

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER ISSUE 7 FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been a very busy week across the school. Year 1 have completed their phonics screening check, and Year 4 have taken part in the multiplication tables check. Both year groups have approached these important assessments with great focus and determination. We will share outcomes with you in the children's end of year reports.

I am incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked and of the excellent way they have conducted themselves throughout. They have shown resilience, confidence and a positive attitude, and they should be very proud of themselves. It has also been lovely to see the support and encouragement they have shown one another. Thank you to our staff for preparing them so well, and to families for your continued support.

Thank you also to the families who have already met with me regarding attendance. I know that this is not something that you are familiar with, but if your child is not in school, then they miss out on the foundations of their learning.

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to: **Jackson, Ethan, Archie, Amelia** and **Stanley** for being our stars of the week

Excellent work!



HOUSEPOINTS

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

Class NRC

This week, Nursery and Reception have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have enjoyed lots of continuous provision linked to the story, including exploring different beans with magnifying glasses, sorting and counting beans, and building a castle. They even made a giant beanstalk that reached all the way to the ceiling!

It has been wonderful to see the children using their imagination, curiosity and teamwork to bring the story to life.



Class 1/2

In Year 1/2, the children are always doing lots and lots of reading! In Sounds Write, they have been reading words and practising their phonics. During Whole Class Reading, they have been reading books that support their phonics, and they have also been enjoying a tricky version of The Sword in the Stone. They love to read for pleasure by choosing books from the reading corner, and they especially enjoy being read to at the end of the day on their new class rug.



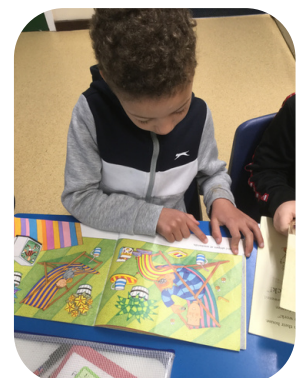
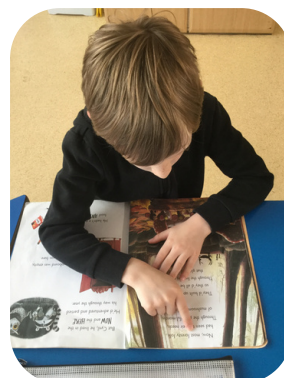
"It is fun to read!" - Theo

"I know that if it is hard, I can say the sounds and read the word." - Lily-Grace



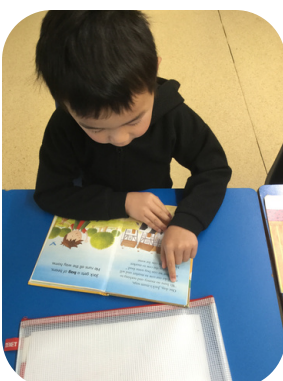
"Reading is good because you learn lots of new words!" - Shaun

"It is relaxing when you read" - April



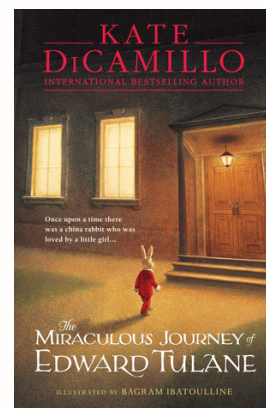
"I like reading about my learning." - Charlie

"I love reading to year 1 and 2 because they listen carefully, join in with repetition and we are able to enjoy wonderful stories together!" - Miss Hemsley



Class 3/4

The children in 3/4 have been enjoying reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', written by Kate DiCamillo. This book follows a vain and selfish china rabbit toy who gets lost and faces incredible hardships on his journey to be reunited with his child Abilene. Will he discover the meaning of true love on his way back to her?



"I like reading Edward Tulane because I like chapter books and it's interesting." - Layla

"We recap the story and sometimes go back to the same page. Nellie changed Edward's name to Susanna and put him in a dress!" - Josh



Class 5/6

This weeks class focus was reading.

"I used to hate reading but since learning about texts and sharing them in class, I now I read so much more at home" - Thomas

"Mrs Penfold helped me find the enjoyment in reading again" - Poppy



We enjoy Storytime every morning. Our favourite story is Brown Bear, Brown Bear.

We like to join in by turning the pages and saying what animals we can see!



Alice Sharpe

On Friday the 5th of June we were joined by Olympic Cyclist Alice Sharpe. Alice came in to run a motivational assembly, speaking to the children about her passion for cycling, and the resilience and determination she has needed to achieve her goals and win her medals. Alice spoke about her particular events, explaining the bike and track that she competes on, and shared that she will be hoping to win a medal in the Paralympics by riding tandem with a cyclist who has a visual impairment. The children took part in a sponsored fitness circuit, which they enjoyed immensely. During the Q&A session the children asked brilliant questions and shared their own dreams and passions.



