

Marlfields Newsletter

16th January 2026



A message from Mrs Sleath

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to have school feeling a little more settled this week, with far fewer weather disruptions. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have certainly made the most of it, taking part in two sporting events over the past few days. A huge well done to our basketball team, who faced some very tough matches at Congleton High School on Tuesday in their first competition of this kind. Congratulations also to our Year 5 and 6 representatives who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics event on Wednesday, with some children even competing in both events. We are incredibly proud of all who took part.

Thank you as well to the parents who attended our Phonics Information Evening last night. As a school, we place great importance on reading and practising reading at home. Research shows that regular reading is one of the strongest indicators of future success, and we encourage all families to continue supporting their children with this at home. If you ever need a book recommendation, our Reading Champions or Miss Ratcliffe are always happy to help. We would love to see even more families at future information evenings and would welcome any feedback on how we can schedule these to make them accessible for everyone.

Over the next few weeks, we will be having new fencing installed on the KS2 playground. We will ensure the work is planned carefully to minimise disruption at the start and end of the school day.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Sleath



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

- 19.01.26 – EYFS People who help us visit
- 20.01.26 – Year 5/6 Cross Country
- 22.01.26 – SAT's/ Year 6 Residential Information Evening
- 22.01.26 – SEN Coffee Afternoon
- 26.01.26 – Parent's Evening
- 27.01.25 – Parent's Evening
- 27.01.26 – Year 3/4 Cross Country
- 04.02.26 – Year 1/2 Library Visit
- 11.02.26 – PTFA Valentines Disco
- 13.02.26 – February Half Term



Next week we are
week 3
of the lunch menu

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.

This week our school attendance was

94.57%

This Week's Winner is:

Bluebell
with

100%

Class	Attendance
Nursery	86.61%
Reception	92.14%
Class 1	93.89%
Class 2	98.13%
Class 3	97.08%
Class 4	92.41%
Class 5	97.33%
Class 6	95%
Bluebell	100%

Where Children Come First

Rewards and Celebrations

Spotlight Certificate

Reception Adelina
Year 1 Joseph
Year 2 Evelyn
Year 3 Matilda
Year 4 Gaby
Year 5 Amelia
Year 6 Izzy

3 Bs Award

Reception Luna
Year 1 Milo
Year 2 Bradley
Year 3 Iona
Year 4 Harley
Year 5 Imogen
Year 6 Bella
Bluebell Casey

This week the House Team

Winners are ...



Hufflepuff



Hello! My name is Miss Trussler and I can't wait to work with you this year.



I can't choose a favourite colour as I like them all.

I believe learning should be fun and creative. We should always try our best.

One of my favourite books is 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.



I love learning in all subjects but my favourite is art as I like being creative and colourful.



I love animals, colouring, reading and listening to music. I have three cats: Jet, Theo and Ember.



Notices

Parking Reminder

We have received a number of complaints from residents on the Westlands estate regarding irresponsible parking at drop off and pick up times. We kindly urge all families to park considerately, making sure that driveways are not blocked and that access for residents is kept clear.

Being mindful of where we park helps us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and keeps everyone safe around school. Thank you for your co-operation.



SEN Coffee Afternoon!
22nd January

1:45 – 2:45 for Bluebell Parents

2:15 – 2:45 for All Other Parents

An opportunity to meet the new SEND staff and have the chance to find out how school supports your child and how we can work together to help you at home.

Join us for a chat, coffee & treats!

Information for parents and carers

Your child's reading journey Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Your child has now learned most of the Year 1 phonics in *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* and will soon be preparing for the nationally required Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in June.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- The Phonics Screening Check is a quick check of your child's decoding skills.
- Your child will be asked to read 40 words – 20 are real words, 20 are known as 'alien words' (made-up words).

Why do the children read 'alien words'?

- Reading alien words checks children's decoding skills and knowledge of graphemes in a fair way – it mirrors what the children have to do when they read a word that they have not read before.
- Your child will not have seen the alien words before. They will have to use their knowledge of letters and sounds to work out how to read them.

How does the check work?

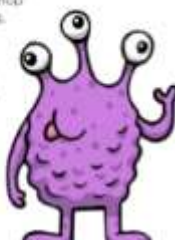
- Your child will be asked to read 40 words independently.
- The check has been designed to not put your child under stress. It will be carried out by a member of staff who knows your child well.
- It should only take a few minutes to complete, but there is no time limit.

