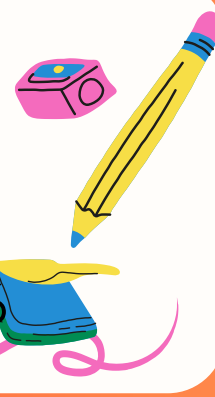




Marlfields Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026



A message from Mrs Sleath ...



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year! During our first full week back at school it has been a real joy to spend time in classrooms seeing the children engaged in their learning. Our overall attendance this week has been brilliant and I'm glad the children have returned with so much positivity (and looking really smart in their new PE kits!)

It has also been wonderful to welcome our new children in Nursery and Reception. They have been settling into school brilliantly and are already enjoying the exciting continuous provision on offer. I am doing my best to learn lots of new names and have certainly met some lovely characters already! Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday. We hope you found the sessions informative and that they provided a helpful information into the exciting year ahead, as well as ways you can support your child to thrive in school.

We are also looking forward to the start of our after-school clubs next week. We know demand has been particularly high this term. If you have been unable to secure a place and would like your child to be added to a waiting list, please let us know via Arbor. Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mrs C Sleath
Headteacher

Dates For your Diary...

- 21.09.26 - Year 1 Phonics Workshop
- 25.09.26 - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
- 25.09.26 - Year 5 Clonter Opera Trip
- 05.10.26 - Parent's Evening
- 06.10.26 - Parent's Evening
- 08.10.26 - EYFS Open Afternoon 3.35pm
- 13.10.26 - EYFS Phonics Workshop
- 22.10.26 - PTFA Halloween Trail
- 23.10.26 - School closes for October half term
- 02.11.26 - School closed, INSET Day
- 03.11.26 - School opens



Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%
This week our attendance was 96.09%

amazing

Next week we
are on
week 3
lunch menu

This weeks winner
is: Year 6
with
99.26%

Class	Attendance
Nursery	92.73%
Reception	91.21%
Class 1	98.46%
Class 2	98.33%
Class 3	97.06%
Class 4	94.55%
Class 5	99.05%
Class 6	99.26%
Bluebell	80%

Rewards and Celebrations



Spotlight - Kindness

Nursery - Layla
Reception - Noah
Year 1 - Otis
Year 2 - Jude
Year 3 - Oonagh
Year 4 - Freddy
Year 5 - Jacob B
Year 6 - Yaretzy

3 Bs Award

Nursery - Dolcie
Reception - Heidi
Year 1 - Lexi-Star
Year 2 - Katie
Year 3 - Taron
Year 4 - Molly
Year 5 - Gracie
Year 6 - Bobby

This week the house
winners are ...





School Notice Board

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? 9th September – 21st October, 15:20-16:10 every **WEDNESDAY**.
(NO CLASS WEDNESDAY 23rd September).

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

Free School Meals

There have been changes made to the free school meal criteria (FSM), please read the letter sent out on Arbor for more information or click on the link.

<https://schoolsparentportal.cheshireeast.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>

Illness Guidance

If your child will not be in school, please call the school office on 01260 633120 by 9.15am so that we can update the register.
Thank you for your support.

Arbor

Just a reminder that important changes and updates were made on Arbor to parent consents and permissions. If you have not already done so, please log into Arbor to review and update.
Thank you to those who have already completed this.





School Notice Board

Fidget Tool Rules

Small tools. Big focus!

1 Only one!



You can only have one fidget tool on your desk.

2 Quiet!



Your fidget tool must be quiet so it doesn't distract others.

3 Only for you!



Your fidget tool is for you and you must not distract others.

Be calm ♥ Be focused ♥ Be your best!

Apply Online

For a school place

It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027.

