

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in school with our ongoing push for 100% engagement with our Behaviour Curriculum. To support this further, you may have noticed all staff members welcoming our children into school by shaking hands and saying 'Good Morning' this week. We are modelling the feelings that come with mutual respect and the children are growing as individuals as they feel increasingly valued and part of our school team. Being here in school together is so important to us as a staff and we want your children to really look forward to coming to school, seeing it as a place where they belong, where they can be themselves and learn in a safe, nurturing environment.

This week we have also completed a safeguarding survey with all children, from EYFS to Y6. When we have analysed the results from this we will share them with you and make adaptations where needed. Every piece of information shared with us by your children is important and plays a part in shaping the future of our school.

Just on a practical note, can I please remind you that parents/carers should not park in the school car park at the start or end of the day. Could I also ask that you take great care whilst driving at those times as our children's safety is our highest priority.

Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.

STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to: **Jackson, Charlie, Molly and Poppy** for being our stars of the week -

Well done also to **Arthur** and **Amber** for their hard work last week.
Excellent work!



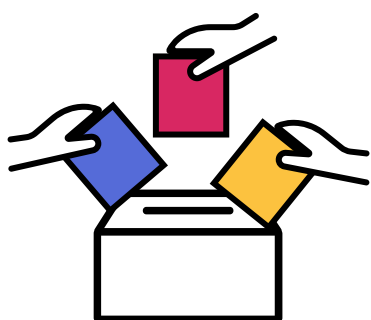
HOUSEPOINTS

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

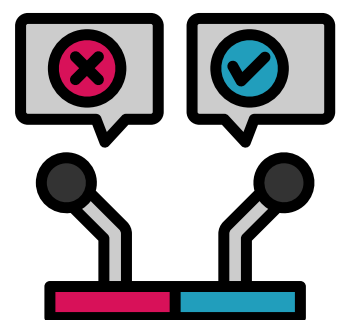


Last week we announced to the children that we were going to hold an election for our new School Council. We have asked for volunteers to represent their year groups in regular meetings with the Senior Leadership Team. The children were given forms to complete over the bank holiday weekend to help them organise their ideas and consider what makes them a good candidate. This week the candidates from each year group were brave enough to stand in front of their peers in an assembly, they spoke about their qualities and ideas. Once voting has finished, we will elect a class representative for each individual year group, there will be two chosen from years five and six. We have not included Nursery this time around. We want to thank every child for their bravery and commitment to the process of this election and wish them the best of luck.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Andrew Aurelia Ebby-Joe Ethan Isabelle Jack Jackson	Kingsley Rocky-John Shannon Shaun	April Ayrton Charlie Killian Rokas Sataya Skylar Theo	Molly	Amelia Darcey Felicia Harry MM Hattie Layla Sapphire	Austin Beau Betsy Chiana Conor George Isaac	Brooke Logan Lucy Santanna

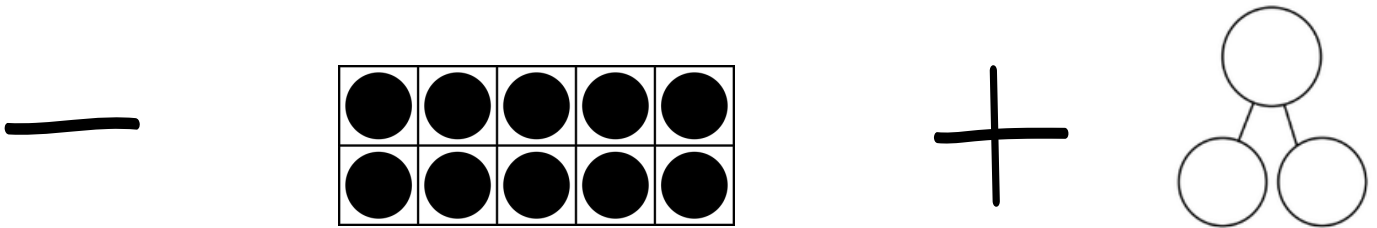


Together
We Can!



