

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring term! We have had a few beautiful days of sunshine to set us up for the next few weeks and this has allowed us to really enjoy our time outside on the playground.

As you know, the children used the money raised from our Olympic Athlete visit last year to buy new play equipment to use at lunchtimes. This week, our school captains delivered an assembly to the whole school reminding everyone about how to play properly and safely with all of the different items, this has resulted in lots of games being played by children from all year groups, with all children using the equipment together to enjoy their social time.

I am so happy to inform you that we currently have two new members of staff in school. In Year 1 and 2, we welcome Miss Hodgson, who will be teaching the class until May when Miss Hemsley arrives. We are very lucky to have her and her consistent approach is already moving the children's learning on. We also welcome our new teacher to Year 3 and 4, Ms. Grant. She currently is on secondment with us from another DEMAT school, but we hope to persuade her to stay! Ms. Grant is very experienced, and again, her steady influence in the class, working together with the rest of the 3 / 4 team is setting the behaviour expectation - leading to an environment where all children can flourish.

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



HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to RED team this week for gaining the most housepoints overall.

Good work
from
everyone!

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! N/RC

It has been lovely to welcome NRC back to school this half term. We have begun our learning on our new topic Growing and changing by looking at the seasons and how they change throughout the year. Reception have been working hard in their maths lessons exploring 7 and how we can part it in different ways. In PSHE the children are learning about their environment at school and we have been on a walk around the school looking at places they are not usually able to explore, such as the staff room and y5/6 which has been exciting. We have discussed the different adults who work in our school and their responsibilities and as a class have written a letter to Mr Clarke to ask him about his job and responsibilities, the children are looking forward to his reply.

Next week we will be exploring plants and flowers and would be very grateful for any donations of plants or flowers for our classroom and outdoor area.



1/2B

This week in Year 1/2 we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning! In Maths, we have been exploring measurement, using bricks and cubes to measure everyday objects. We also investigated weight using scales and practised comparing and ordering items from tallest to shortest and longest to shortest.

In History, we have begun our new topic on the Tudors and are looking forward to finding out more about life in the past. In English, the children thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing*.

It has been a wonderful start to the term, enjoy your weekend.



3/4A

The children in 3/4A have been settling back into their school routine, showing improved confidence and focus. This half term in Art they are looking at monuments of Ancient Rome. The children were excited to find out about their upcoming art project, where they will be creating the Pantheon, a uniquely shaped (rotunda) Roman Temple. Today they found out about the various architectural features. Please ask them about the portico and the oculus to find out more. During their first lesson they have been introduced to this special building and written instructions, ready to help them with the construction of their sculptures, which they will make over the next 5 sessions.



5/6P

What a fantastic week we've had back at school! This week we saw our first proper sunshine of the year and managed to enjoy it whilst improving our dribbling and control skills in Hockey. Don't forget to sign up for our trip to Duxford, we can't wait!



STARS OF THE WEEK



A huge 'Well Done' to:
Betsy, Felicia, Elayna and Albert for being our stars of the week - Well done!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

5th - World Book Day - dress up as favourite book character or come in pj's. (Age appropriate and sensible shoes as always please!)

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

Ms. Grant will carry out Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultations on Thursday 12th March 4-6.30pm and also on Monday 16th March from 1-4pm.

6th and 9th - FOSA Mother's Day Present Room after school. This will be run as an after school club, please sign up and pay on MCAS.

19th - Year 5/6 trip to Duxford

23rd - Year 3 / 4 'History off the Page' school based Life in Roman Britain day.

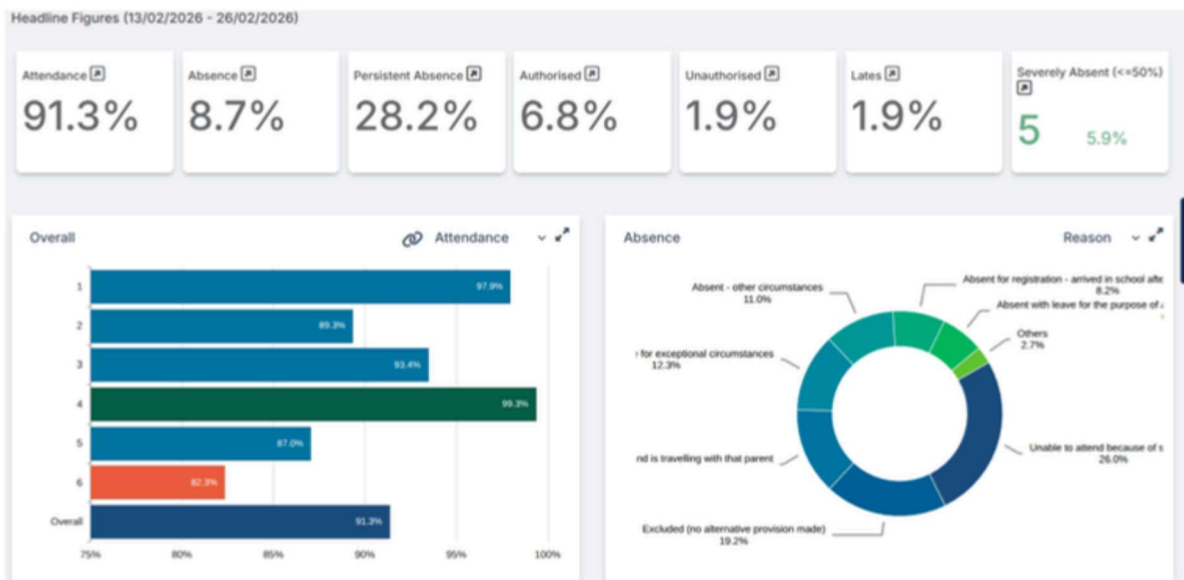
26th - NRC trip to Church Farm

Year 1 / 2 trip to Denney Abbey - date TBC.



ATTENDANCE

YEAR TO DATE: **93.6%**



SAFEGUARDING

Please remember to contact the office if your child is not in school. If we do not hear from you, we will visit your address to carry out a welfare check.



TAPESTRY - PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN NRC.

We have re-subscribed to Tapestry for our youngest children only. Please could you look out for an activation email that should have been sent this week. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Beale in the main office.

