

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 2 - FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to the end of our first full week of learning!

We have been really busy in school again this week; getting used to our new classes, our new routines, and the raised behaviour expectations.

English and Maths are well underway. In Maths, we have carried out assessments to see what children can remember and to inform our next steps, and all children are delving into their new English text from our Reading Canon.

Every class has taken advantage of the fair weather (in between the torrential downpours!) to get outside and try out our new lessons from Get Set 4 PE - expect to hear more about this from your child!

Wishing you a great weekend! Ms. Lucca and the Marshland Team.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As you now know, the pedestrian gate opens at 8.30am, with classroom doors opening at **8.35am** to ensure that all children are in school ready to begin their learning at 8.45am.

Please do make sure that you are here on time to give your child the best possible start to their day.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you to those of you who are taking advantage of our morning wraparound session - please keep doing so!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

October

2nd - Harvest Festival in school hall @ 2.45pm, all welcome.

23rd: Parent Consultations

24th: Training Day - Children should not attend school

More dates will be added each week so please do check.



CLUBS

Details of choir and sports clubs have been emailed out and set up on Bromcom, they will begin next week.

Craft club details still to follow.

BROMCOM/MCAS

Just to let you know, we have been having some Trust-wide issues with Bromcom - at their end - since the beginning of term. Hopefully these will soon be rectified and everything will work as it should - fingers crossed! We know how frustrating it is when you are trying to organise everything and the technology lets us down.

OUR CURRICULUM

Tonight, your child will be bringing home Knowledge Organisers for the following subjects:

Maths, History, Geography, Art, Science and PE/Games.

These Knowledge Organisers outline exactly what your child will be learning over the next half term. We use them in school for children to refer to, because this is the key information that children must know in order to really understand this particular area of the subject they are studying.

We would love you to look at these at home, ask your children about them, see what they know! We want you to be part of our children's learning journey and knowing exactly what we will be teaching is a great place to start! Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about these.

YEARS 5 & 6, yours will be sent out on **Monday** when Mrs. Penfold returns.

JEWELLERY

I have noticed that many children are wearing jewellery in school. Whilst I appreciate that some of these items may hold sentimental value, can I please remind you that our policy is one pair of stud earrings and a watch if required.

This policy is for safety reasons - particularly during break times and whilst playing sports. All children will be asked to remove jewellery if it does not meet this criteria, and also for PE/Games sessions.

We also do not want any children to break or lose these precious items, so leaving them at home is the best way to avoid this.



CONTACT

If you have any concerns about your child in school, please remember that your first port of call should be the class teacher as they are best placed to support your enquiry.



PE & GAMES

I have been asked this week about PE and Games, and the difference between them, please see the information below:

- *PE (Physical Education) is the broader curriculum subject that teaches fundamental physical skills, promotes overall health and fitness, and develops life skills like teamwork and sportsmanship.*
- *Games are a specific component within PE that focuses on applying these learned skills in competitive, rule-based activities like sports.*

Basically, both PE and Games are lessons where children are active, where their heart rates are raised and where they should be out of breath!

We will carry out our PE and Games lessons in all weathers whilst it is safe to do so - so please ensure that when the weather changes, your child has the correct uniform.

Our PE/Games uniform is as follows:

Black Shorts/Jogging Bottoms

White Plain T-Shirt or House Colour T-Shirt

Plain Black Trainers



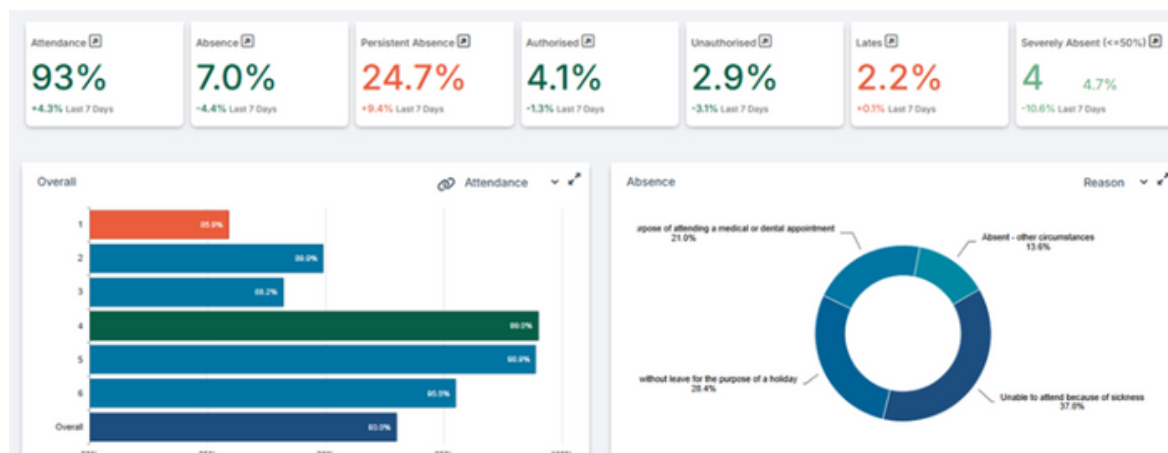
Please ensure that your child is not wearing any branded clothing for PE/Games - this is to allow all of our children to feel equal and part of the Marshland team.

CHANGING FOR PE & GAMES

This half term, Years 1-6 will be coming into school already dressed in their PE kit - on both days that they have these lessons. EYFS (Nursery and Reception) will be changing in school as this is part of the Curriculum - to encourage independence.

I will be reassessing this at half-term and will keep you informed if there are any changes. Every decision we make in school is based on children's needs and the impact that changing will have on learning time - your children are at the heart of everything we do.

ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance to date is better this week - 93% - well done everyone! Next week we will be looking at each class to see who has the highest attendance.

Please make sure that you tell us before school begins if your child is not going to be attending, with a reason why.

If you do not contact us, I will make a welfare check to your home to ensure that everyone is safe and well.

READING

Attached to this newsletter is a document outlining our approach to English - referencing all aspects of the subject. If you have any questions about the information shared - please do come in and speak to your child's teacher because we want you to be really involved in your child's learning.

Reading books will be sent home with your child from next week, this is so that children can practise the sounds they have learnt to consolidate them to develop automaticity and fluency.



STAR OF THE WEEK



A huge 'Well Done' to:

AURELIA, SHAWN, LUCAS and **EMILY** for being our very first Stars of the week of the new term!

Thank you to all the parents that attended our special celebration Collective Worship this morning - what a great end to the week!