

A message from
Mrs Sleath.....

Marlfields Primary Academy

Where Children Come First



7th March 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week we have been celebrating all things 'books' at Marlfields. Firstly, we were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm and effort that went into our 'World Book Day' costumes. Our school was full of superheroes, wizards, princesses and even more book-themed characters. During World Book Day, each class got to perform a poem to the rest of the school and were able to practice their speaking and listening skills. I am proud to say that all of our children performed with confidence and expression and really enjoyed putting on a show!

As much as we enjoy the dressing up, we would like to share the message of the importance of reading and the positive impact this can have on our children's academic success and wellbeing. I would like to gently remind our families how much we value reading miles—please encourage your child to read at home as much as you can!

Finally, we are absolutely thrilled with the success of our 'Golden ticket' chocolate bar sales. We have managed to sell over 240 chocolate bars to help raise money for our new school library. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative and we hope you enjoyed your chocolate treats!

Thank you all for your patience while we iron out the current issues with Arbor. We are working hard in the background to get this resolved. In the meanwhile, please do not hesitate to speak to our teaching staff at the gate if you have any questions. Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Sleath

Important dates

- 11.03.25 SILLY SCIENCE WORKSHOP
- 21.03.25 COMIC RELIEF FUNDRAISER
- 18.03.25 Y1 CLASS ASSEMBLY & ENTERPRISE
- 19.03.25 SWIMATHON
- 28.03.25 NON UNIFORM DAY
- 01.04.25 Y2 CLASS ASSEMBLY & ENTERPRISE
- 03.04.25 EYFS EASTER BONNET PARADE - 9:30am
- 03.04.25 EASTER BINGO
- 04.04.25 END OF TERM
- 22.04.25 SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN
- 05.05.25 MAY BANK HOLIDAY
- 02.05.25 –23.05.25 Y2 SATS
- W/B 12.05.25 YR 6 SATS
- 19.05.25 Yr 6 ENTERPRISE & LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
- 23.05.25 SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM
- 03.06.25 SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN
- W/B 09.06.25 PHONICS SCREENING
- 17.06.25 SPORTS DAY
- 08.07.25 REC. CLASS ASSEMBLY & ENTERPRISE
- 16.07.25 LEAVERS SHOW - 6:00pm
- 22.07.25 SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER

| Class | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|
| Nursery | 90.9% |
| Reception | 93.6% |
| Class 1 | 93.1% |
| Class 2 | 94.9% |
| Class 3 | 90.5% |
| Class 4 | 95.6% |
| Class 5 | 94.5% |
| Class 6 | 90.4% |
| Bluebell | 93.1% |

This Week's Winner
is:

Class 4
with
95.6%

Our whole school
attendance target is
96.4%.

This week our school
attendance was
92.96%



Please see above, dates for the rest of the academic year. There are a few more dates to be confirmed. As soon as they are, we will add them to the list.

Next week we are
week 3
of the lunch menu

Staffing Updates

Mr Hassall

It is with great sadness that I announce our Assistant Headteacher, Mr Hassall, will be leaving us at Easter. Mr Hassall has been a valuable member of staff and a treasured member of the school community at Marlfields. I would like to express our immense gratitude for all the positive contributions that he has made towards our school and the children within it and he will be greatly missed by all. Mr Hassall has made the decision to change his career path and will be teaching at Springfield's school, working with children with special educational needs. We wish him all the best in his future career and hope he keeps us updated about his exciting new role.

Year 2

Following a thorough recruitment process, we have successfully appointed a new Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Gosling,. She will be teaching our Year 2 class and joining us after Easter. Mrs Gosling currently works at LadyBarn school in Manchester, and has a great breadth of experience as an assistant headteacher. She has a passion for leading Maths and Science and has worked in year 2 for many years. During her interview, she demonstrated values of optimism, nurture and high aspirations; we are really looking forwards to her joining our Marlfields family. Mrs Gosling will be meeting the year 2 children on Thursday 27th March as part of her transition into school.

