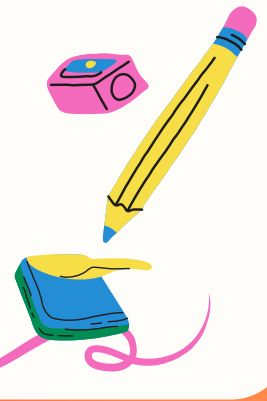




# Marlfields Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## A message from Mrs Sleath ...

Dear Parent/ Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the Easter break. Despite what I'm sure was an impressive number of chocolate eggs, the children have returned calm, settled, and ready to learn. This week's Celebration Assembly was a real highlight, with so many achievements to share. Our Spotlight Certificates showed fantastic progress in reading, and it was lovely to celebrate those successes together. Please do take a moment to look ahead at the upcoming dates—there are lots of exciting events planned for the summer term. As always, if you have any questions or positive news to share, I'm always happy to hear from you.

Mrs Sleath  
Headteacher

## Dates For your Diary...

- 24.04.26 - EYFS Open Day
- 27.04.26 - School Photographs - Leavers/ Class/ Graduation
- 27.04.25 - SEND Parent/ Carer coffee afternoon
- 29.04.26 - Year 1 & 2 Sports Hall Athletics
- 30.04.26 - Year 2 Class Assembly
- 06.05.26 - EYFS Library Visit
- 15.05.26 - Year 6 Treat Day
- 18.05.26 - Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket
- 22.05.26 - Year 2 Class Trip to Manchester Airport

Class	Attendance
Nursery	90.6%
Reception	91.48%
Class 1	97.06%
Class 2	96.25%
Class 3	99.13%
Class 4	88.46%
Class 5	95.56%
Class 6	93.33%
Bluebell	86.67%



**Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%**  
This week our attendance was **93.65%**

**Next week we are on week 3 lunch menu**

**This weeks winner is: Year 3 with 99.13%**

# Rewards and Celebrations

## Spotlight Certificate

Reception - Autumn

Year 1 - Ioan

Year 2 - Olivia W

Year 3 - Richhario

Year 4 - Cole

Year 5 - Imogen

Year 6 - Jeremiah

## 3 Bs Award

Reception - Anthony

Year 1 - Jasmine

Year 2 - Steven

Year 3 - Archie

Year 4 - Ronnie

Year 5 - Gracie

Year 6 - Wyatt

Bluebell - Patrick

This week the House  
Team Winners are:



... Hufflepuff



# School Notice Board

**ALL ABOUT ME**  
 ★ Miss Mills

Hello! ♥  
 Hello, my name is Miss Mills.

I really enjoy working in Bluebells. Every day is a new adventure and I love seeing the progress you make throughout the year!

**I Love Travelling**

- ✓ Florida
- ✓ Toronto
- ✓ Greece
- ✓ All over England
- ✓ New York
- ✓ Niagara Falls
- ✓ Latvia

Next on my travel wish list...  
 ♥ Japan or Venice!

**Volunteering**

I have volunteered in Latvia, helping to build campsites for children.

I have also volunteered in Greece, helping clear shepherds' trails.

**Cats, Cats, Cats!**

As you may see from my outfits... I am crazy about cats!

**Family**

I live with two very cheeky girls...  
 ♥ Bella - Year 6  
 ♥ My niece Kat - 21

**Random Fact...**

I may have read nearly every Spider-Man comic there is!

## BALLET AND CREATIVE DANCE CLASS



Creative Dance for Early Years is an innovative dance syllabus, created by Rambert Grades. Each dance class will take the children on an imaginative journey with endless themes. An energetic warm up is followed by physical skills development as the children learn structured movement material. Creative intuition is encouraged with a closing creative exploration to dive deep into their imagination. Swimming with whales, flying rockets to the moon or adventuring through the desert- every class is different!

Each session will explore movement in a new way and help to develop physical skills, harness musicality and empower confidence in young children.

Each child will have the opportunity to work towards taking a Rambert Grades Creative Movers exam, which are a celebration of each student's progress at the end of each grade. Each child is rewarded with a bright fabric badge and a certificate.



Rambert grades

My Ballet class is an inspiring, creative and imaginative Ballet class for young children. This class aims to introduce young dancers to basic Classical Ballet technique using imaginative methods and ideas. The dancers will also explore creative skills, experience mime, and replicate choreography.



**WHERE?** Marfields Primary School.

**WHEN?** 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> July, 15:20-16:10 every WEDNESDAY.

**WHO?** The club is open to reception and years 1 & 2.

**HOW MUCH?** The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) SPACES ARE LIMITED!

To secure your place and process your payment, or for further information, please email [sophiemoore@schoolofdance@gmail.com](mailto:sophiemoore@schoolofdance@gmail.com)

### School Dinner Price Increase

We have been informed by Edwards and Wards that school dinners will be increasing from £3.20 to £3.25 from the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Lions Club

If you need to contact Lions Club for any reason, please contact them on the following phone number: 07746 087453





# School Notice Board

## SUMMARY OF OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY

At Marfields, we expect children to attend school everyday as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so.

If your child is not well enough to attend school we ask parents to contact the school by 8:45am giving a reason for the absence- this allows us to code the absence accordingly.

Because we have a duty of care to all our children, we will contact you if we do not receive a call on each day that your child is absent.

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for children's success at school and also establishes positive habits.



## DO YOU NEED ATTENDANCE SUPPORT?

We hope that this leaflet provides you with all the information you need about your child's attendance at Marfields Primary School.

We understand that mornings can be hard—from tricky routines to worries about separation or illness.

Please talk to us!

