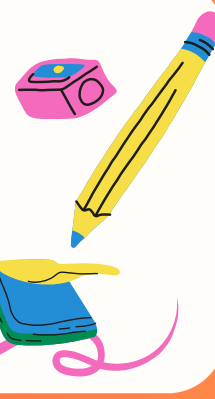




# Marlfields Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026



## A message from Mrs Sleath ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new academic year! It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school this week. They have returned with such maturity and enthusiasm, ready for their new classes. We have been incredibly impressed by their positive attitude to learning, their excellent behaviour and, of course, their shiny new school shoes!

Across the school, children have settled quickly into new classes and routines. Attendance has been excellent, and we have been working hard to establish strong expectations, routines and behaviours in all areas of school.

A gentle reminder that our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will take place on Monday at 3:30pm. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for teachers to introduce themselves, share key information about the year ahead and answer any questions you may have about your child's new year group. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

As we begin the new school year, it is also important that all families ensure that their permissions and emergency contact details are up to date on Arbor. Accurate information helps us to keep your children safe and ensures we can contact you quickly if needed.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every child achieves their very best.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Sleath

Headteacher

## Dates For your Diary...

07.09.26 - Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm

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 96.18%**

**Next week we  
are on  
week 2  
lunch menu**

**This weeks winner  
is: Year 3  
with  
100%**

| Class     | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|
| Nursery   | 96.67%     |
| Reception | 93.06%     |
| Class 1   | 98.72%     |
| Class 2   | 98.15%     |
| Class 3   | 100%       |
| Class 4   | 93.18%     |
| Class 5   | 96.97%     |
| Class 6   | 96.3%      |
| Bluebell  | 88.89%     |

# Rewards and Celebrations



## 3 Bs Award

Nursery - Layla

Reception - Joseph

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2 - Ioan

Year 3 - Hallie

Year 4 - Iona

Year 5 - Parker

Year 6 - Millie





# 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?** 9<sup>th</sup> September – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 15:20-16:10 every **WEDNESDAY**.  
(NO CLASS WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 [sophiemoresschoolofdance@gmail.com](mailto:sophiemoresschoolofdance@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>

## Parking



Please can we remind parents/ carers to please be respectful when parking your car to bring/ collect your child to school.

We understand that it is difficult to park around school, but please park safely and with consideration to local residents. Thank you for your support.





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New menu for September 2026, please have a look at the menu with your child.

|           | WEEK ONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                | WEEK TWO                                                                                                                                                                                                           | WEEK THREE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY    | Fajita Pizza with Purple Slaw (V) <b>or</b><br>Fiesta Beany Burrito with Rice (Ve)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Banoffee Mousse (V)           | Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) <b>or</b><br>Rainbow Vegetable Chow Mein (Ve)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Cinnamon Swirl (Ve)  | Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes (V) <b>or</b><br>Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Ve)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Cinnamon Apple Whirl (Ve)  |
| TUESDAY   | Creamy Cauli & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve) <b>or</b><br>Penne with Beef Bolognese<br>Veg of the Day<br>Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)                                                                                        | Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) <b>or</b><br>Creamy Herby Chicken Pasta<br>Veg of the Day<br>Pinwheel Biscuits (Ve)                                                                                          | Penne with Garden Bolognese (Ve) <b>or</b><br>Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Chocolate Snap (Ve)                                                                                                                |
| WEDNESDAY | Twisted Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V) <b>or</b><br>Classic Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Apple Flapjack (Ve)                                                                 | Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) <b>or</b><br>Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roasties & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Flapjack (Ve)                                                                        | Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) <b>or</b><br>Beef Mince Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties<br>Veg of the Day<br>Soft Baked Cookies (V)                                                                                                          |
| THURSDAY  | Mighty Hero Mac & Cheese (V) <b>or</b><br>BBQ Chicken Melt with Sunshine Rice<br>Veg of the Day<br>Rich Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)                                                                                     | BBQ Mac & Cheese (V) <b>or</b><br>Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Crunchy Slaw<br>Veg of the Day<br>Golden Apple Cake (V)                                                                                           | Classic Mac & Cheese (V) <b>or</b><br>Golden Chicken Curry with Lemon Rice<br>Veg of the Day<br>Topsy-Turvy Pineapple Cake (V)                                                                                                                 |
| FRIDAY    | Cheesy Bean Whirl with Chips (V) <b>or</b><br>Crispy Battered Fish with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fruity Jelly (Ve)                                                                                                    | Crispy Quorn Nuggets with Chips (Ve) <b>or</b><br>Chicken Nuggets with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fruity Jelly (Ve)                                                                                                | Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) <b>or</b><br>Fish Fingers with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fruity Jelly (Ve)                                                                                                                              |
|           | 31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/26, 23/11/26,<br>14/12/26, 4/1/27, 25/1/27                                                                                                                                             | 7/9/26, 28/9/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 30/11/26,<br>21/12/26, 11/1/27, 1/2/27                                                                                                                                         | 14/9/26, 5/10/26, 26/10/26, 16/11/26, 7/12/26,<br>28/12/26, 18/1/27, 8/2/27                                                                                                                                                                    |
|           | Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread (Ve), salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and drinking water. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan  - More Sustainable





# 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% = 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 <sup>of</sup> 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.

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 .....



## SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

**SEND 0-19+ health practitioners** (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) **bookable** appointments for parents 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 book an appointment for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

### September 2026

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> September 9.15 -12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> September 9-11am Congleton family Hub  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager  
Tues 29<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-11.30am Oakencloough Family Hub

### October 2026

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> October 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> October 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9am-11am Congleton Family hub  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-11.30am Oakencloough Family Hub  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

### November 2026

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> November 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-11.30am Oakencloough Family Hub

### December 2026

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 11am Congleton Family hub  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am-11.30am Oakencloough Family Hub

### To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or Oakencloough :

Email [startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk).

At Monks Coppenhall, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or

Email [startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

### Venues and contact numbers

Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU  
Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484  
Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061  
Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB  
Monks Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240  
Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CWS 5GX Tel: 01270 371240  
Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see -

[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) - drop-in sessions in Cheshire East - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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## GIRLS' BRIGADE

Girls' Brigade gives you the chance to make great friends, develop new skills, take part in lots of exciting activities and chill out in a safe environment

**EVERY TUESDAY FROM 6:15PM**

**All girls aged 4-18 welcome!**

For more information, please contact  
[carolynboden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynboden@gmail.com)