

Marlfields Newsletter

6th February 2026



A message from Mrs Sleath

Dear parents and carers,

A love of reading has swept through our school this week. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a wonderful visit to Congleton Library, where they took part in a book hunt and selected exciting new stories to explore. The children were enthusiastic throughout, and it was lovely to see their curiosity and joy for reading grow. Back at school, our Reading Champions have also been busy sharing with their classmates some of the books they chose from the local bookshop, helping to inspire even more reading across the school.

You may also have noticed some changes to our playground. New fencing has now been installed by the field, and the pirate tower has been removed. This has created space for an exciting new playground area, which we look forward to having installed in the near future. Our Playground Leaders have played an important role in shaping this vision and have helped me choose equipment they feel will bring excitement to playtimes.

Finally, our Young Voices concert was a truly memorable event. The children sang alongside thousands of others, creating an unforgettable atmosphere. They represented our school brilliantly, and I know it is an experience they will treasure for years to come. I would like to thank Mrs Barber and Miss Trussler for organising this event, accompanying the children and making it the special experience it was.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs C. Sleath
Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

11.02.26 – PTFA Valentines Disco

13.02.26 – February Half Term

23.02.26 – School re opens

05.03.26 – World Book Day

17.03.26 – Year 4 Class Assembly



Next week we are
week 3
of the lunch menu

Our whole school
attendance target
is 96.4%.

This week our
school attendance
was

91.18%

This Week's
Winner is:

Year 3
With

97.5%

Class	Attendance
Nursery	87.27%
Reception	92.14%
Class 1	94.44%
Class 2	91.25%
Class 3	97.5%
Class 4	86.54%
Class 5	88.89%
Class 6	89.44%
Bluebell	94.44%

Where Children Come First

Rewards and Celebrations

Spotlight Certificate

Reception Kamryn
Year 1 Freddie
Year 2 Sam
Year 3 Arthur
Year 4 Gracie-Rose
Year 5 Kamil
Year 6 Rory

3 Bs Award

Reception James L
Year 1 Zayn
Year 2 Zak
Year 3 Oliver
Year 4 Owen
Year 5 George
Year 6 Jeramiah
Bluebell Logan

This week the House Team

Winners are ...



Gryffindor!

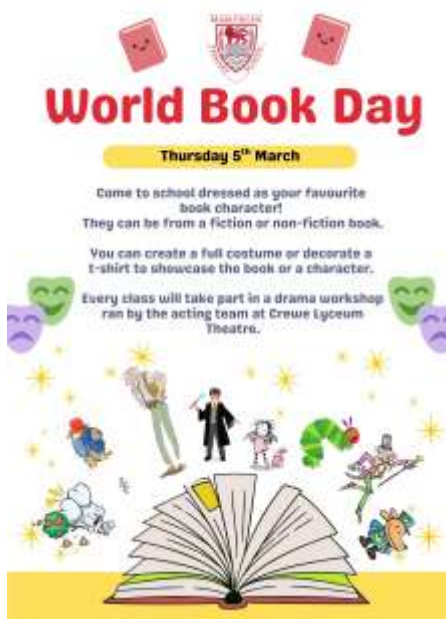
Notices

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](#)

Lion Club

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



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 run by the acting team at Crewe Lyceum Theatre.

The poster features a large open book at the bottom, surrounded by various book characters like a pirate, a princess, a wizard, a fairy, and a superhero. There are also icons of books and a Marlfields crest at the top.



**World Book Day
Costume Swap
at Congleton Library**

Stuck for ideas for World Book Day costumes?
Come and browse our costume swap!



We are asking for donations of clean and usable costumes to start off this year's costume swap – please drop any donations at the counter.

Swaps available from 14th February

Congleton Library
(01260) 375550

The poster includes illustrations of stacks of books on either side of the contact information.



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 7 pm

The poster features a blue background with a white and red diagonal stripe and the Marlfields crest in the top right corner.



Young Voices 2026



PTFA News

WEDNESDAY
11TH FEBRUARY

Marlfields Valentine's Disco

KS1
3.20-4.20pm
Bring party clothes to
change at school
Pick up on the big
playground

KS2
4.30-5.30pm
Drop off at the office
Pick up on the big
playground
No mobile phones
please!

£3 PAY ON THE DOOR
INCLUDES SNACKS AND
DRINKS

Pupils will not
be allowed to
walk home
alone.

PTFA Dates for Your Diary

Valentines Disco—11th February

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.

Closing date for applications:
Friday 27th February at 12pm.
Applications to be received via MyNewTerm



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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 sbm@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 banned 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 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/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




Eaton Bank Academy presents



THE NEXT GENERATION
SCHOOL of ROCK
 THE MUSICAL

Daneside Theatre, Congleton | 10th-13th February | 7:30pm

Tickets £12.00
 Available via
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/daneside-theatre-trust-ltd/s-rboxj>
 Or via the QR code:



Based on the Paramount movie
 written by Mike White
 Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
 Book by Julian Fellowes
 Lyrics by Glenn Slater

Cheshire East's Best Start Family Hubs fund sponsorship of the [togetherness.co.uk](https://www.togetherness.co.uk) website to make invaluable NHS learning and content free for local parents.

Togetherness is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships.

You can sign up to receive their newsletter on the links below.

[Togetherness February 2026 parent wellbeing newsletter](#)

[Home - Togetherness](#)



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 Coppinhal| 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 15th 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 Oakencloough 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 Coppinhal| SEND Hub (appts only)
- Friday 6th February 9.30-11.00am Disley Library and Community Centre (drop in)
- Tuesday 10th February 1-2pm Oakencloough 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)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for parents

at the Hope Centre, Macclesfield SK11 7NA

For all parents and carers living in Cheshire East of young people aged 11-18 to help build knowledge and confidence to support their child's mental health issues.

Saturday 7th February 2026

9am - 4pm

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:
parenting@justdropin.co.uk



Parent/Carer Peer Support Forum

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 8 - 18yrs old, living in Macclesfield, Poynton, Wilmslow or Knutsford who is looking for some support when it feels like no-one else gets it?

Being a parent can be the best job ever, it can also be the hardest.

You don't have to feel on your own. 'Just Support' is a monthly group run by Clare and Michelle, our Parent Carer Peer Support Workers with lived experience of challenging times, who can offer a listening ear in a safe and non-judgmental space to share your questions, concerns and experiences, or help you navigate mental health services for children and young people.

