

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 11 - FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter that comes at the end of a cold and wintery week in school. We have needed our hats, scarves and umbrellas this week as the weather has been all over the place! Thank you for ensuring your children are prepared for these changeable times, as we will continue to go outside at break times as much and as often as we can and having warm coats really enables us to do this.

This week our academic focus has continued to be our delivery of Sounds-Write, the approach we use to teach children to read, write and spell. We welcomed a Hub Phonics Associate into school on Thursday to teach in all classes, and have all developed our practice following her model lessons. As we tell the children, we can always learn more and every day is a learning day!

This week we have had NRC's class assembly, which the EYFS team turned into an amazing interactive workshop for parents to join in with the children's current class activities. What a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came to take part - the children had a fantastic time. Please do remember to check both the newsletter and MCAS for updates from school as this is the way that we share all of our notices with you to ensure you always know what's going on!



*Wishing you a lovely weekend, wrap up warm!
Ms. Lucca and the Marshland Team.*

HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to all house teams this week, with particularly great work from the **REDs** this week!

Thank you to House Captains for counting the house points and collating the results for me.

Red	84
Yellow	75
Green	66
Blue	63



SUBJECT FOCUS THIS WEEK: HISTORY

The children in our school love learning and our curriculum, based on PKC, really supports deep understanding of key facts and information from specific periods in time and impactful, memorable historical events.

N/RC

This week we have explored how transport has changed over time. We have compared 'The Rocket train' designed by Robert Stephenson to The very fast 'Bullet' train (Shinkansen) of Japan.

'The Rocket train' was considered very fast for its time travelling at 30mph compared to the Shinkansen which travels at 200+mph. The children have been busy designing trains based on both trains and some of the children worked as a group in our class workshop to create Robert Stephenson's train.



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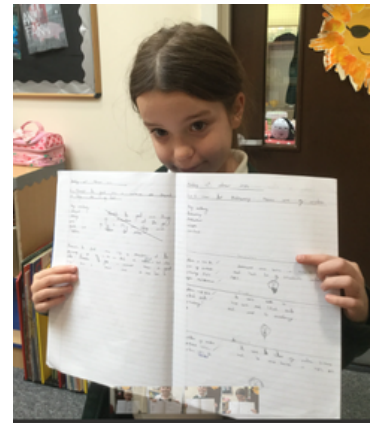
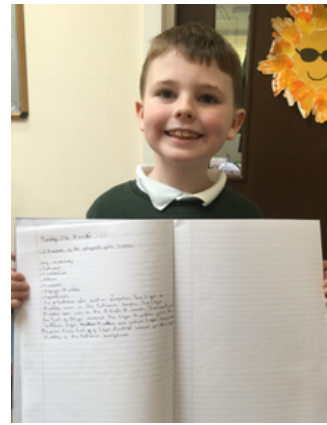
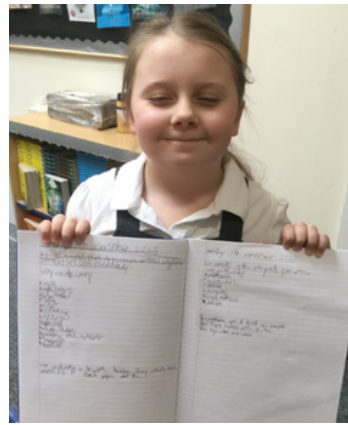
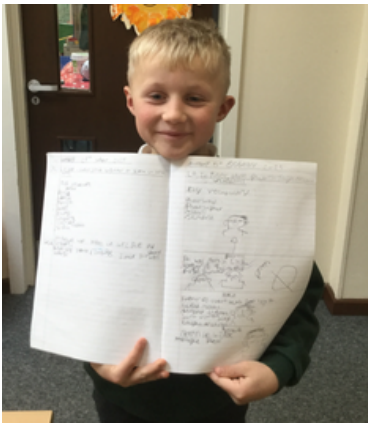


empire	a group of states or countries ruled over by a single person or ruling power
protest	to complain and speak out against something they disagree with in an organised way
boycott	when people refuse to buy, use, or go somewhere in protest to bring about a change
activist	a person who feels passionately about something and wants to make a change
civil rights	the rights that belong to every person; the American Civil Rights Movement was a movement that fought for equal rights for black people
campaign	planned actions to achieve a goal
climate change	the process of our planet heating up

