

# Marlfields Newsletter

## 13th February 2026



A message from Mrs Sleath .....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Love has certainly been in the air this week following the wonderful success of our PTFA Valentine's Disco. It was yet another fantastic event, and I feel incredibly honoured to have such a committed PTFA and members of staff who work so hard to make these occasions as magical as they are for our Marlfields children.

I am also thrilled to share that our Year 3 and 4 athletics team achieved second place in this week's Sports Hall Athletics competition. This year, we set ourselves the goal of increasing our participation in local sporting events and giving more children the opportunity to take part. Our focus was on being positive, giving everything a try, and showing resilience when competing against more experienced schools. The children made us immensely proud—not only with their attitude and teamwork, but of course, the results were a lovely added bonus!

Throughout the week, our children have also been learning about "little acts of kindness." Staff and our House Captains have been recognising and celebrating pupils who make others smile through thoughtful gestures and everyday helpfulness. This theme was highlighted in our celebration assembly and is helping us continue to nurture a positive and happy environment for all at Marlfields.

Please ask your children about our exciting visit from author Josh Hicks today. We were very fortunate to welcome him into school to share his books and talk about the inspirations behind his writing. A huge thank you to Simply Books for helping to provide this visit free of charge. We hope the children who pre-ordered his new book enjoy diving into their reading!

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Warm regards,  
Mrs C. Sleath  
Headteacher



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

- 13.02.26 – February Half Term
- 23.02.26 – School re opens
- 05.03.26 – World Book Day
- 11.03.26 – Year 3 Class Assembly
- 17.03.26 – Year 4 Class Assembly
- 20.03.26 – Red Nose Day
- 25.03.26 – Reports sent home
- 26.03.26 – Easter Bonnet Parade
- 26.03.26 – PTFA Easter Bingo
- 27.03.26 – School closes for Easter
- 13.04.26 – School Opens



Class	Attendance
Nursery	80.91%
Reception	91.07%
Class 1	90.56%
Class 2	89.38%
Class 3	97.5%
Class 4	92.25%
Class 5	94.44%
Class 6	91.67%
Bluebell	96.67%

Next week we are  
**week 1**  
of the lunch menu

Our whole school  
attendance target  
is 96.4%.

This week our  
school attendance  
was

**92.06%**



This Week's  
Winner is:

**Year 3**  
With  
**97.5%**

Where Children Come First

# Rewards and Celebrations★

## 3 Bs Award

Reception .... Jasper  
Year 1 .... Katie  
Year 2 .... Lyla  
Year 3 .... Harry  
Year 4 .... Parker  
Year 5 .... George T  
Year 6 .... Elliot  
Bluebell .... Logan

This week the House Team

Winners are ...

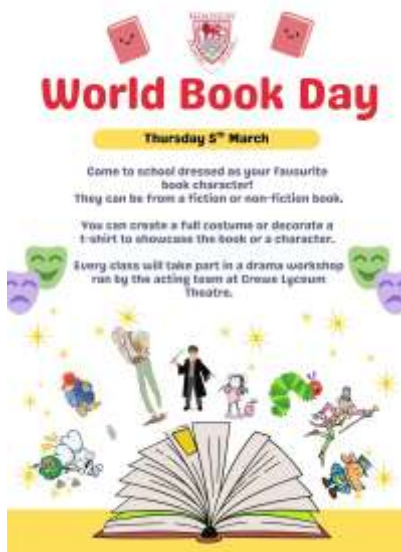


Hufflepuff!

## Notices

We love celebrating our amazing staff at Marlfields! If a member of staff has made a difference to your child – big or small – we would love to hear about it. Your positive shout outs help us recognise the hard work, kindness and dedication shown every day.

[Marlfields Staff Shoutouts – Fill out form](#)



### School Dinner Menu

Reminder that we start the new Spring/Summer Menu after

### Lion Club

If you need to contact Lion Club for any reason, please contact them on the following phone number: 07746 087653



### Staffing update

Although we previously announced that Mrs Amri would be leaving us, we are very pleased to confirm that she will be staying at Marlfields as the Teaching Assistant in our Bluebell Class.

Mrs Amri will be adjusting her working days to fit around her university timetable. This means she can continue her studies while still being a valued and much-loved member of our school community.



# This is Me!

I joined in November and I am currently working as a TA in Year 6 with Miss Ratcliffe and I'm having a great time in getting to know the children!



Hello, my name is Miss Vara!



Here are a few of my favourite things..

I love playing badminton with my friends!



I love going for walks during the sunset!

I love travelling and learning new cultures!



My favourite book is 'Tadpole's Promise'. The book is full of surprises!



This is my dog called Rex. He will do any tricks just for a treat!



# PTFA News



*The school Valentine's disco was a fantastic success, with the children enjoying dancing, laughter and a wonderful evening together! Sending a big thanks to the PTFA.*



PIC•COLLAGE

## PTFA Dates for Your Diary

Golden Ticket Chocolate— 5th March

Easter Bingo — 4th April

Break the Rules Day—22nd May

Summer Fayre— 10th July

# WE ARE RECRUITING

*join our team*



## Early Years Teaching Assistant (with SEN support)

Marlfields Primary School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced temporary part-time (24 hours a week, and term time plus insets) Teaching Assistant to work with our EYFS team. Your role will be based in both our nursery and reception class and will include working with children with additional needs.

You will need to demonstrate:

- Your ability to work as part of a very enthusiastic team
- Commitment, flexibility and energy
- Excellent behavioural management skills
- A knowledge of the EYFS curriculum and assessment
- To be willing to undertake suitable training for your own professional development

We are a friendly, relaxed and happy staff who look forward to welcoming a new member to our team.