Class NRC

This week the children have been using the Part Whole model to complete additions and subtractions within 10. I have been so amazed by the children and how hard they have been working. Their presentation in maths is really developing and I am so proud of their progress. The children have been developing the use of ten's frames, counters, numicon, multilink cubes and the part whole model since the beginning of the year and it is clear to see now the links they have made and their ability to use the resources to support them independently.

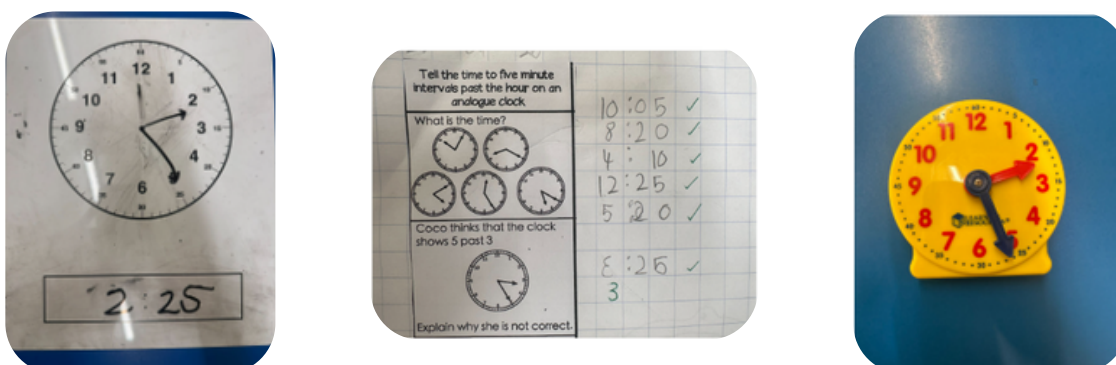


Class 1/2

In Year 1, the children have been learning about addition and subtraction. They have been using tens frames to help them understand how to add a ten and a single digit, supporting their place value knowledge and number sense. The children have enjoyed representing numbers visually. Well done year 1 - you're adding to your mathematical knowledge everyday!



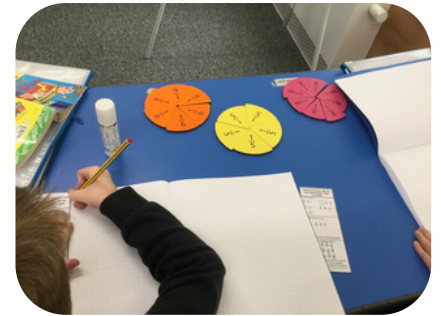
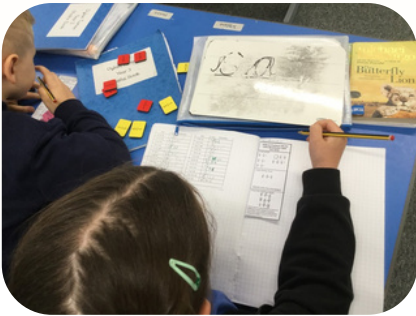
In Year 2, the children have been learning all about time! They have enjoyed using mini clocks and whiteboards to practise reading and showing different times, including o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Well done year 2 - Now it's time for some more learning!



Class 3/4

Year 3 have been looking at fractions. They have used manipulatives to assist them in seeing that fractions are equal parts of a whole, for example $\frac{1}{2}$ is one of two equal parts. When adding fractions with the same denominators (bottom numbers), the denominator stays the same, just add the numerators.

Year 4 have been looking at decimals using place value resources to help them see the numerals moving places when multiplying and dividing by 10s and 100s. When you divide a number by 100 it gets one hundred times smaller so the digits move two columns to the right. Ten tenths equals one whole, ten hundredths equals one tenth.