<p>"In a gentle way, you can shake the world"</p> <p>Gandhi</p>	<p>"Each person must see their lives as a model for others"</p> <p>Rosa Parks</p>	<p>"I have a dream"</p> <p>Martin Luther King</p>
<p>"One child, one teacher, one desk, and one book can change the world"</p> <p>Malala Yousafzai</p>	<p>"The future of humanity and indeed of life on earth depends on us"</p> <p>David Attenborough</p>	<p>"I have learned you are never too small to make a difference"</p> <p>Greta Thunberg</p>

1. Where was Gandhi born?	A India	
	B Pakistan	
	C England	
	D South Africa	
2. What is Rosa Parks remembered for?	A Being the first black president	
	B For leading the Civil Rights Movement	
	C Refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a bus, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott	
	D For standing up for all children to go to school	
3. Why was Malala Yousafzai stopped from going to school?	A Because she was poor	
	B Because she was a girl	
	C Because of her race	
	D Because school had been banned for all children in Pakistan	
4. The environmental activist Greta Thunberg was born in 2003 in which country?	A Sweden	
	B Norway	
	C England	
	D South Africa	
5. What do both Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough raise awareness of?	A Children's rights	
	B The Civil Rights Movement	
	C Climate Change	
	D Equal rights for women	

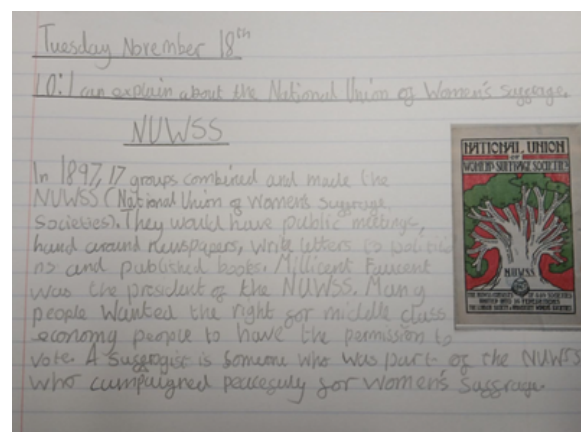
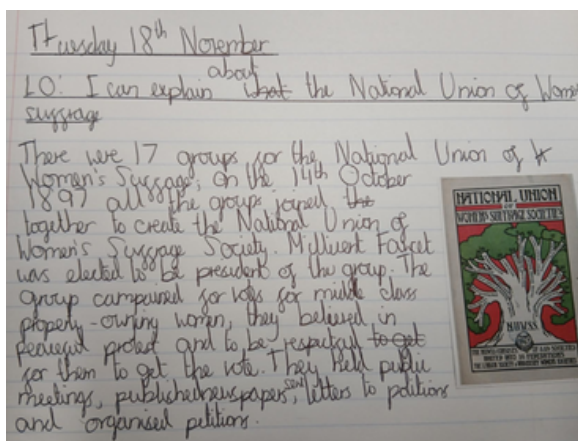
This half term we are learning about important historical figures who have made a difference in the world.



In History, we have been learning all about Ancient Greece. The children particularly enjoyed our lesson on the Parthenon sculptures (Elgin Marbles) that were taken from Athens and brought to the British Museum in 1801 by Thomas Bruce, Earl of Elgin.

- Josh- Plato is the father of modern Science.
- Macy- We pretended to steal the Elgin marbles.
- Henry- Zeus was king of the Gods on Mount Olympus and there was 12 Olympian Gods.
- Sapphire- There were three philosophers, they taught each other and their people.

