

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER ISSUE 6 FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable time with your families. This is one of my favourite times of the school year, as we look ahead to the weeks to come, enjoying the brighter weather, sharing in the fun of school life and celebrating the many successes of our pupils.

Miss Hemsley and I have already been so impressed by the positive start to the term, and it has been wonderful to see our children returning with such enthusiasm, energy and pride in their learning. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to maintain this strong sense of community.

I would also like to remind everyone about our school uniform. Wearing uniform helps our pupils feel a sense of belonging and pride in being part of our school. It supports a shared identity, encourages readiness for learning and ensures that all pupils feel equally valued.

Our Uniform

- Jumper or cardigan – school logo embroidered or plain green
- White polo shirt (school logo embroidered or plain) or white shirt or blouse
- Dark grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts
- Optional: gingham dress in green for summer and autumn
- Black shoes

PE Uniform

- T-shirt – white or house colour, school logo embroidered or plain; no other logos or designs please
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black hoodie or sweatshirt in colder weather
- Trainers

We are very grateful for your support in ensuring that pupils come to school dressed appropriately each day. Thank you for helping us to uphold these expectations and for contributing to the positive and respectful atmosphere that makes our school such a special place.

Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.

STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to: **Dean, Feodor, Lily-Grace, Joseph and Beau** for being our stars of the week -

Excellent work!



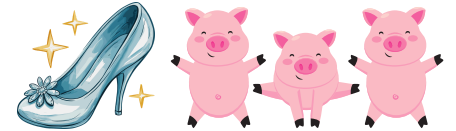
HOUSEPOINTS

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

Class NRC

It has been lovely to see the children come back after the holidays and hear all about the exciting activities they have done.

This week we started our new topic 'Stories of the past'. We have been looking at different fairy tales. Our favourites so far have been Cinderella and The Three Little Pigs. We have been busy making tickets for the theatre, designing and creating masks for the ball, building castles and acting out the fairy tales on our classroom stage.



Class 1/2

Before half term, year 1 and 2 had an amazing school trip to Burghley House. The children got to meet Queen Elizabeth I, learn a royal dance, tour the house, and experience a Tudor feast! It was an incredible day, embedding our Tudor knowledge and learning lots of new facts! The children have fed back to the School Council that they would like to go on more school trips, which we are hoping to do in future!



Class 3/4

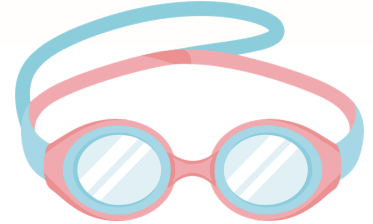
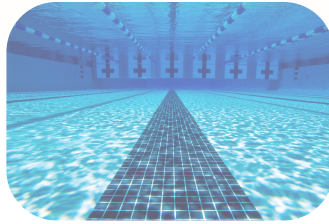
The children have been making great progress in their swimming lessons at the Hudson Leisure Centre. Every single child has improved in their confidence and ability. It is a joy to see the happy smiles on their faces when they face a fear, achieve a skill and have fun. The bus comes alive on the return journey with the children sharing with each other all the things they have done in their session.

Macy grinned ear to ear this week when she managed to do a beautiful star float and keep her feet off the ground.

Melanie's favourite part of her lesson is picking up sinkers from the bottom of the pool.

Bella-Mae managed to do a handstand for the first time in the pool.

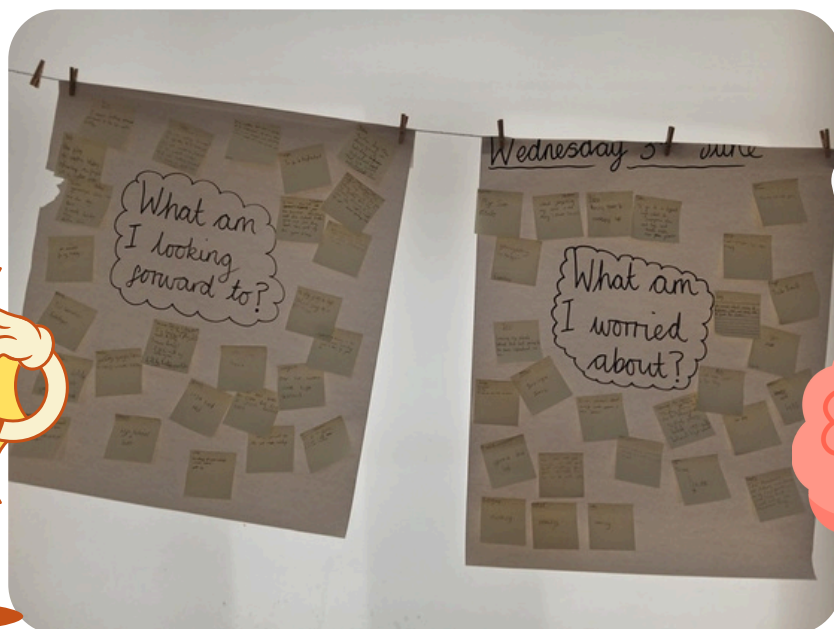
Lucas has really enjoyed jumping into the water and swimming on his back.



Class 5/6

First week of the final half term - where did that year go? This week on 'Wellbeing Wednesday' we spent time discussing our worries and looking at how lots of us are worrying about our next steps and that this is completely normal. This is a half term preparing for lots of change. To balance this out, we then looked at what we are looking forward to whether that's Holidays, becoming a year 6 or looking forward to what new opportunities high school might bring!

