

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## SUMMER ISSUE 2 FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the end of another jam-packed week in school. The children have been working so hard in all areas of the school, and some great progress has been made.

Thank you to all parents who attended our Curriculum event on Monday afternoon and our SATs meeting on Wednesday. It was lovely to be able to share our subject overviews and teaching methods with you. All Knowledge Organisers should have been sent home with the children this week - if you have not received yours, please speak to your child's teacher.

Also, thank you for the warm welcome you extended to our new Assistant Head, Katelyn Hemsley, she is already having a positive impact on our school and we look forward to her being here full time.

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend,  
*Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.*

## HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations to the **GREEN** Team for earning the most housepoints this week and last week too!



## STARS OF THE WEEK 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

A huge 'Well Done' to: **Albert, Freddy, Layla and Albie** for being our stars of the week -

Excellent work!

## STARS OF THE WEEK 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

A huge 'Well Done' to: **April and Lucille** for being our stars of the week -

We are very proud of you!



## Class NRC

This week in NRC we have been finishing our 'Paddington at the Palace story' which ties into our topic Kings and Queens. The children have enjoyed learning about Paddington's trip to London to watch the changing of the guard at Buckingham palace. They have even practiced some marching in unison. The children have also been busy making Paddington masks using paper plates, red paper and piecing together a face using black paper. Next week we will be exploring more about the Royal family.



## Class 1/2

The children in Year 1 and 2 have begun looking at their Art topic based on History Painting. A history painting is a painting which tells a story, these stories can be from myths and legends, classical history and books such as the Bible. Narrative art uses colours and lines to tell a story, instead of words, The paintings they will look at may have various styles of characters and settings. They will take a detailed look at the mythical monster, the minotaur, half bull and half man.



### Class 3/4

Years 3 and 4 have been looking at Byzantine Monuments in their Art lessons this new term. The children have been learning about when and where the Byzantine Empire ruled. Constantine the Great moved the Roman capital to Byzantium in 330, he renamed it Constantinople. Constantine was the first Roman Emperor who became Christian. During our first lessons the children deigned a symmetrical pattern on a circular piece of paper, they were allowed to use 4 different colours and gold to paint it.



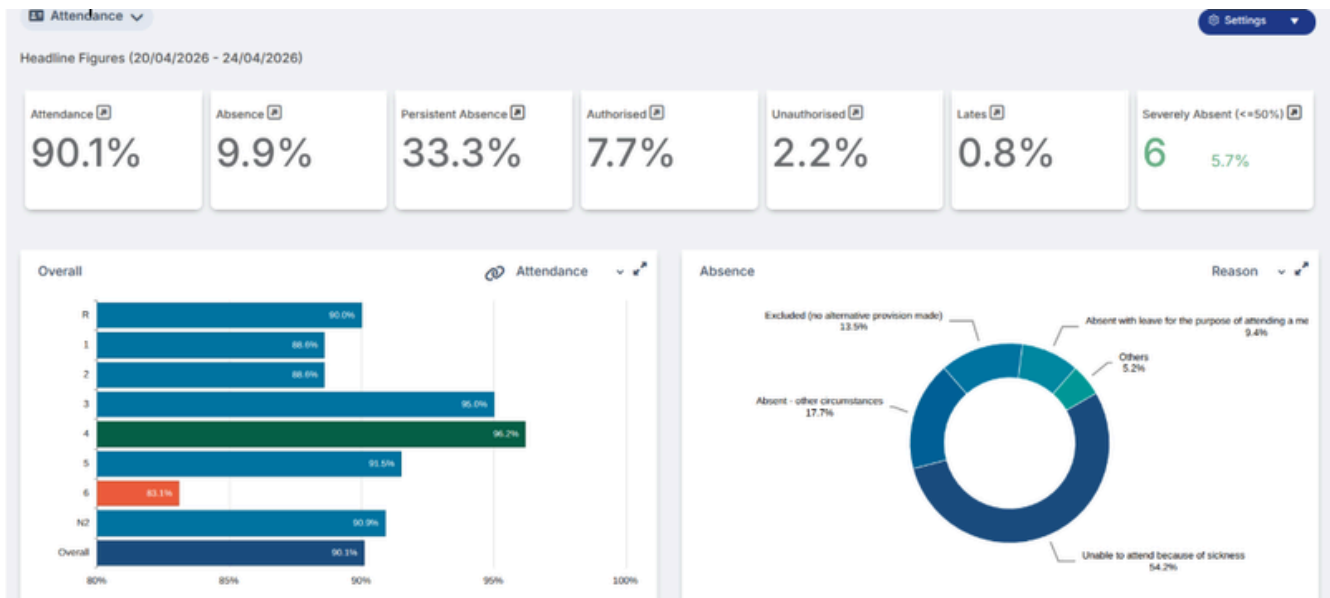
### Class 5/6

In Art this week Year 5/6 have been looking at Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Impressionism is an art movement which developed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in France, it is based outside, rather than painting in a studio. The children are looking at transient effects, which is the method of trying to capture an effect in nature, for example the moving of light in the sky. The class enjoyed taking their art lesson outside, picking different areas on the field to focus their artwork on. They were able to sketch and paint using watercolours.



# ATTENDANCE

YEAR TO DATE: **93%**



**PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE. EVERY SESSION MISSED ADDS UP TO LOST LEARNING TIME. LAST WEEK OUR BEST ATTENDANCE WAS IN CLASS 3/4A**

## Diary Dates

### May

W/C Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs week.

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3

### May

School Closed Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 -Early May Bank Holiday

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May -Year 1 2 trip - Burghley House -

W/C Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM (School Closed)

### June

W/C Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Year 4 MTC (Multiplication Check, 2 week window)

W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 PSC (Phonics Screening Check)