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Year 5/6 had a visitor!



This week we had the opportunity to have Amy Lockwood from Flo Performing Arts come into our school to help us with our dances and acting for our End of Year Production. The children really enjoyed their afternoon with Amy and she's going to come back in for the next few weeks. Amy runs her own Performing Arts School in Barroway Drove and used to work professionally in theatres around London. Some of the children have really expressed an interest in this field so pop along to the website to see if there are classes that would be good for them.

<https://floperformingarts.co.uk/>



NRC had a visitor!



We have started our toothbrushing journey this week.

This week the children in NRC were visited by a lady from the Norfolk & Waveney Oral Health Improvement Team who taught them all about the importance of looking after their teeth. She showed them how to brush their teeth effectively and gave them some free toothpaste and a toothbrush. The children shared their knowledge by asking and answering questions.

Early check-ups make going to the dentist a fun, normal routine rather than a scary event.

If your child hasn't visited a dentist yet, please use this link to find an NHS dentist near you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist/>



Come
Join
us!



The Great

MSJ Primary & Nursery

BAKE OFF!

Tuesday 7th July 2026
(Sports Day)

Please submit your bakes to reception on MONDAY 6th JULY to be judged blind and then sold the following day/sports day to raise funds for our school with FOSA!

Please put the name of person entering at the bottom of the cake board or under the plate/box so the name cannot be seen whilst judging takes place.



PRIZED CATEGORIES -

Childrens Categories:

NRC - Fairy Cakes

(cupcakes, muffins, fairy cakes)

Y1/2 - Biscuits

(iced biscuits, cookies, shortbread etc)

Y3/4 - Tray Bakes

(millionaire shortbread, rocky road, no bake trays etc)

Y5/6 - Flavoured/Decorated Cupcakes

(Think Chocolate Orange, salted caramel or lemon drizzle with a curd filling etc!)

Open-To-All Pupils/Families:

Showstopper Challenge-

Show us your skills!

Best decorated sponge cakes!

Fundraising
EVENT

Cooking Club

The Year 3/4 children really enjoyed their first taste of cooking club, led by the wonderful Mrs Bingham. They made some lovely pizzas and had lots of smiles. We hope you shared some with your adults!

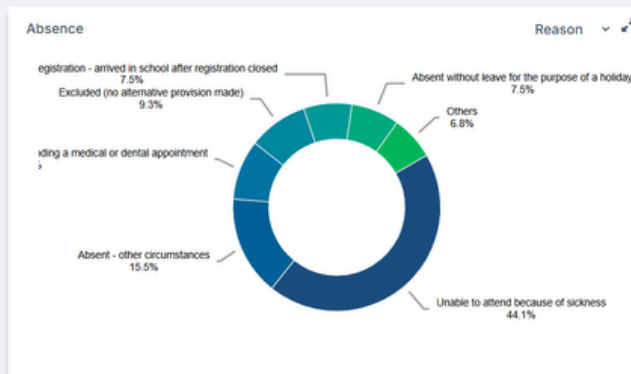
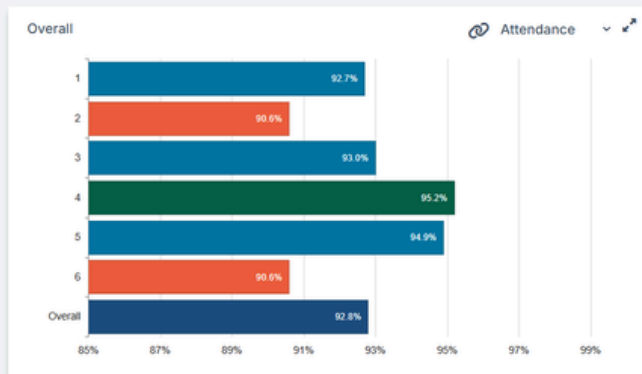
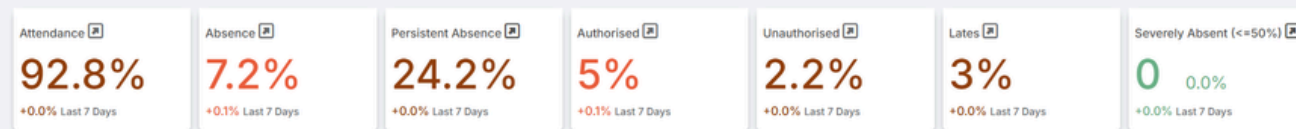


Let's
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ATTENDANCE

Headline Figures (31/08/2025 - 11/06/2026)



PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE. EVERY SESSION MISSED ADDS UP TO LOST LEARNING TIME.

Diary Dates

June

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

Year 5s if you want to attend our **bikeability** course in the new school year please return your permission slips by **June 24th**



It is free!

