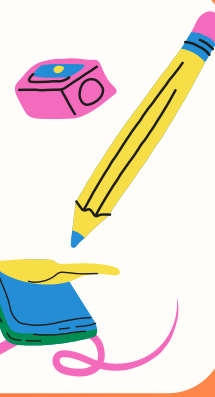




Marlfields Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026



A message from Mrs Sleath ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Marlfields has been another busy one. We were delighted to see the launch of our after-school clubs and it has been wonderful to see how popular they have been with our children. If your child missed out on a spot, please make sure they are on the waiting list, should a place become available. This week, we also shared our recent Ofsted report with our families, following their visit in the Summer Term. We are pleased that the report recognises the positive improvements taking place across our school and reflects the journey of development we are on. In particular, we are proud that our inclusive approach and the strong, trusting relationships we have built with our children and families have been identified as key strengths. These values sit at the heart of everything we do, and we remain committed to ensuring every child feels supported, valued and able to thrive.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome many of you to our first PTFA event of the year next week, our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. This has always been a special occasion for our school community, bringing families together while raising funds for a charity that is close to many of our hearts. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Sleath

Dates For your Diary...

- 22.09.26 - 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
- 09.10.26 - Harvest Festival at 1.30pm
- 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 94.46%

**Next week we
are on
week 1
lunch menu**

**This weeks winner
is: Year 2
with
97.78%**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	83.64%
Reception	89.58%
Class 1	97.31%
Class 2	97.78%
Class 3	96.47%
Class 4	92.93%
Class 5	97.14%
Class 6	97.41%
Bluebell	78.33%

Rewards and Celebrations



Spotlight - Maths

Nursery - Dolcie
Reception - Frankie
Year 1 - Isaac
Year 2 - Emma
Year 3 - Shayan
Year 4 - Harry
Year 5 - Maisy
Year 6 - Arthur

3 Bs Award

Nursery - Elijah
Reception - Mia
Year 1 - Otis
Year 2 - Penelope
Year 3 - Oliver
Year 4 - Seren
Year 5 - Eric
Year 6 - Jay-Junior

This week the house
winners are ...





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Apply Online
For a school place
It's quick and easy

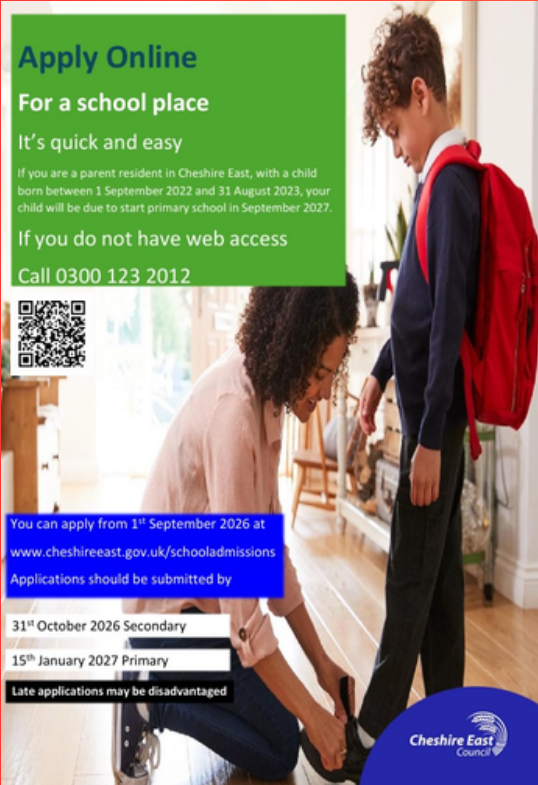
If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027.

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



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, will take place on the 25th September at 2pm, all parents/ carers are welcome to attend, your child will be brought down to the hall. If you are unable to attend please send your child in with some money and they can buy a cake and eat it in the classroom or bring some home for you to share together.

Please can any cake donations be brought in to school on Friday morning.

Thank you for your support and helping to raise money for this worthy cause.



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!



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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.





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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

HOMEGROWN DANCE
JYG WELCOMING ALL YOUNG DANCERS!!

