

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 3 - FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to our third newsletter!

This week in school, our teacher training focus has been on the delivery of our phonics and spelling lessons through Sounds Write, our approach to teaching children how to read and write. As adults, we are continually learning, and by keeping up to date with our training, and developing our practice, we can ensure that our children have the very best start in their Literacy journey, and have the tools they need to access the entire curriculum.

As you read through the newsletter this week, you will notice that we are changing our class names, so that they reflect which year group is which. I know this is different, but it will make it easier to track children and their work as they move through the school.

Phonics reading books will be coming out today, please let your child show you how well they are doing by reading the sounds they have learned so far! Any questions, please see your child's teacher.

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

PE & GAMES KIT REMINDER

Please remember that our PE uniform consists of black shorts/joggers, white or house coloured t-shirt and a black jumper. Please do not send your child in with a coloured hoody or sweatshirt as this is not our policy. PE/Games kit is part of our uniform and as such, if children are not wearing the correct kit, I will be contacting parents.

Please also remember our message from last week regarding jewellery. **One small pair of stud earrings** and a **watch** only please.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

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

23rd: Parent Consultations

24th: Training Day - Children should not attend school

November

6th New Reception Open session @ 2.15pm -

Please share!

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

CLUBS

Thank you to those children who have attended clubs this week, both sports and choir looked like great fun - I know that some families will have heard a particular song from 'Matilda' the musical many times!

Craft club will start with Miss. Batterbee next Wednesday (24/9/25)

BEHAVIOUR

We are having a huge push on teaching our Behaviour Curriculum, so that we all start the term knowing exactly what is expected and accepted in our school. This will lead into a revised Behaviour/Conduct Curriculum document which I will share with you once complete. Our current foci are:

Ask your child to explain these to you!

Sit up straight (face forward, hands together.)

Track the speaker

Ask and answer questions

Respect people and property

STAR walking means:

- Facing forwards
- Single file
- Walking at a steady pace on the left
- Straight line
- Hands behind your back
- Without talking.

OUR CURRICULUM FOCUS: READING

This week we are showcasing our reading lessons. These take place every day and follow a clear, consistent structure which leads to increased fluency, vocabulary and comprehension for ALL of our children.

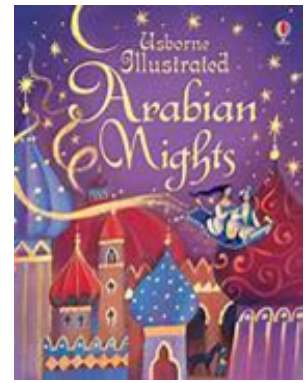
NRC (PREVIOUSLY BEECH CLASS)

This week, our Reception and Nursery children have been busy retelling the story 'The Gruffalo'. We have collected leaves and sticks from our outdoor area to create a deep dark woods for the little brown mouse to explore. Last week the Reception children used their fine motor skills to cut out characters and create lollipop puppets. This week they have been using these to retell the story. As a class we have also been learning the 'Gruffalo' song and have enjoyed experimenting with musical instruments.



1/2B (PREVIOUSLY OAK CLASS)

This term we are enjoying our reading lessons. We read Owl Babies by Martin Waddell last week and we are now reading Aladdin and the Magic Lamp. It is a very exciting book and we are looking forward to finding out what happens to Aladdin!



3/4A (PREVIOUSLY SYCAMORE CLASS)

The children have really enjoyed diving into Oliver Twist in our reading lessons. They've been exploring the characters Oliver meets on his adventures throughout the story, and are beginning to articulate his feelings, drawing on evidence from the to support their responses.

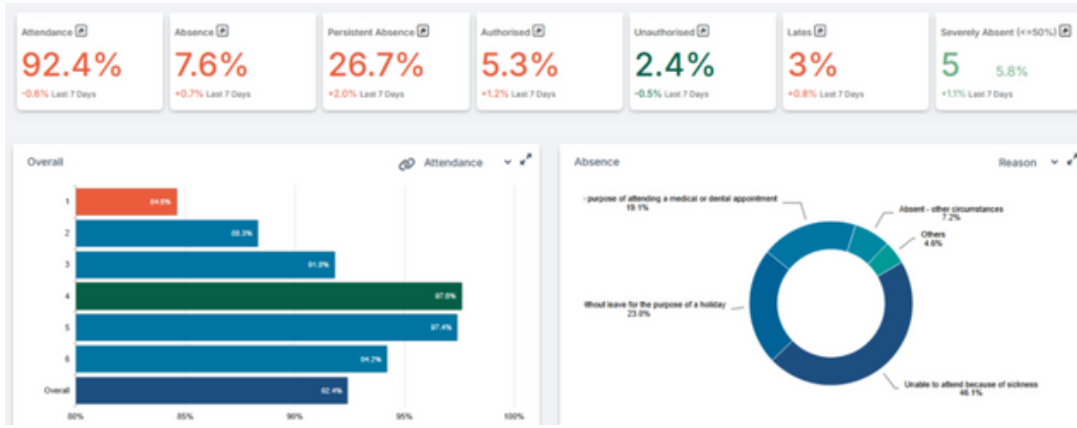


5/6P (PREVIOUSLY WILLOW CLASS)

In year 5 and 6, we are currently reading The 1,000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford. During our daily reading sessions, we look at certain parts of the text in depth, concentrating on new vocabulary, commenting on author's choice of language, retrieval of key information, predicting what happens next as well as developing our inference skills. The text links well to our History topic of World War 1 and gives us opportunities to discuss difference and friendships. All children are expected to develop their reading fluency within these sessions, having opportunities to hear different adults read to them but also for them to read out loud in the class. If the children are really enjoying this text, I have suggested they read another one of Welford's stories called Time Travelling with a Hamster.



ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance is down this week unfortunately. Please remember that your child needs to be in school every day - we will contact you if we feel that they are too poorly and need collecting.

Please ensure that you arrive at school on time. When you are late, your child can become easily dysregulated and this will impact negatively on their school day. School gates are open at 8.30am to allow enough time to enter on time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year, we will once again be donating our Harvest Festival collection to the Wisbech Foodbank - who provide support to so many within our locality. They have asked us for donations of specific items, so that they can put them to best use for families in need.

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Tea bags - 40s
- Chocolate & children's treats

Please bring in any donations that you can spare from Monday 22/9/25, and we will hopefully hand them over to the volunteers during our service on the 2nd October.



In the last 12 months we fulfilled 1598 vouchers
388 of these were for households that had never visited a Foodbank before
We provided food for 2372 adults and 1385 children
Each person received 3 meals per day for 3 days
That's a total of 33,813 meals



We gave out 24,422 kgs of food donated by schools, churches, businesses, community groups and local residents

The Wisbech Food Bank - Registered Charity No 1172825

STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to:



APRIL, ANASHE, and SAPHIRE for being our stars of the week - You are exemplars for the rest of the school! Jack, we hope you feel better soon and we will celebrate with you next week.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our special celebration Collective Worship this morning - it is so lovely to see you all in school to share the great achievements of our children.