Do I need to do anything to further support my child?

- Continue to listen to your child read their phonics books and read to them daily.
- Your child's teacher will let you know if any additional practice is needed.
- Always ask if you need any further support!

All for the love of reading

- Teaching children the skills of reading will increase their will to read. Children who love reading, choose to read.
- Reading develops children's vocabulary, understanding of the world and empathy.
- A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success! To develop a love of reading, children must have the skills to read, which is why we teach them using phonics.



DONATE HERE
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/teammarlfields>

ROTARY CONGLETON SWIMATHON TEAM MARLFIELDS!

10% of all funds goes to 'Friends for Leisure' and 'Beartown Rickshaw' charities. Please donate to support!

CONGLETON LEISURE CENTRE
Wednesday 18th March 2026
2pm to 3pm



Year 5 and 6 went to CHS for a basketball competition. We played against 5 other schools and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship.

PIC-COLLAGE



Marfields enjoyed their water safety assembly on Monday.

PIC-COLLAGE

PTFA News

PTFA Dates for Your Diary

Valentines Disco—11th February

Break the Rules Day—22nd May

Summer Fayre— 10th July



DID YOU KNOW?

This menu has been proudly awarded the Bronze School Plate Award by ProVeg International!

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

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



MENU

AUTUMN/WINTER

2025-26



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

Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice
or Classic Mac & Cheese (V)
Veg of the Day
Apple Cake (V)

Italian Sausage Pasta Bake
or Penne with Garden Bolognese (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Jaffa Cake Sponge (V)

Sausage with Mash & Gravy
or Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Oaty Apple & Rhubarb Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V)
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V)
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)

THURSDAY

Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy
or Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

Cottage Pie
or Golden Topped Cottage Pie (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

Penne with Beef Bolognese
or Sweet Potato Korma with Rice (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banoffee Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banana Custard Ice Cream (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banana Cake (V)

1/9/25, 22/9/25, 13/10/25, 3/11/25, 24/11/25,
15/12/25, 5/1/26, 26/1/26

8/9/25, 29/9/25, 20/10/25, 10/11/25, 1/12/25,
22/12/25, 12/1/26, 2/2/26

15/9/25, 6/10/25, 27/10/25, 17/11/25, 8/12/25,
29/12/25, 19/1/26, 9/2/26

Classic Tomato Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ne 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



Talking Walk-In

Drop in to a Talking Walk-in session for advice about your child's Speech & Language. Here you can chat to a Speech and Language Therapist and gain helpful hints and tips tailored to your child's unique needs.



Monday 12th January	Crewe Lifestyle Family Hub	1—2pm
Tuesday 13th January	Congleton Family Hub	10-11am
Tuesday 13th January	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	10 –11.30am
Tuesday 20th January	Nantwich Children's Centre	10-11.30am
Thursday 22nd January	Ash Grove Family Hub	1-2.30pm
Wednesday 28th January	Oakencrough Family Hub	10-11am
Wednesday 4th February	Oaktree Family Hub	10-11.30am
Wednesday 11th February	Congleton Leisure Centre	9-10am
Wednesday 11th February	Cledford Primary School (Nursery entrance)	9.30-10.45am
Friday 13th February	Broken Cross Children's Centre	10-11am

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'Cheshire East Chatters'



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SEND Drop Ins

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & Young people for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to drop in for a chat?? You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

January 2026

- Thurs 8th January 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appts only)
- Mon 12th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)
- Tues 13th January 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)
- Thurs 19th January 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (appts only)
- Wed 21st January 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
- Friday 23rd January 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)
- Tues 27th January 1-2pm Oakencrough Family Hub (appts only)

February 2026

- Monday 2nd February 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)
- Thurs 5th February 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appts only)
- Friday 6th February 9.30-11.00am Disley Library and Community Centre (drop in)
- Tuesday 10th February 1-2pm Oakencrough Family Hub (appts only)
- Fri 13th February 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (appts only)
- Tues 17th February 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)
- Wed 18th February 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Visyon Workshop

Please click on the attached link for information about parent workshops for children's mental health.

[Parent Workshops | visyon](#)