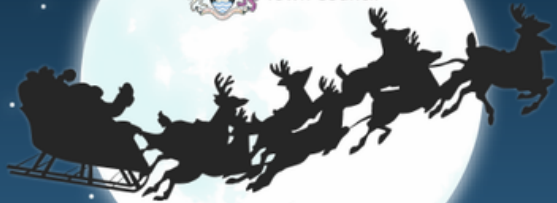
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
10:00-12:00
EATON BANK ACADEMY CW12 1NT £10

TO BOOK: 

@HOMEGROWNDANCETHEATRE CONTACT: VICKY@HOMEGROWNDANCETHEATRE.CO.UK FOR DETAILS

 Congleton Town Council



Congleton

**Christmas Lights
Switch On**

Friday 27 November 2026

4pm - 8pm
Switch on 6pm

Congleton Town Centre

*Merry
Christmas*

VISON

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 5230758

**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



**Noot
of the
Nook**

**STORYTELLING
SESSION**

SAT, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 11AM

Join Matt Buckingham for a
'Noot of the Nook' storytelling session.
You'll also learn how to draw a nuthatch
and make your own printed notebook.
11am to 12pm at the Lovell Quinta Arboretum.

Book now at www.lovellquintaarboretum/events



Parents' Calendar Newsletter 2026/2027

Stay informed about school events for this coming year

Welcome to the Parent's Calendar Newsletter! This edition is packed with important dates, upcoming events, and helpful reminders to keep you connected with your child's school life.

Read on to make sure you don't miss a thing!

Upcoming Events - Autumn Term 2026-27

Here are some of the key events happening in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars!

- Tuesday 22nd September - Year 1 Phonics Information Workshop - 9:00am
- Friday 25th September - PTFA Macmillan Coffee Morning at 2:00pm in the school hall.
- Friday 25th September - Year 5 Clonter Opera Trip - Free.
- Monday 5th October and Tuesday 6th October - Parents Evenings.
- **New date!** Friday 9th October - Harvest Festival at 1:30pm at St Peter's Church
- Tuesday 13th October - EYFS Phonics Information Workshop - 9:00am
- **Date change!** Tuesday 20th October - Black History Month – Year 6 Class Assembly, 9:00am
- **Date change!** Thursday 22nd October - PTFA Halloween Trail 3:45pm

Half term - 24th October - 1st November

- Monday 2nd November - INSET Day
- Tuesday 10th November - Diwali – Year 3 Class Assembly, 9:00am.
- Thursday 12th November - Odd Socks Day - Wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week
- Week beginning 16th November - School Photos
- Thursday 19th November - Year 5 Safety Central Trip - £9
- Friday 20th November - Children in Need - Crazy Hair Day £1
- Tuesday 24th November - Year 5 - Class Assembly, 9:00am
- Monday 30th November - Children's Showcase and Celebrate - more info' to follow.
- Tuesday 8th December - EYFS Nativity, Time TBC
- Thursday 10th December - KS1 Nativity, Time TBC
- Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day - Wear your Christmas jumpers.
- Monday 14th December - Rock Steady Show, 2:30pm (invite only)
- Thursday 17th December - KS2 Christmas Sing-a-Long, Time TBC

Christmas Holiday - 19th December - 4th January

Other Events

- **Friday Celebration Assemblies** - Your child may receive an award in Friday's 9:00am Celebration Assembly. Parents receive a special invite the day before via Arbor.
- **SEND Support Meetings** - PLP Review Meetings and EHCP review meetings may be requested if your child requires extra documentation to be completed.
- **SEND Coffee Mornings** - Opportunities to meet other parents, hear from a variety of outside agencies and professionals whom specialise in SEND.

Updates and Opportunities

- **PTFA Opportunities:** We are looking for volunteers for the PTFA - if you would like to be involved in school events this year or just would like to find out more, please do come and speak to **Helen Horton** in school and we would love to have you as part of the team!
- **School Uniform Policy Update:** Please familiarise yourselves with the updated uniform on the school website. <https://marfieldprimary.co.uk/school-uniform/>