5/6P



'In history, we have been learning about the suffragettes who were a group of people who thought women should have the right to vote. The NUWSS stands for the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.' Stanley

'Millicent Fawcett was the president of the NUWSS because she was intelligent, kind and supportive.' Freya and Albie

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

21st Flu jabs

27th - 3/4A Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

Mon 24th– Fri 28th (lunchtimes in school) Christmas present room **(FOSA) Information already shared - thank you for returning slips and paying in advance.**

December

1st - Ely Cathedral DEMAT Carol Service (Year 6 children) Now on MCAS for consent.

4th - Christmas Fayre - School Hall 3.30pm - 4.30pm (FOSA)

5th - Flu jab mop up session for children who were absent

8th - GenR8 Christmas visit and Collective Worship

10th - Pantomime @Kings Lynn Corn Exchange. Thank you for giving consent, more details will follow regarding timings etc.

11th - Year 3 & 4 Trip to Gressingham Hall - please do look at MCAS for payment details and to give consent. We would love all children to take part in this trip so that it can go ahead.

16th - NRC (Only Nursery and Reception) Nativity: Performances at 9.15am and 2pm.

17th - Christmas lunch day - book up now!

18th - Years 1 to 6 - Carol Concert in the school hall: Performances at 9.00am and 2pm.

19th - Last day of term



**MORE DATES WILL
BE ADDED EACH
WEEK SO PLEASE
DO CHECK.**

NATIVITY

Please see above the dates for this year's NRC Nativity performances.

More details regarding roles and costumes will be with you very soon.



STARS OF THE WEEK



A massive Well Done to **Ebby-Joe, Freddy, Archie and Valentina** for being our stars of the week.

Thanks as always to our families for sharing our Celebration Worship today, we love you to be part of the joy it brings when our children are successful and proud of themselves.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest have asked us to share the following message with you:

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your child's school individual photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 24th November 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

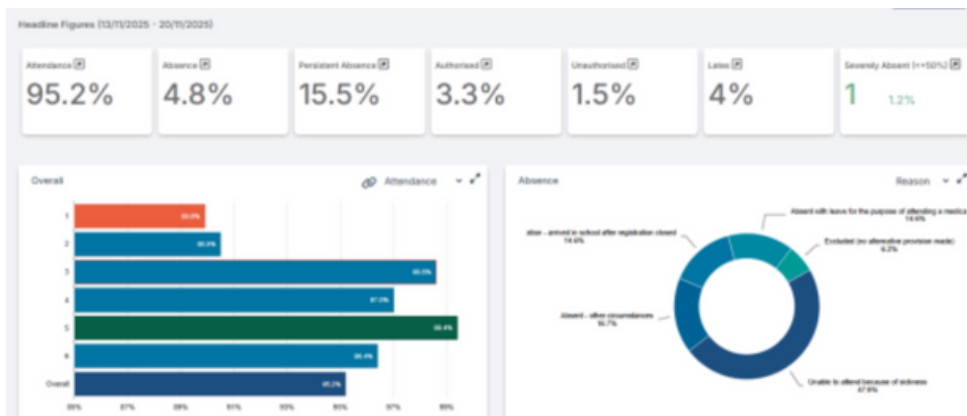
If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Many thanks.



Please can we ask that when you park outside the front of our school, you do so safely. We have been made aware that people are parking on the 'school keep clear' markings area. These areas are demarcated to ensure the safety of children and other roads users and it is illegal to stop, wait, or park on these lines during the restricted hours.

ATTENDANCE & SAFEGUARDING



YEAR TO DATE: 94.4%

Attendance has dropped this week. Please try to bring children in every day, even if they are a little under the weather. Rest assured, we will contact you if they are too ill to be in school but sometimes, being with their friends can take their minds off the sniffles.

NRC INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP



YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY



Well done to everyone who participated in this initiative - learning to ride a bike safely is incredibly important and is a life skill that will stay with you forever.

(Well done to Jason too who is absent today!)

FOSA



FOSA will be running a colour donation box next week, to raise money for gifts for the Christmas Fayre and future events. Collection boxes will be placed outside each classroom door and all donations are welcome and appreciated.

Class colours:

NRC - **Red**

1/2B - **Green**

3 / 4A - **Yellow**

5 / 6P - **Blue**