

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are again at the end of another jam-packed week of learning and new experiences at Marshland St James school.

We started the week with a visit from GenR8, a Cambridge-based Christian charity working with primary schools and churches in our region to support learning about the Christian faith in schools through a variety of different programmes including presenting collective worship and prayer spaces. The children learned about the birth of Jesus and thought about God, in whom we can all trust. This linked well with us creating Trusted Adults posters in classes on Monday, so that all children know who they can talk to in school if they have any worries.

Wednesday found many of us at the Corn Exchange in Kings Lynn, watching Jack and the Beanstalk...Oh yes we did! It was a really great trip, if a little long, particularly when one of our buses was late to pick us up. I'd like to thank all of the adults involved in the safe running of the trip, it's quite an undertaking to organise with such a large amount of children and with such a wide age range! Thank you to FOSA for allocating the funds from the pot for this event, and thank you families for trusting us with your children!

Also in school in the last week, we have had both a Health & Safety and a Safeguarding audit run by DEMAT central team. Both were very positive, which we are very happy about. The changes we have made as a school staff are now really beginning to show impact and we appreciate all of your support with all decisions made.

*Wishing you all a lovely, peaceful weekend,
Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.*



GREAT THINGS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK!

EYFS

This week Nursery and Reception have been rehearsing for the nativity. They have been working very hard and we are so proud of them. The children enjoyed trying on all their costumes this week and we cant wait to perform it all for you to see on Tuesday.

1/2B

Years 1 & 2 have had a really positive week, ending on a high with a music lesson where they were singing along to 'Yellow Submarine' by the Beatles. It was a pleasure to hear them really enjoying the chorus this afternoon!



3/4A



In Art, the children applied their colour-mixing skills to create vibrant still-life paintings of vegetables. They used a cardboard relief to help them explore the concepts of foreground, middle ground, and background.

5/6P

Years 5 & 6 have really enjoyed studying the architecture of the Italian Renaissance. The work produced in clay (relief tiles) based on the Duomo in Florence has been of a high standard and all children have made progress in this skill.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

16th - NRC (Only Nursery and Reception) Nativity: Performances at 9.15am and 2pm. **(Tickets will be available from 9.12.25)**

17th - Christmas lunch day - book up now!

17th - Christmas clothes non-uniform day - monies raised will be donated to Heart Valve Voice Charity and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn Intensive Care unit. **This is now open for donations on MCAS.**

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

19th - Last day of term (Parties in school)



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

WHOLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING -

Please don't forget that Wednesday 17th December is our Christmas lunch and non-uniform day. We are raising money for a great cause - Heart Valve Voice Charity and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn Intensive Care unit and they will appreciate every penny!

END OF TERM PARTIES

We would like to hold Christmas parties in school on the last day of term for the children. Children can come to school in their party clothes (sensible shoes please!) on Friday 19th December and we will have fun in the hall together. EYFS & KS1 will have their party in the morning and KS2 after lunch. We will provide music for dancing and party games. You will not need to provide anything, there will be squash and biscuits to cool the children down!

HOUSEPOINTS

Well done everyone - particularly Green team this week!

We will see who is our overall winner at the end of term next week.



Green	100
Red	91
Yellow	78
Blue	69

STARS OF THE WEEK



A massive Well Done to **Rosie, Rocky-John, Harper and Jason** for being our stars of the week.

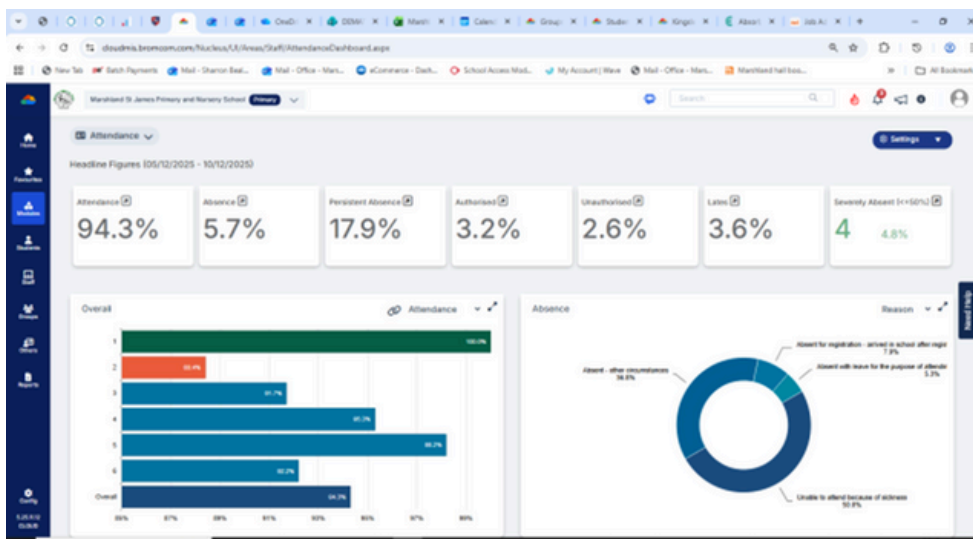
Thanks as always to our families for sharing our Celebration Worship today, we are so proud of the children in everything they do. What a credit to our school.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



Don't forget that we are holding our Nativity and Carol Concert on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Tickets are now available from Mrs Beale in the office. We are initially offering two per family but will offer them out at a later date should we have any left over. I have seen lots of the practices this week, and you are all in for a treat. For me, this really is the beginning of the Christmas period, when I really start to think that the festivities are on the way.

ATTENDANCE & SAFEGUARDING



Attendance has gone up slightly again this week, and our Persistent Absence (PA) has gone down which is good, although it is still very high compared to national figures and other schools in our trust. Persistent absence is when a child's attendance falls below 90% and this seriously impacts on their learning.

I will be inviting families in to meet me over the next weeks so that we can talk about attendance and what we as a school can do to support you further.

YEAR TO DATE: 94.2%