Year 3

After Easter, Miss Ratcliffe (not to be confused with our previous teacher, Mrs Radcliffe) will be joining us as the new year 3 teacher and school English lead. Miss Ratcliffe has a real passion for reading and writing, and we are excited to see the positive changes she brings to the school. We would like to send out a huge thank you to Mrs Bournier-Brown for taking great care of our year 3 children while we took the time to recruit a new member of staff.

Well done to our incredible footballers who competed this week and represented Marlfields. They played brilliantly!



Congratulations to Lucy Horton, who was our lucky chocolate hamper winner! She found the golden ticket in the chocolate bar and won the incredible hamper prize! Thank you to everyone who entered– we hope you all enjoyed your chocolate treats!



Reading Miles

As a school we are working hard to promote reading miles. Reading is one of the biggest indicators to children's academic success. We ask that parents please encourage their children to read at home at least 4 times per week.

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK IS

World Book Day!



Rewards and Celebrations

Writer of the Week

Awarded to :

For

Date:



Reader of the Week

Awarded to :

For

Date:

Bluebell: Junior

Reception: Joseph Maggiore

Zak Hoque

Year 1:

Archie Bibby

Year 2:

Hope Thompson

Year 3:

Year 4: George Timpson

Year 5: Molly Burt

Bluebell: Jaxon Mitchell-Taylor

Reception: Rey Mitchell-Taylor

Year 1: Olivia Wall

Year 2: Ruby Herrman

Year 3: Eric Cullen

Year 4: Yaretzy Guerra-Cordero

Year 5: Lanah Matthews

Year 6: Alice Lawton

Bluebell: Aria Shaw

Reception: Delaney Brinkman

Year 1: Taron Lanigan

Year 2: Loki Matthews

Year 3: Ryan Corfield

Year 4: Amelia Ara-Nott

Year 5: Izzy Beaden

Year 6: Dylan Matthews

Bluebell: Leo Shirley

Reception: Penelope Leake

Year 1: Steven Cooke

Year 2: Oliver Mellor

Year 3: Miron Onyshchenko

Year 4: Reyah Hoque

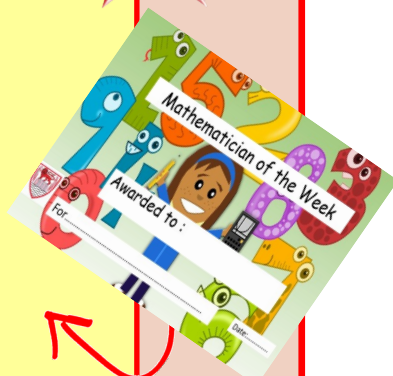
Year 5: Stuti Stuti

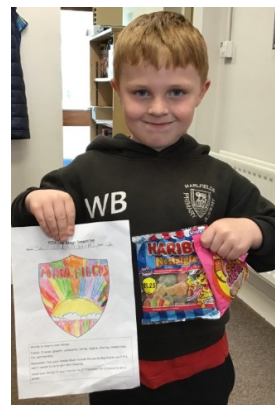
This Term the House Team Winners were:

Hufflepuff



Well done!





School logo winners

Thank you to everyone who entered our school logo competitions. Please see below the winners, who collected their prizes in assembly this morning. The final designs have been digitalised by Mr Price and we will start sharing them on our school website and communications in due course. I'm sure you will agree that the designs are really special.

Bluebells logo winners:

Arthur Ciocan (Year 4)

Izzie Beaden (Year 5)



PTFA logo winner:

William Brown (Year 2)



FINAL LOGOS



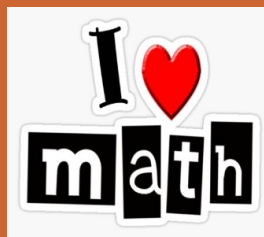
TT ROCKSTARS—This week we have challenged our KS2 children on their times tables. Our children have worked incredibly in their teams to complete as many times tables questions as they could. Keep up the great work Marlfields!