We can support with:

- Morning routines
- Attendance concerns
- Health questions
- Settling-in support

If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact the school office or our attendance officer Rebecca on 07460 304261 or email [r.farrington@cflptrust.co.uk](mailto:r.farrington@cflptrust.co.uk)



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS.

## WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Attending school every day is important for your child's learning and success.

As parents and carers, you have a legal responsibility to make sure your child attends school regularly. Authorising absence without a valid reason is not allowed.

In some cases, schools are required to refer to the Education Welfare Service. This can lead to penalty notices, fines, and, in more serious situations, prosecution.

## WHAT THE GOVERNMENT SAYS

Government guidelines state that attendance figures of 90% or less is classed as persistent absence. The government expects that in order to reach a child's full potential, they must attend school for a minimum of 95% of the year. At Marfields, we will inform you each term or your child's attendance rates. We will also notify you in writing if we feel that attendance should be improved to prevent further action being taken. Further action will involve working with school to create an attendance action plan and monitoring this regularly to ensure improvement is seen.

## EXPECTED ATTENDANCE

If your child attends school between 95% and 100%, they have the potential to achieve their best, educationally and socially.

10 days off per year = 94.7%

Whilst 90% attendance might sound good - 90% = ½ day off each week per year \* 90% = 1 month off school per year.

## ILLNESS GUIDANCE

Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, but, if they can get out of bed and play or enjoy TV, they should be in school.

Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to miss school and feeling tired is not an illness. Looking after your child is very important to us and we will of course contact you if we feel they should be at home.



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence during term time is not permitted unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'. Taking a Leave or Absence without prior discussion or consent will result in an unauthorised absence. Family holidays will very rarely be considered as 'exceptional circumstances'.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

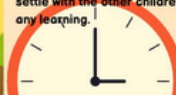
In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

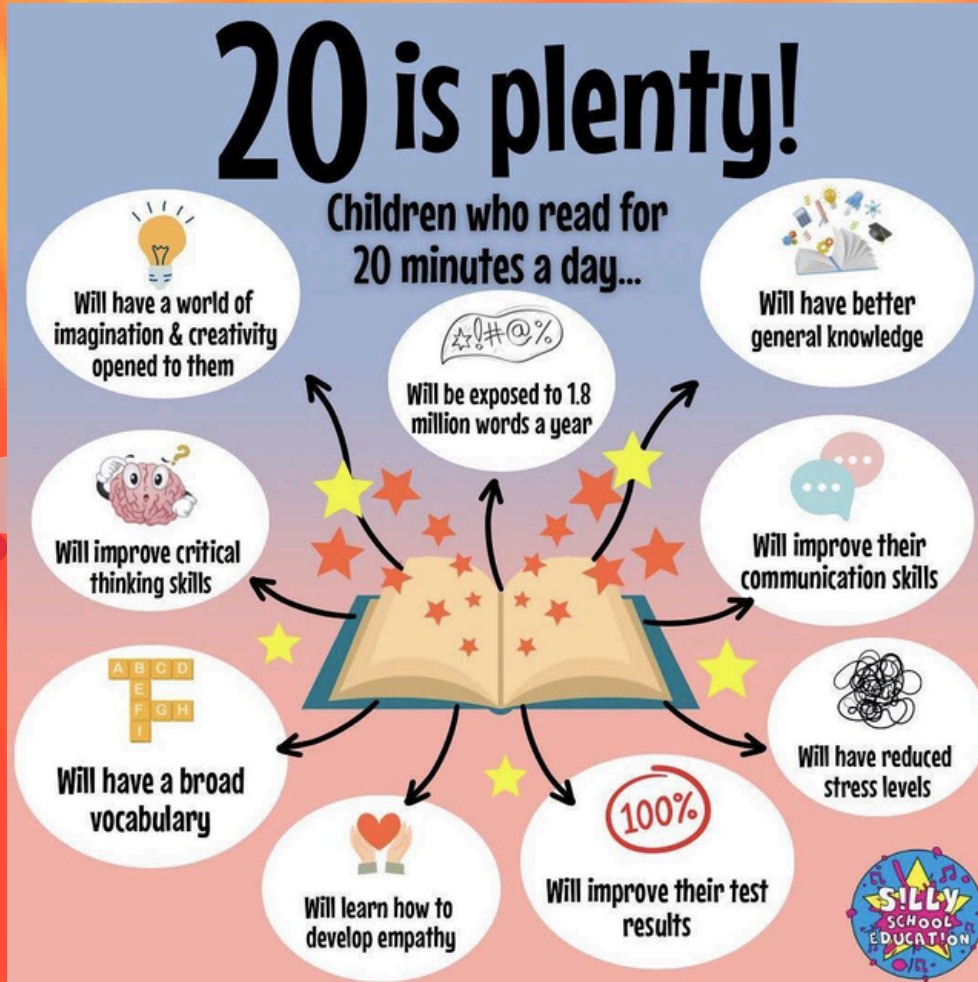
## PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance doesn't just involve being present in school-it also involves punctuality. You also have a responsibility to ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Please remember children come into school at 8.45am. Being on time allows your child to settle with the other children and to not miss any learning.



# In the spotlight this week ...

## Reading





# PTFA NEWS



The PTFA has spare trousers, skirts, jumpers and T-shirts available.

If you need anything, please contact the office confidentially and we'll do our best to help. If you have any uniform your child has outgrown, please drop it at the office or hand it to your class teacher for the PTFA.

Thank you for all your support!



## PTFA Upcoming Events

22.05.26 - Break the Rules Day

26.06.26 - Summer Fayre

