 per 15 minutes	-

Full time only sessions, £4, parents still need to order and pay for school dinner in addition to this.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast club or Meerkats you will need to apply for a space. For more information or an application form, enquire at the school office.

Please note, there is a different payment schedule for Pupil Premium/ Free School Meal pupils. Please contact the office before applying.

All pupils must be booked in advance otherwise they will not be allowed to attend. If your child attends Meerkats without a booking you will be charged the late fee. Children must not attend Breakfast Club without a booking as numbers are limited. Please book a week in advance.

You are required to sign your child in to Breakfast Club and out of Meerkats each day.

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Playground Fundraising Initiative

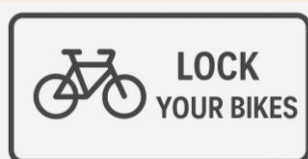
We are excited to share that both schools will be fundraising throughout the year to support the purchase of new playground equipment. A variety of events will be held across the year to help us reach this goal. We look forward to your support and involvement in these upcoming activities.

A Polite Reminder to Parents and Carers

We kindly request that no dogs (or any other pets) are brought onto the school premises, even if they are being carried.



Please also ensure that bikes and scooters are not ridden anywhere within the school grounds. There have been a few concerns raised about near accidents involving pedestrians. When leaving bikes in the designated bike area, please make sure they are securely locked.



Additionally, we ask all parents and carers to be considerate of our neighbours during drop-off and pick-up times. Please park responsibly and drive calmly and safely around the school.



Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

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A REMINDER ABOUT SAFE AND RESPECTFUL PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

We would like to remind all families about the importance of safe, sensible and respectful behaviour during pick-up and drop-off times.

For everyone's safety, please ensure that:

- Pavements are kept clear and not used for parking, so that children, pushchairs and families who cannot step into the road can pass safely.
- Local residents' driveways are not blocked and the surrounding community is respected.
- Rubbish is taken home and not left in the local area.

We also ask that all adults speak to one another in a calm, polite and respectful manner at all times. As a school community, we are role models for our children, and they look to us to demonstrate kindness, patience and understanding.

Our school serves many children with additional needs, including those who may move unpredictably or require the safety of the pavement at all times. Please be mindful of this and show consideration to all families.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe, welcoming and supportive for everyone.

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Marish School Uniform

Our Marish school uniform is:

- Red Sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy blue trousers, shorts or skirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Black sensible shoes (no boots, high heels or platforms)
- (Nursery – the above with dark coloured jogging bottoms)
- PE Kit – plain red T-Shirt (round neck or polo), navy/black shorts.
- A dark tracksuit (plain or with a small logo) to wear over the PE Kit for outdoor lessons in cold weather. Trainers/plimsolls are needed for all PE lessons.

All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

The only jewellery allowed is one small stud in each ear, a watch and that which is a specific religious requirement. **These must all be removed for PE.** The child must take full responsibility for looking after these items. the school will accept no responsibility for their loss or damage.

PE and Games – PE is not an optional subject, it is a part of the national curriculum.

Swimming in KS2 – Swimming is not an optional subject. A letter with swimming costume requirements will be sent when your child is in year 4.

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Half Term Club

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be running a club during the first week of October half term for any children aged 5 and over. ***The Holiday Club will be open from Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October from 8.30 am-3.45pm.***

This club will run at Marish School.

The costs are:

£25.00 per day per child

£35.00 per day for 2 children

£45.00 per day for 3 children

£55.00 per day for 4 children

Please provide your child with a packed lunch.

The numbers will be limited so please return the slip as soon as possible. It is important that the slip is returned with the days requested as we need to make sure that we have the correct staff – children ratio.

Full payment must be paid on Parent Pay by Monday 6th October and is non-refundable.

The children will have lots of activities that they can participate in including cooking, art & craft, dance and fun sports.

If you have any questions, please ring the office number and ask for Mrs Beard.

Yours sincerely

S Beard

Sharon Beard

Holiday Club Manager

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Attendance

Marish

September 2026

Year 1: **96.3%**

Year 2: **94.7%**

Year 3: **95.7%**

Year 4: **96.0%**

Year 5: **97.8%**

Year 6: **95.1%**

Target: **96%**



Last time 100%
attendance
reward was a
Kit Kat Bar!



Below 90% Serious Concern
Drastic effect on academic success

95- 90% Cause for Concern
Negatively affecting academic success

100%- 96% WELL DONE
Achieving full potential

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E-Safety

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based login. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.



USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.



SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.



REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.



Meet Our Expert

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POSITIVE PARENTING

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CURVE VENUE
OCTOBER HALF TERM

Kathakali

A vibrant dance show filled with storytelling, music, colourful costumes and spectacular makeup!

Suitable for all ages

Friday 23 October 7.30pm

The AMAZING BUBBLEMAN

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★ Natural Tie Dye	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	19/09/2026
★ Fluid Art	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	24/09/2026
★ Doodle Art	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	03/10/2026
★ Embroidery Handicraft	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	30/10/2026
★ Clay Casting	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	17/10/2026
★ Resin Studio	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	24/10/2026
★ Tote Bag Design	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	23/05/2027
★ Graffiti Art	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	29/05/2027
★ Texture Art	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	04/03/2027
★ Mixed Media Abstract Art	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	21/10/2026
★ Journaling & Scrapbooking	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	09/12/2026
★ Pyrography: Burn Art	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	10/04/2027
★ Clay Casting	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	11/04/2027
★ Resin Studio	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	24/04/2027
★ Tote Bag Design	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	22/05/2027
★ Graffiti Art	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	24/05/2027
★ Soap Making	Saturday 10:00-12:00	1	26/06/2027

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SEPT 22 10 AM TO 12 NOON Barriers to School Can't go, Not Won't go!	SEPT 30 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM PDA - Demand Avoidance	OCT 06 7 PM TO 9 PM Sleep - Autism and ADHD
OCT TBC 7 PM TO 9 PM AuDHD	OCT TBC 7 PM TO 9 PM Understanding Emotional Regulation	TBC 00 More workshops coming soon

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