First place: Year 4—69,075 questions

Second place: Year 6—13,028 questions

Third place: Year 3—12,530 questions

Forth place: Year 5—1,1090 questions



Parking reminder

We have had some complaints from our neighbours about cars parked outside their houses. Please be reminded to park respectfully around school and the local area.

School dinners—Price increase

The price of our school dinners will be increasing slightly. Our new school dinner price will now be £3.20 per child (free school meals will not be affected).

Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice reported in school.

Headlice are very common in young people and are picked up by head to head contact.

Please check your children's hair and treat the headlice if you find them through wet combing or purchasing treatment from your local pharmacy. Further advice can be found on the NHS website. [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)





28th March



Please Bring an Easter Egg
for the Easter Bingo!

Easter Bingo Night! 🐰

Thursday 3rd April

Join our PTFA for an evening of fun and games at our **Easter Bingo Night**.

⌚ **Doors Open:** 4:30pm

⌚ **Eyes Down:** 5:00pm

Get ready for a night filled with laughter, great company, and a chance to win fabulous prizes! Plus, enjoy delicious refreshments and take part in our exciting raffle! 🎁 ✨

Bring your family and friends and have lots of fun!

Costs on the night:

Bingo tickets will be £1 a strip or £5 a book.

Bingo Dabbers: £1

Raffle: 50p

Tea/ Coffee £1

Juice 50p

Chocolate bar £1

All ages welcome!

Just turn up on the night ready for lots of fun!



CALLING ALL FAMILIES—OUR PTFA NEED YOU!

Our new PTFA are looking for members of our school community who work at any of the companies below. They are offering matched funding to PTFA events. If you do, please get in touch with Mrs Blagg, or one of our PTFA members, as you could help us to DOUBLE our fundraising for the school.

Thank you for your continued support!



WEAR CRAZY HAIR FOR RED NOSE DAY!

*Wear your craziest hairstyle for red
nose day.*

**RED
NOSE
DAY**



**Friday 21st
March**

**£1 donation - please pay using
Scopay on the day**



DROP-IN WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY TEAM



The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering parent/carer drop-in sessions at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held once per half term in both the North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice, and explore strategies to support your child. They are not for Local Authority processes (e.g., EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

Examples of topics include:

- Concerns about speech development
- Managing challenging behaviours
 - Social skills or play difficulties
- Anxiety or school-related issues
 - Preparing for adulthood

Parents/carers can book a 30-minute slot by calling their local Family Hub. Sessions will be themed based on age groups (e.g., Start for Life, Primary, Secondary/Post-16) to align with the Family Hub journey map. Afternoon sessions will coincide with the Little Stars stay-and-play group for children with SEN.

| Date | Location | Age Range | Times |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 14.03.25 | Monks Coppenhall Family Hub | Start for life (0-5 years) | 9.30am – 4.15pm |
| 18.03.25 | Oakenclough Family Hub | Secondary/Post 16 | 9.30am – 4.15pm |
| 01.05.25 | Congleton Family Hub | Primary (6-11 years) | 9.30am – 4.15pm |
| 02.05.25 | Monks Coppenhall Family Hub | Primary (6-11 years) | 9.30am – 4.15pm |
| 09.06.25 | Ash Grove Family Hub (Macclesfield) | Start for life (0-5 years) | 9.30am-4.15pm |
| 13.06.25 | Monks Coppenhall Family Hub | Secondary/Post-16 | 9.30am – 4.15pm |
| 15.07.25 | Oakenclough Family Hub | Primary (6- 11 years) | 9.30am - 4.15pm |
| 18.07.25 | Monks Coppenhall Family Hub | Start for life (0-5 years) | 9.30am – 4.15pm |

We will also be asking parents/carers to complete an evaluation form after the drop-in to help us shape the service and improve practice to meet needs in the best way possible.

Call your Family Hub to book a slot:

Oakenclough - 01625 374180 Monks – 01270 371240