*Good Things
are
Coming*

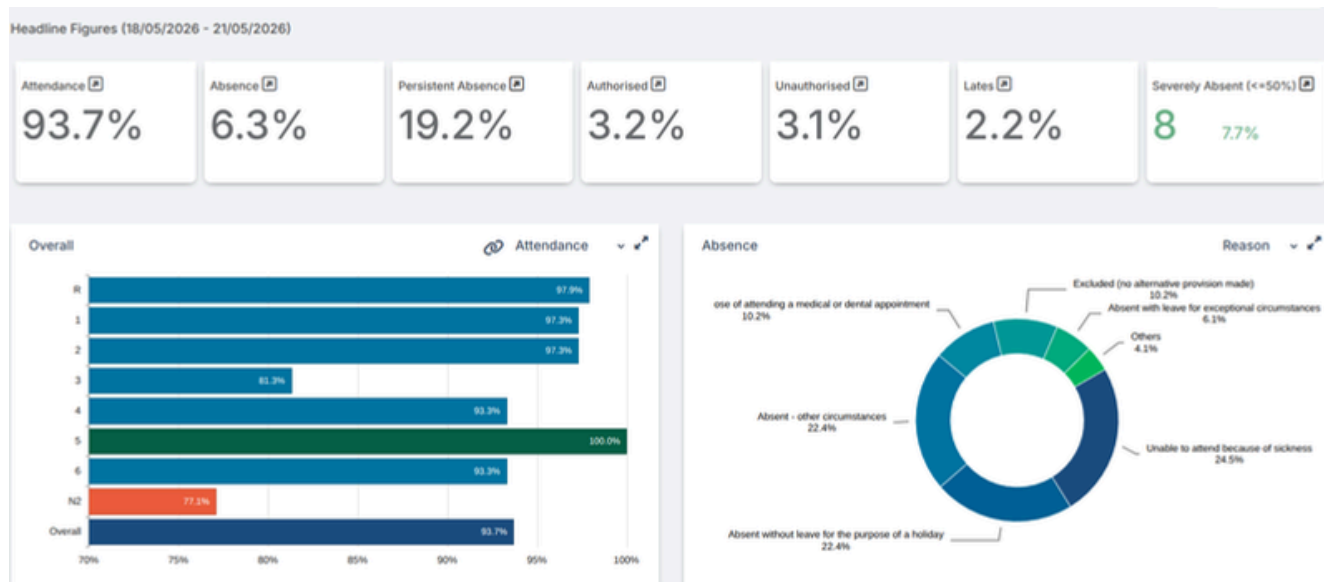


**DON'T
WORRY**



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 1/2B

Diary Dates

June

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

Tuesday 2nd June - New Reception Parents meeting and classroom visit 3.30pm, School hall

Friday 5th June - Great Athlete Event - Alice Sharpe, Olympic cyclist

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

Friday 12th June - Fathers Day 'Pop Up Stall' after school

Monday 15th June - Class photos (Bring your best smiles) 📷

Wednesday 17th June - World Cup Lunch (Please book on MCAS)

July

Thursday 2nd July - New to Reception 3.30pm-4.30pm Stay and Play with parents

Saturday 4th July - Summer Fayre Marshland Hall 10-2pm

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

Tuesday 7th July - Sports Day

Tuesday 8th July - End of year disco - times to be arranged

Friday 10th July - Year 6 Marshland High School Transition Day
Whole School Jump Up Day

New to Reception 9.30-11.30am - no parents

Tuesday 14th July - RESERVED Sports Day (if the prior date is rained off)

Wednesday 15th July - Year 5/6 Performance 2pm and 6pm 'Oliver with a twist'

Thursday 16th July - Marshland High School Taster Day Year 5
Year 6 End of Year Celebration

Friday 17th July - Leavers Assembly 9am (Year 6 parents to be invited)

END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

The Great
MSJ Primary & Nursery
BAKE OFF!



On the 21st of May, FOSA hosted our first ever Bake Off. They invited people to submit entrees for various baking categories. Delicious donations were brought in by our amazing parents/carers and children, to sell for the bake sale too. This sale helps to raise money for the school, whilst also being a delight to the taste buds.



Congratulations to Pat Askew for winning the signature challenge with a beautiful looking gluten-free chocolate cake.



Congratulations to Melanie (Year 3) for winning the showstopper challenge with her stunning chocolate cake.



We raised £56



Thank you!



Free Transition PEEP Stay and Play Group



Aimed for children aged 3-5 with their Parents/Carers.

Join your local Best Start Family Hub team and come along for fun, engaging play sessions focused on learning and helping your child get ready for school. Different themes each week!

Join us from 10:00 – 11:00am on:

- Thursday 4th June
- Thursday 11th June
- Thursday 25th June
- Thursday 2nd July
- Thursday 9th July

Location:

Marshland Hall and Tea Room
156-158 Smeeth Road
Marshland St James
Wisbech, PE14 8JB



To register your interest or find out more, please email:

cspartnercommunitywest@norfolk.gov.uk



Come
join
us!



MSJ PRIMARY & NURSERY

Father's Day

POP-UP PRESENT STALL

FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2026

From 3:15pm

OUTSIDE SCHOOL

£2.50 PER GIFT
CASH / CARD
ACCEPTED



Recently we sent out our 'Parent Code of Conduct'
Please [click here](#) to view it on our website.