

Marlfields Newsletter

23rd January 2026



A message from Mrs Sleath

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a lovely week it has been in school. Our Reception children were absolutely buzzing as they welcomed visitors linked to their *People Who Help Us* topic. The fire service and police both spent time with the children, and judging by the excitement on their faces, we may well have a few future police officers in the making.

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented Marlfields at the Congleton cross country competition. They returned muddy, tired and incredibly proud of themselves, just as they should be. We're hoping for a good turnout from our Year 3 and 4 runners next week, so please do encourage your child to take part on Tuesday.

We also held our SEN coffee afternoon this week, and it was a real success. This marks the beginning of an exciting new phase for our families, as we look to offer more opportunities for parents to connect, share experiences and access support at any stage of their SEN journey. It was wonderful to see so many of you meeting our new SENCO, Mrs McCourt, and our new Resource Provision Leader, Mr Santos, who both shared their vision for strengthening support for our SEN learners at Marlfields.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,
Mrs C Sleath



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

- 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
- 05.03.26 – World Book Day



Next week we are
week 1
of the lunch menu

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.

This week our school attendance was

93.74%

This Week's Winner is:

Bluebell
with

98.33%

Class	Attendance
Nursery	90%
Reception	89.29%
Class 1	96.11%
Class 2	91.25%
Class 3	95.42%
Class 4	91.54%
Class 5	98.15%
Class 6	95.56%
Bluebell	98.33%

Where Children Come First

Rewards and Celebrations

Spotlight Certificate

Reception Rose
Year 1 Penelope
Year 2 Olivia
Year 3 Freddy
Year 4 Ryan
Year 5 Beatrix
Year 6 Mollie

3 Bs Award

Reception Autumn
Year 1 Emma
Year 2 Willow
Year 3 Anya
Year 4 Miron
Year 5 Amelia
Year 6 Matthew
Bluebell Leo

This week the House Team

Winners are ...



Hufflepuff



Times Table Ideas You Can Do at Home (Quick, Easy and Fun!)



Here at Marfields, each year group has a time table they are working on this half term

Year 1 – Counting in 2s

Year 2 – 10 x table

Year 3 – 4 x table

Year 4 – 7 x table

Year 5 and 6 – 9 x table

Helping your child learn their times tables doesn't need to feel like extra homework. Here are some simple activities you can do at home in just a few minutes each day:

★ "On the Way to..." Counting

Use walking time or car journeys to count in 2s, 5s, 10s or 3s For example:
"Let's count in 5s until we get to the shop!"

★ Times Table Treasure Hunt

Hide numbers around the house.
Call out a multiplication (e.g., 4×3) and your child finds the answer.
This works brilliantly for active learners.

★ 5-Minute Flashcards

Make simple flashcards with paper scraps.
Stick to **just 5 facts** at a time — small steps build confidence fast

★ Times Table Songs or Rhythms

Clap a beat, tap on the table or make up a silly tune to go with a times table.
The more playful, the more memorable!

★ Beat the Kitchen Timer

Set a 1-minute timer and see how many they can answer. Celebrate progress rather than speed.

★ "Teach the Adult" Time

Children love being the expert!
Ask them to **teach you** a times table — explaining it helps them remember it.

★ Kitchen Cupboard Multiplication

Use tins, cereal boxes or fruit to make small groups.
Ask: "If we have 3 groups of 4 apples, how many altogether?" This helps children see what multiplication really means.

★ Clap, Jump or Hop Multiples

Say a times table together and add an action
- Clap for every multiple
- Jump every time you reach a number ending in 0
- Hop when you get to a tricky one
Great for children who learn best through movement.

★ "Around the Plate" at Mealtimes


Before eating, point to items around the table and ask quick-fire questions:
"What is 6×2 ?"
Keep it light and fun — no pressure.

★ Real-Life Multiplication

Use everyday moments
- Sharing snacks equally
- Counting pairs of socks
- Multiplying prices in shops
- Working out how many wheels are on 3 cars

Even a few minutes a day makes a big difference.
These activities are designed to fit into busy family life and help build confidence step by step.
Thank you for all the support you give your children at home 😊

Notices

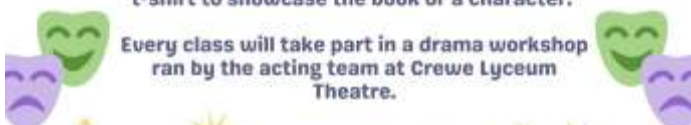


World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!
They can be from a fiction or non-fiction book.

You can create a full costume or decorate a t-shirt to showcase the book or a character.



Every class will take part in a drama workshop ran by the acting team at Crewe Lyceum Theatre.



Reading Spotlight

The National Literacy Trust have named 2026 as 'The Year of Reading' to promote a love of reading.

Book Club starts next Friday where children will be enjoying time in our library.



Please aim to read 3 or 4 times per week at home.

The Marvellous Reading team will be visiting a bookshop soon!



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 3 pm

Cross Country!

This week Valentina, Izzy and Annisha represented Marfields in the local cross-country competition. They showed determination and resilience in what was a challenging course and very muddy! They persevered and showed amazing team work as they ran around the track.

Well done Team Marfields!





People Who Help Us Week in EYFS!

This week the children in our Nursery and Reception classes have been learning about the different people who help us to keep safe. We have some exciting visitors to see us and help us learn all about their jobs.



PTFA News

PTFA Dates for Your Diary

Valentines Disco—11th February

Break the Rules Day—22nd May

Summer Fayre— 10th July



Valentines Disco!
11th February 2026
£3 entry
Goodie bag and drinks included!
EYFS & KS1 3:20pm- 4:20pm
KS1 bring your disco clothes to change at school
KS2 4:30PM- 5:30PM
KS2 come disco ready through the office
All children must be collected by an adult on the big
playground at the end of the disco

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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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.

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