

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 5 - FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to our newsletter - I can't believe we are already in October, but the chilly mornings are a reminder that Autumn is here!

This week in school, we have really been thinking about our Behaviour Curriculum and how, by making the right choices and being our very best selves, we have the most chances to learn and grow without worrying that someone else is not behaving in the expected manner. We walk around the school using STAR walking, this just means in single file, with our hands behind our backs. The reason we do this is so that our hands aren't waving around and inadvertently bumping into others which can often create unwanted incidents between children. I'm sure you would all agree that our children will benefit from learning how to move around safely and quietly, as this is an expectation in the wider world in which they will live. Our job is to prepare our children for the next stage in their lives both academically and socially, and the whole school are so proud of themselves.

I have had a successful meeting with FOSA this afternoon - watch this space for upcoming fundraising events!

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

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

We have changed our lunchtime arrangements so that our N/R and KS1 children eat in the hall first whilst KS2 play outside, then they swap over. This has allowed us to lessen the amount of children in the hall at one time and ensure that everyone has enough space to play!

We also have two new Midday Supervisors, Mrs. Leedle and Mrs Smith - Welcome to our school, we are very glad that you have joined our Marshland family!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



We enjoyed a fantastic Harvest Festival on Thursday and we were overwhelmed with how many of our families came into school to celebrate with us - thank you!

We collected so much food for the Wisbech Food Bank, and Derek Carter who came to collect on their behalf was very grateful. He will send us a certificate of thanks and let us know how many meals they were able to provide using our offerings.

Well done to all the children, for their reading, for their singing and for their participation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

16th - 1/2B Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

23rd: Parent Consultations

24th: Training Day - Children should not attend school

November

5th School photos (Individual and in-school siblings)

6th New Reception Open session @ 2.15pm - Please share!

13th - 5/6P Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

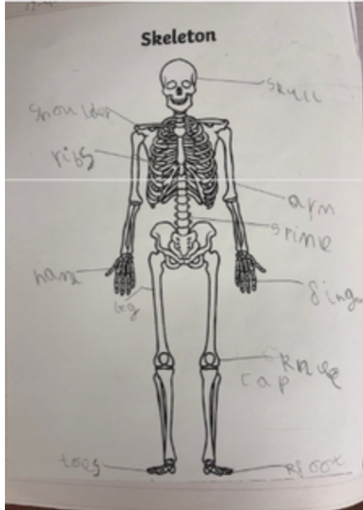
20th - NRC Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

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

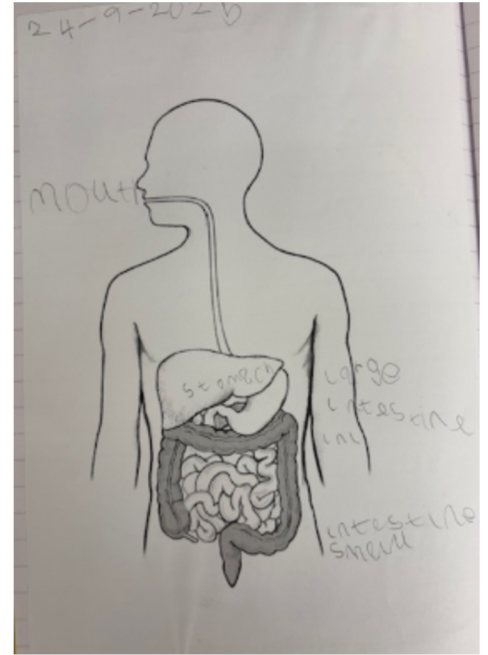
More dates will be added each week so please do check.



1/2B



Our Science lessons have been great this week!. We have been learning all about our amazing bodies. We have been investigating how our skeleton fits together and which of our bones protect our important organs, for example, our heart and our lungs are protected by our rib cage. We have also been learning about how our digestion system works and how fantastic our circulation is.



3/4A

In Science, we have been learning about teeth and the importance of eating a balanced diet. The children carried out an experiment to find out how different liquids, such as cola, lemon juice, and water, can affect the enamel on our teeth. We used eggshells to represent tooth enamel.

Before starting, the children made predictions, many thought that the eggshell in water would stay the same. We will be observing the eggshells over the course of a week to see what changes take place.



5/6P


This half term in Science, we have been exploring our body's circulatory system. Learning about how the heart and lungs work as a team to transport oxygen around our body in our blood. Last week we were investigating heart rate and what can affect our heart rate. This week we have been learning about the composition of blood and its functions.

