

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER ISSUE 1 TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2026

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer term. We hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break and are ready to dive in to the final term of 2026.

As we have been blessed with some great weather, we are now using the field at lunch time and this includes the trim trail. Please can I remind you that children should not be using this equipment before or after school as they are not supervised and should be with you until they enter the school building, ready to start the day! They will definitely have the opportunity to use it throughout the week.

We are all looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible on Monday 27th April in the afternoon, when we have invited you in to meet our new members of teaching staff - Miss Katelyn Hemsley who is our new AHT and Year 1/2 class teacher and Miss Sarah Fleming who is our Y3/4 class teacher and who will take over as SENDCo. This is an informal opportunity to have a brief overview of our Curriculum approaches (more workshops to follow), to chat with the team and is in response to your views collected from the parental survey completed before Easter. It's an exciting time!

Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.

HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations to the **RED** Team for earning the most housepoints this week!

Following from last half term, there will be an extra break time for **RED** Team coming your way soon.



STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to: **Andrew, Kingsley, Hattie** and **Eden** for being our stars of the week -

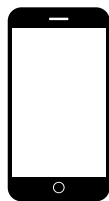
Excellent work!



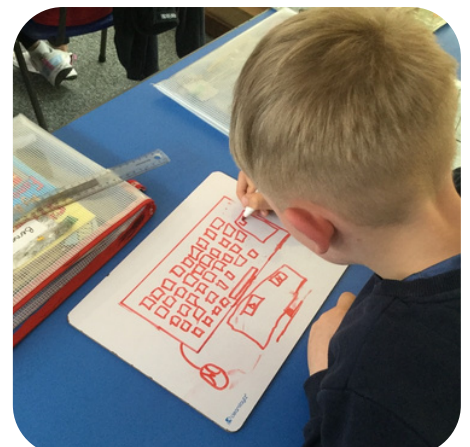
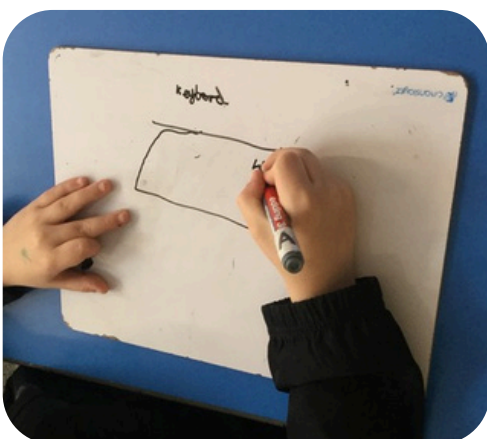
Last week in NRC we started to learn about programming. We are building up to programming BeeBots and have been experimenting in class with directional arrows, pretending our friends are robots to programme. The children engaged really well with this activity and we had some Brilliant vocabulary from some pupils. "walk forward 2 spaces" Jack " You can't go that way there is a stop mark" Ethan.



Years 1 and 2 have been discussing technology. The children spoke about the technology they use at home and school. We looked at what benefits there are from using the internet and technology. The children had some fantastic ideas, some saying it helps them relax and have fun, some saying it teaches them or helps them understand topics better. They drew a picture of themselves using technology, this ranged from computers, to phones/tablets and consoles. Lily Grace said "It helps me concentrate."



Years 3 and 4 have been looking at the different inputs and outputs we can use with our technology. The children learnt that input devices move information/data into the computer, whereas the output shows us the result of the input, for example the mouse input can be output by us seeing the cursor move on the screen. Amelia said "I have an Alexa and it tells us when to go to bed." Sapphire recognised that input can be when we press something, Bella said we can input with a microphone and our voice. Harry M said "output is a printer having printed something."



In Computing this week Year 5/6 have been looking at search engines and information online.

We started by answering the question 'are all search engines the same?'

Iris said, "No, some search engines can find things faster."

Anashe said, "No, because some track your information."

We then looked at a website about the Pacific Northwest tree octopus and discussed what we thought about the website, the children had lots of questions and debated whether it was a real thing or not. After lots of discussion we looked at the website in more detail to find if the information was accurate.

ATTENDANCE

YEAR TO DATE: **93.2%**

Headline Figures (27/03/2026 - 16/04/2026)

Attendance

91.5%

Absence

8.5%

Persistent Absence

27.7%

Authorised

5.4%

Unauthorised

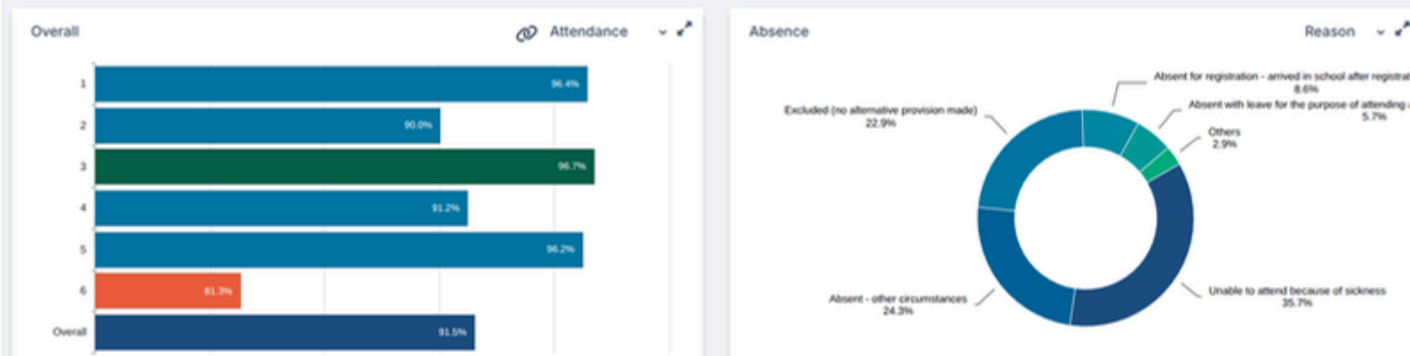
3%

Lates

3.9%

Severely Absent (<=50%)

4 4.8%



PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE. EVERY SESSION MISSED ADDS UP TO LOST LEARNING TIME. LAST WEEK OUR BEST ATTENDANCE WAS IN CLASS 3/4A

Diary Dates


April

27th - Parent meeting @1.50pm. Meet the team and overview of Curriculum.

29th - Year 6 parent/carers SATs meeting @ 2.45 until 4pm [SATs schedule](#)

May

W/C Monday 11th May - KS2 SATs week.



Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3

June

W/C Monday 1st June - Year 4 MTC (Multiplication Check, 2 week window)

W/C Monday 8th June - Year 1 PSC (Phonics Screening Check)