If you do not have web access

Call 0300 123 2012



You can apply from 1st September 2026 at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions

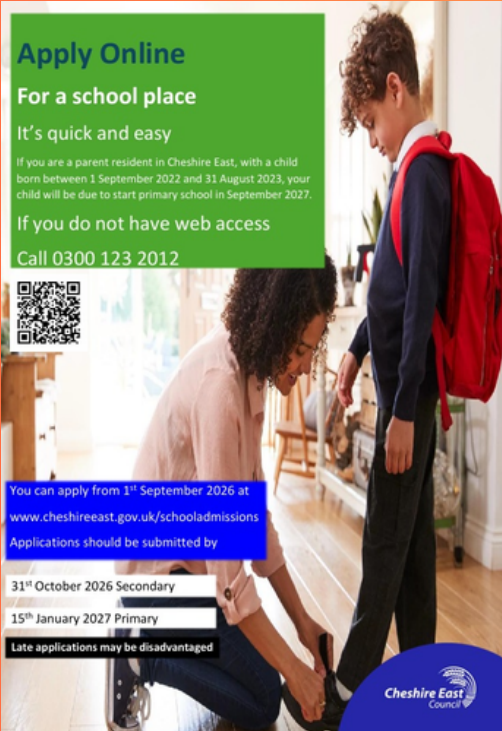
Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2026 Secondary

15th January 2027 Primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged





Discover

Eaton Bank Academy



Eaton Bank Academy

Open Evening Invitation

Thursday 17th September, 6:00pm to 8:30pm

We look forward to welcoming you!

www.eatonbankacademy.org

Halliard Trust 



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



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% = 1/2 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.





School Notice Board



CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAYS 1: Tuesday 1st September 2025 (Staff only)

Pupils: Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 23rd October

October Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

INSET DAY 2 Monday 2nd November (Staff only)

Staff and Pupils: Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 4th January 2027 - Friday 12th February

February Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

INSET DAY 3 Monday 22nd February (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 23rd February - Thursday 25th March

Easter Holiday: Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May

May Bank Holiday - School Closed: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

INSET DAY 4: Monday 7th June (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 8th June - Tuesday 20th July

INSET DAY 5- Wednesday 21st July (Staff only)

Summer Holiday for pupils: Wednesday 21st July - Wednesday 1st September 2027



PTFA NEWS



COME JOIN

Friends of MARLFIELDS PTFA

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED IN RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR CHILDREN

GIVE BACK
Make a real difference for our Marlfields children.

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY
Stronger together for our school and families.

ALL ABOUT THE BEST
Every penny raised goes towards giving our children the best experiences, resources and opportunities.

FOR OUR MARLFIELDS CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
Today, tomorrow and for the future.

From fun events to big projects – your time, ideas and energy help create amazing things!

WE NEED YOU!

Whatever time you can give, big or small, every bit helps and every voice makes a difference.
TOGETHER, WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS for our Marlfields children!

Get involved, make memories, change lives!

FRIENDS OF MARLFIELDS PTFA – TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR SCHOOL, OUR COMMUNITY.

PTFA Events

25.09.26 MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



22.10.26 Halloween Trail



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!





Community

Cheshire East Council
BEST START IN LIFE

Congleton Best Start In Life Family Hub
Site Launch!

Come along and enjoy a range of fun-filled activities, including balloon modelling, circus skills workshops, outdoor adventures, and hands-on crafts.

Explore our fun and informative market stalls, where you can meet friendly faces, find out what's happening locally, and discover what support and resources are available for children, young people, and families.

NEW outdoor area and sensory room!

Monday 21st September
13:00-16:00
New St, Congleton
CW12 3AH

Family hub
Together for you

For more information please call 01260 371061

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 19th Sept 2026
9am - 4pm

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



VISYON

Parent Drop In Session

What: A welcoming space for parents to drop in and talk to our practitioners and other parents, share ideas and explore challenges.

When: Wednesday 23rd September
10am - 11:30am

Where: Fellowship House, Park Road, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DP

Book now:
Call: 01260 290000
Email: Wellbeing@visyon.org.uk

Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

Registered Charity Number 1107951
Registered company number 5007398

VISYON

Parent/Carer Workshop
Supporting a Child with the Online World

What: We'll discuss how to support your child to have a healthy relationship with the online world and how to support them with peer pressure, online bullying and breaking through the negativity.

When: Wednesday 9th September
10am - 11:30am

Where: Fellowship House, CW12 1DP

Scan for more info and to book:

Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

Registered Charity Number 1107951
Registered company number 5007398

VISYON

Parent/Carer Online Webinar
Emotionally Based School Non Attendance

What: This workshop aims to support you to understand how to help your child with emotionally based school non attendance, look at strategies to support this and explore reasons why it may occur.

When: Wednesday 23rd September
11:30am - 1pm

Where: Online via Teams

Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

Registered Charity Number 1107951
Registered company number 5007398