

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another week in school, I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are moving forwards in our recruitment drive! We have a new Midday Supervisor joining us on March 2nd and this will mean another adult enjoying the fun out on the playground with the children.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week, see the website [here](#). We will be carrying out activities in class and our Monday whole school collective worship based on this will start the week off.

Next week is also Internet Safety Week, with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10th February. We will incorporate events and lessons into our Computing and PSHE time next week and also make links with staying safe online and children's mental health, as it is so important that our children understand the positive and negative impact of having an online presence and what that really entails.

Did you know that 2026 is the National Year of Reading? This is a National campaign encouraging more people to rediscover the joy of reading and integrate it into our daily lives. It aims to emphasise the importance of reading in expanding knowledge and improving Literacy skills. In our school, every year group has reading practice sessions every day during their whole class reading. In these sessions we focus on specific aspects of reading, such as developing fluency, reading with prosody (which is when we learn how to use great expression when we read), and comprehension. We hope you are enjoying watching our children becoming confident readers and are having fun reading books at home this year during the National Year of Reading!!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.

HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to **Red**
team again this week!

GAMES AND PE LESSONS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

N/RC

In NRC this half term, the children have been developing their ball skills through the topic of minibeasts. The skills the children have been learning are rolling, receiving, throwing to a target, bouncing and catching. This week we have focused on dribbling a ball with our feet and kicking to our partners. The children have shown brilliant perseverance and independence and have worked collaboratively as a team.



1/2B

We have been practising our ball, balancing and teamwork skills in PE this week. Everyone really enjoyed using the equipment in the hall and worked hard to complete the tasks. These skills will help us to develop in every aspect of PE and Games.



3/4A

Over our last 2 PE sessions, the children have been completing their own fitness records. So far, the children have looked at their coordination and stamina. The children found the bean bag foot toss tricky, as they had to kick the bean bag up off their foot and catch it. The challenge was to catch as many bean bags as they could in one minute. The children had two attempts, the majority beating their first score. On Monday the children developed their stamina by running laps around the playground, next week we will look to repeat this. The children have a better understanding of stamina now and will hopefully achieve a new high score next lesson!



5/6P

In Games this half term we have been practising how to control the ball in hockey, developing skills including dribbling, passing and tackling. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning what has been, to some, a brand new sport.



STARS OF THE WEEK



A huge 'Well Done' to:

Athena, Henry, Alex and Arabella for being our stars of the week - Well done!



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

9-15th Children's Mental Health Week

11th - School Disco: **R/1/2 - 4-5pm** **3/4/5/6: 5.15-6.15pm** - **In the school hal**

13th - NON-UNIFORM DAY 'Come as yourself'

13th - Leavers' hoodies being presented to children, ALL YEAR 6 parents welcome for Celebration Worship in the hall at 8.50am

23rd - Bookable appointments in school with Georgie Baldwin (Early Help Community Worker) 12pm - 3pm.

March

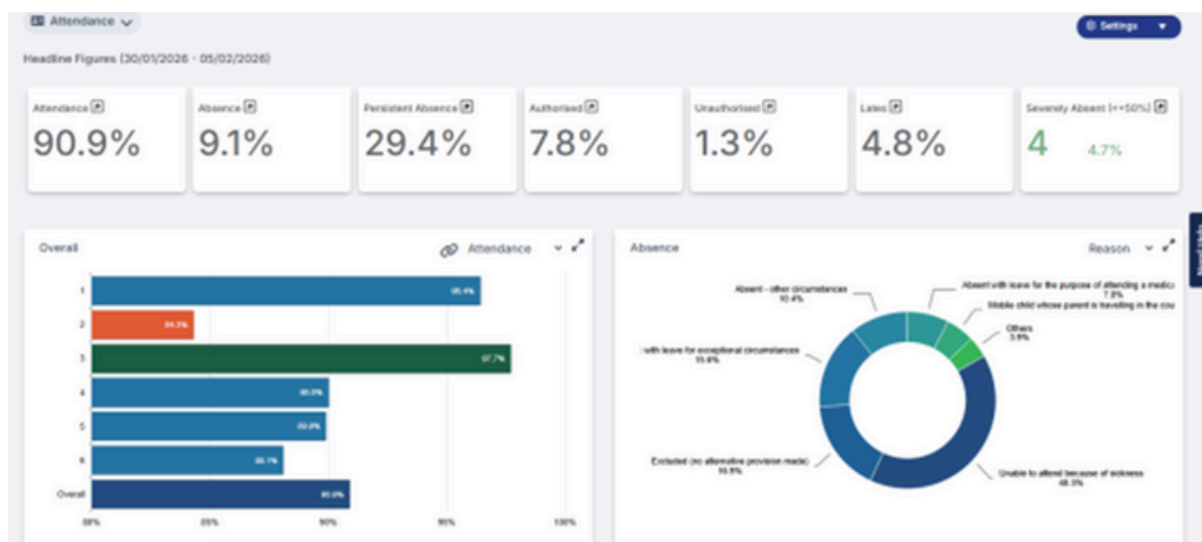
5th - World Book Day - dress up as favourite book character or come in pjs. (Age appropriate and sensible shoes as always please!) FOSA will also be organising an event on this day, more details to follow! (Think Golden Ticket..!)

12th - Parent Consultations - to begin at 1.30pm in the hall.



ATTENDANCE

YEAR TO DATE: **93.8%**



SAFEGUARDING

The focus for next week will be online safety - how to look out for warning signs and how to respond when you don't feel safe online or if something frightens you/ makes you feel uncomfortable.



FOSA

A really successful AGM was held on Wednesday night in school, and many decisions were made. I will update you next week with dates and members of FOSA.

One thing we discussed was raffle prizes - raffles make lots of money for school! FOSA are a little short of prizes at the moment and we thought that if anyone had unwanted Christmas presents at home, then perhaps they could be donated so that FOSA can recycle them! I know I have some presents that I appreciate receiving, but will not use. If you do have anything like this, then we would very much appreciate you donating them!