Closing date for applications:  
Friday 20th February at 12pm  
Applications to be received via MyNewTerm



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## Key Stage 1 Teacher (Maternity Cover)

Marlfields Primary School are seeking to appoint a creative and dynamic year 1 class teacher who will be able to make a significant contribution to our happy and forward-thinking school. This will be maternity cover from April 2026 until the end of Spring Term 2027.

The successful candidate will:

- Be first and foremost an excellent and inspirational classroom practitioner
- Value the delivery of an enriched, progressive and broad curriculum
- Have experience of working in Key Stage 1
- Be able to work flexibly and supportively as part of a team
- Demonstrate an energy and understanding which ensures all children in their care achieve the very highest outcomes both personally and academically.
- Be committed to creating a stimulating and inclusive learning environment.

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Friday 27th February at 12pm  
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## Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. The position is term time only for 1 hour per day with an hourly rate of £12.45 (Grade 2 NCP 3).

If you are interested or know someone who may be, then please call the school office on **01260 637120** or email [slm@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:slm@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk) for an application pack.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people / vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spent reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions in your application form.

It is an offence to apply for this position if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity.

The post is also subject to an online social media check.

<https://marlfieldsprimary.co.uk/>

## DID YOU KNOW?

This menu has been proudly awarded the Bronze School Plates Award by ProVeg UK School Plates!

What we eat has a huge impact on the world around us. We've made small changes to create a healthier, more sustainable menu.

Eating less meat is one of the biggest ways to help the environment—and it can still be super tasty!



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All pupils between reception and year 2 are entitled to a free nutritious school lunch.

Everyone automatically gets Universal Infant FREE school meals and can benefit by over £480 per child per year. If your child is in year 3 or above, find out if they could still qualify for a free school meal by contacting the school office.



## SPECIAL DIETS

If your child requires a special diet for medical reasons, please check out our website

[www.edwardsandward.co.uk](http://www.edwardsandward.co.uk)

for a full list of FAQs and to complete our online form.



# MENU

Spring/Summer  
2026

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A PLACE FOR ALL

### WEEK ONE

### WEEK TWO

### WEEK THREE

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**  
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)  
Veg of the Day  
Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**  
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)  
Veg of the Day  
Vanilla Snap (Ve)

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**  
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)  
Veg of the Day  
Lemon Biscuit (Ve)

TUESDAY

Golden Coconut Chicken Curry with Rice  
**or** Classic Mac & Cheese (V)  
Veg of the Day  
Cinnamon Apple Cake (V)

Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta  
**or** Garden Bolognese Bow Tie Pasta (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Flapjack (Ve)

Sausage with Mash & Gravy  
**or** Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**  
Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**  
Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**  
Cheesy Broccoli Bake with Roasties (V)  
Veg of the Day  
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

THURSDAY

Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy  
**or** Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)

Chicken Stir-Fry Rice  
**or** Rainbow Noodle Bowl (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)

Penne with Beef Bolognese  
**or** Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**  
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Chocolate Brownie (Ve)

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Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips (V)  
Veg of the Day  
Chocolate Brownie (Ve)

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Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)  
Veg of the Day  
Chocolate Brownie (Ve)

23/2/26, 16/3/26, 6/4/26, 27/4/26,  
18/5/26, 5/6/26, 29/6/26

2/3/26, 23/3/26, 13/4/26, 4/5/26,  
25/5/26, 15/6/26, 6/7/26

9/3/26, 30/3/26, 20/4/26, 11/5/26,  
1/6/26, 22/6/26, 13/7/26

Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.



V - Vegetarian, Ve - Vegan



## Children's Sleep Awareness Month

1st - 28th February 2026

In partnership with YouHQ, this year's theme is 'Teach Sleep' with a focus on schools and sleep. Together, we want to empower teachers, school leaders, pupils and their parents with practical tools to build healthier sleep habits.

[Download 2026 Supporter's Pack](#)

[Awareness Events - The Sleep Charity](#)



These services are provided by:  
West Cheshire Health and Care  
NHS Foundation Trust



## Supporting your child to start school in September

Starting school can be both an exciting and nerve-wracking time for you and your child. Your little one is about to take a big step and start a new chapter in their life.

There's lots you can do at home to help prepare your child.

Our website has lots of tips and information including:

- Preparing your child for school
- Tips to help make this transition go as smoothly as possible
- School readiness checklist
- Toilet training
- Information about the School Nurse Service
- Free school meals
- Accessing additional support



For more information scan the QR code or visit Health Visiting Hub Cheshire East on Facebook.



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[wchc.nhs.uk/children](http://wchc.nhs.uk/children)



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Explore Nature, Art, Science and Technology across West Cheshire Museums at **Museum Explorers club!**

Come and make some exciting discoveries with us this Spring!

**Winter Landscapes**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



**Amazing Archaeology**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



**Celebrate with Science**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Booking necessary, £5 per session. To book, pop in to see us or call:

Weaver Hall Museum: 01606 271646

Lion Salt Works: 01606 275066

Grosvenor Museum: 01244 972197



£10.50 per lesson

2-WEEK TRIAL AVAILABLE

# ENROL NOW!

Local drama classes in ASTURLEY

No audition required! Everyone is welcome!

One-hour, weekly drama classes for children aged 4-10 to develop confidence, communication skills and creativity.

Our imaginative curriculum incorporates **role play, improvisation, and structured performances**, building on skills such as **teamwork, self-confidence, public speaking, social interaction, concentration, memory and positivity**. Your child will make new friends with other local children, gain skills that will last a lifetime, and have fun whilst doing it.

Join us on a journey where **creativity meets education**, making a lasting impact on your child's developmental milestones.

ENROL NOW!



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Member of the Accredited Home Secretary 2016 and Young Person Employment Excellence Award 2016.