Veins
your veins are as important as your Arteries, your veins bring deoxygenated blood to your heart.

Thursday 25th September
LO: I can understand that the blood vessels transport blood around the body.

Resting HR	After 1 minute of exercise	After 2 minutes of exercise	After 5 minutes of rest
38			

Thursday 2nd October
LO: I can understand that blood is made up of different components.




Red blood cells
Plasma
Platelets
White blood cells

Red blood cells carry the oxygen around the body.
White blood cells should eat away bacteria.
Platelets give us a barrier to clot blood.
Plasma liquid carries all the other blood cells.

IRIS

Thursday 25th September 2025
LO: I can understand that the blood vessels transport blood around the body.
Resting HR=60

Thursday 2nd October 2025
LO: I can understand that blood is made up of different components.



Plasma
Red blood cells
Platelets
White blood cells

Red blood cells carry the oxygen back to the heart and take the bad oxygen away.
White blood cells attack and destroy the remaining bacteria to stop us getting sick.
Platelets
Platelets clot the sticky glowing when blood when you cut.
Plasma is liquid which the other blood cells are suspended in.

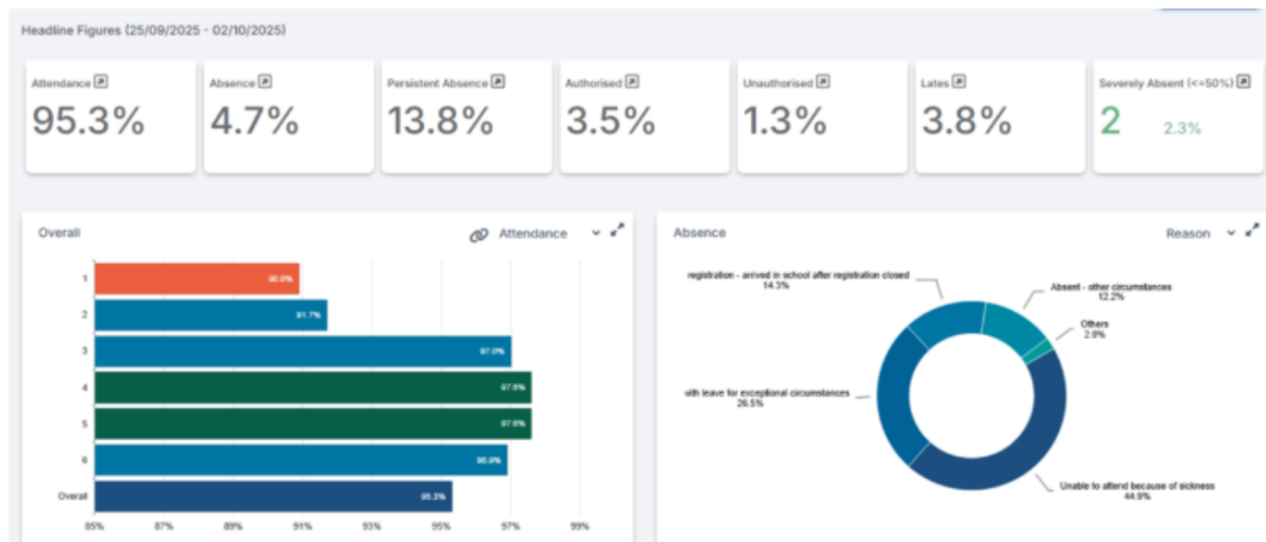
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N/RC

The children in NRC have been very interested in the changes we have been experiencing as Autumn has come. The children made some interesting observations about clouds and how they change shape and colour. We have had discussions about what clouds are made out of. The children experimented with shaving foam at the top of a clear glass and have been syringing blue water into the (cloud) shaving foam. When the cloud is at capacity it can no longer hold the blue water and rain falls. We are looking forward to exploring rain more and discovering how water forms a cloud.



ATTENDANCE & SAFEGUARDING



Attendance is up again this week which is good news!

Please do be advised that we are checking attendance continually, and will contact you if we do not hear from you so that we know everyone is safe. We want to work together.

Reading books for all children should have been sent home today.

All children should now have a book that they can read independently based on either the sounds they have learned or the gaps identified through assessment.

Every child should also have a book of their own choosing that they can share with an adult, or for our more proficient readers, read independently.

STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to:



ETHAN, DANIEL, FELICIA and **FREYA** for being our stars of the week. You should be very proud of yourselves!

Thank you to as always to our families who attended our celebration assembly today - we very much enjoy you being part of this special time in school for our children.