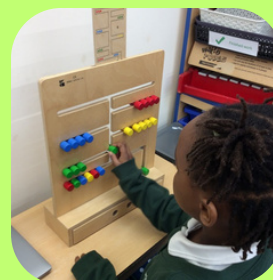
Class 5/6

Year 5s have been using manipulatives to add fractions; using their knowledge of equivalence to find common denominators.

Year 6 have been recapping and extending their learning of area and perimeter looking at areas of parallelogram and triangles.



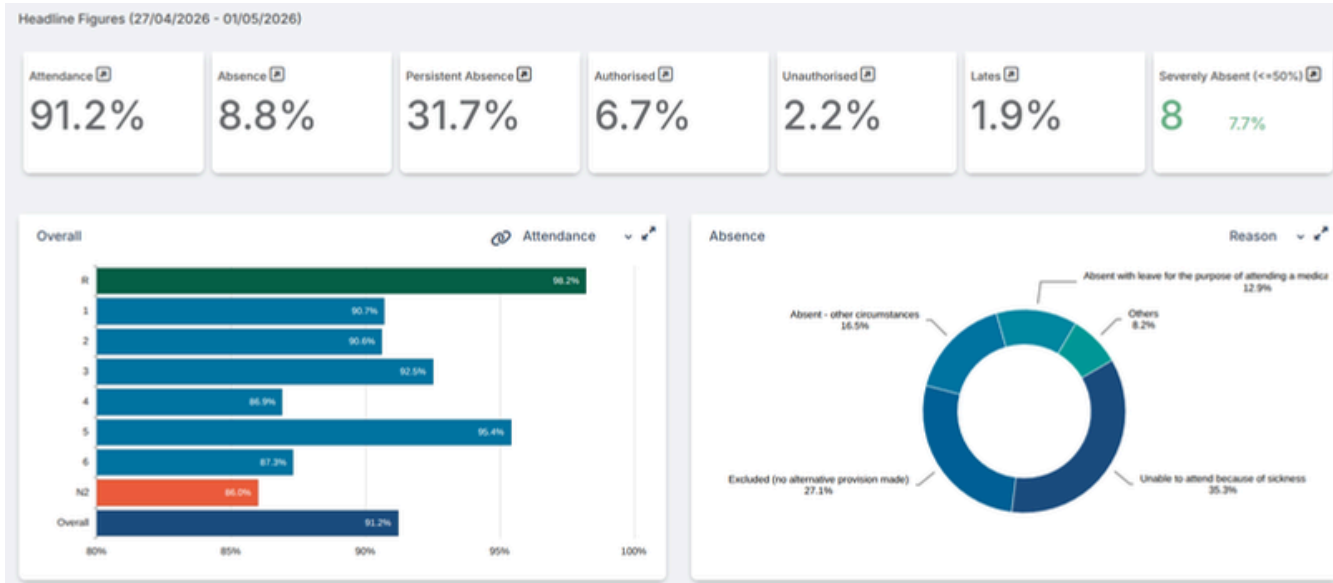
Counting speckled frogs



Looking at colour patterns

ATTENDANCE

YEAR TO DATE: **92.9%**



PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE. EVERY SESSION MISSED ADDS UP TO LOST LEARNING TIME. LAST WEEK OUR BEST ATTENDANCE WAS IN CLASS NRC

Diary Dates

May

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

SATs schedule

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

Good Luck to our FABULOUS Year 6 children! Get some sleep and have a lovely weekend. See you on Monday

you can DO IT ✨

May

Friday 22nd May - Year 1 & 2 trip - Burghley House - **MCAS app for consent and payment please, thank you to those who have already paid!**

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

June

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

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

July

Monday 6th July - Final swimming session for 3/4

THANK YOU

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Year 5 children this week, as they have been so flexible in their learning. I know how hard they have been working in the mornings and I have had a really exciting discussion with them about Play Leaders - more info to come!