

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER ISSUE FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers.

The main thing that we all want to say today is 'thank you' for entrusting your children to us during the extreme heat of last week. They all managed so well and we have been so proud of them. We are so disappointed about Sports Day, we are keeping our eye on the weather for the 14th and will advise as soon as we can if this day will go ahead.

We are carrying out lots of assessments with the children at the moment, from EYFS up to Year 6. We are planning ahead for the year to come and we are sharing which teachers will be where next year. Teaching Assistants have yet to be finalised, we will share this when we know for certain!

You will have seen me outside in the mornings this week. Thank you to everyone for using the side pedestrian gate and not parking in the staff car park. We all want to keep our children and families safe.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, hope to see you at the fun day!

Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.



STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to:

Ebby-Joe

Shaun

Archie

Lily

for being our stars of the week

Excellent work!



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

Goodbye & Good Luck!

Mrs Mason

A huge thank you to Mrs Mason who has worked at this school for many years! She has supported lots of children and their families during this time. Mrs Mason is leaving for retirement and will miss the school dearly. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

Miss Cadman

It is sad news that Miss Cadman will be leaving us at the end of this academic year! She has worked in our Early Years and has supported the children to make phenomenal progress. She will be leaving to spend more time with her young family. Miss Cadman will be sorely missed by us all.

Mrs Penfold

We wish the best of luck to Mrs Penfold who will be moving onto a new school. Mrs Penfold is taking on a new challenge and will be working part-time to spend more time with her own family. We thank her for all of her hard work during her time at MSJ especially with Year 6 pupils!

Mr Watmore

Sadly, Mr Watmore will be leaving at the end of this school year. He has been a great TA working across the school and helping everyone - children and adults! The MSJ team would like to wish Mr Watmore the best of luck in his next endeavours.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR teachers

Nursery and Reception

We are in the process of recruiting another fabulous teacher to join our happy team here at MSJ! We have had several enquiries, and look forward to updating you as soon as we have some definitive news. This is an exciting time for the school, as we continue to move forwards on our journey to making our school as good as it deserves to be!

PENDING

GOOD THINGS

TAKE TIME

Year 1 and 2 Miss King

Hello everyone! My name is Miss King and I cannot wait to join the MSJ team full time in September. I have had a blast getting to know the children and the staff during this final half term and already know next academic year is going to be a good one. A little bit about me, I have been teaching for six years now, primarily in the Early years and Key Stage 1. Phonics and Reading are the two subjects closest to my heart and I have some fun ideas on how to encourage reading across the school next year. I have two little boys who keep me on my toes and love getting into nature with my family. I'm hoping to bring my love of the outdoors to my class in September too. I hope you all have an incredible six weeks holiday and I really look forward to getting to know everyone better.



NEW SCHOOL YEAR teachers

Year 3 and 4 Mrs O'Neill

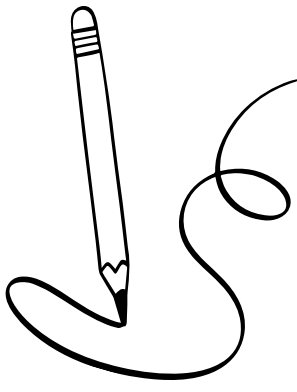


Hello MSJ, I'm Mrs O'Neill and I am delighted to be joining Year 3 and 4 this year. After working in a large school for many years, I am excited to be part of a smaller community and to get to know the children, families and staff here. I will also be continuing with my role of SENDCo, and I am passionate about creating a calm, caring and inclusive learning environment where every child feels supported and able to thrive. I especially love teaching reading and writing, and I am looking forward to sharing that enthusiasm with the children this year. I can not wait to meet you all again on the whole school jump up day!

Year 5 and 6 Miss Hemsley

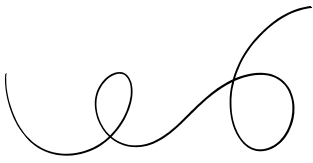


Hello, I'm Miss Hemsley, and I am so excited to be teaching Year 5/6 in September as well as continuing my role of Assistant Head Teacher. I have already been working at the school for a short time, and I look forward to continuing to get to know the children and their families, who have all made me feel so welcome. I have taught Year 5 and 6 for the past five years within the trust and really enjoy working with this age group. In school, my favourite subjects in school are maths and science and outside of school I love running, going to the gym and playing netball.



Handwriting competition

Across the school, our amazing pupils participated in a handwriting competition. The children wrote a pre-constructed paragraph focusing on their handwriting! Everyone worked incredibly hard and it was incredibly difficult to select our winners. Well done to Feodor, Ayrton, Felicia, Ethan, Elodie and Poppy who were awarded with **GOLDEN PENS!**



Handwriting and neat presentation are crucial because they help children build fine motor skills, boost information retention, and strengthen reading and spelling abilities. When children write fluently by hand, their brain links letter-sound relationships more effectively. Additionally, it demonstrates care and pride in their work which boosts self-respect and self-worth.



Join our team!

We are still looking to recruit two Midday Supervisors at Marshland St James Primary and Nursery School. We are yet to find someone with the right experience to help support the safe and efficient running of lunchtimes, including helping to organise and utilise resources at lunch time, supporting and running activities for children to engage with and supporting with first aid where required. If this sounds like something you are interested in, or if you know someone who would be right for the job, apply through MyNewTerm or scan the QR code!



Scan me

FOSA PAGE!



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!

MARSHLAND ST JAMES
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
FOSA PRESENTS...

Family Fun Day

FUNDRAISER

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
WITH THANKS TO
WOOLNER
PAINTERS LTD

10AM - 2PM

SATURDAY 4th JULY

BOUNCY CASTLES
RIDES
FACE PAINTING
GLITTER TATTOOS
FOOD VENDORS
LOCAL STALLS
RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
EMERGENCY SERVICES
SPECIAL VISITS
AND MORE!

MARSHLAND HALL &
TEAROOM AND
PARISH PLAYING FIELD
SMEETH ROAD PE14 8JB

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Marshland St James
Primary & Nursery
School

We need
you!



Can you spare
any time?
(no pressure
or full time
commitment
needed.)

your help
means a lot!

FOSA Volunteers Needed

**NO STRINGS
ATTACHED**
Only help around
YOUR schedule -
from a few
minutes, hours
or help
in hand at
any events

For Information
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Fundraising EVENT

Children's Bingo



 **Tilney St Lawrence Village Hal**

Wednesday 22nd July 2026
Doors 6pm, Eyes Down 6:30pm

Lots of prizes to be won!

**Refreshments
Available**



**£3 for 6
two part games
(or 50p a book)**

**£1 for stand up sit down
raffle**

**Raffle
&**

**Stand Up,
Sit Down
Raffle**



SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 8th July 2026

EYFS & KS1 - 4-5pm

KS2 - 5:15-6:15pm

Please find [here](#) the link to purchase the tickets which are £2.50.

Refreshments of course will be available to purchase too!

ATTENDANCE



PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE. EVERY SESSION MISSED ADDS UP TO LOST LEARNING TIME. CLASS WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK HIGHEST ATTENDANCE - 34A!

Diary Dates

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 - Volunteers needed please speak to Emily Jackson.

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

Tuesday 7th July - Sports Day: ~~1.15 - 3.00pm.~~

Wednesday 8th July - End of year disco - **R/1/2: 4pm - 5pm, 3/4/5/6: 5.15 - 6.15pm.**

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

Whole School Jump Up Day

New to Reception and Nursery 9.30-11.30am - (no parents to stay!)

Tuesday 14th July - RESERVED Sports Day

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 in school

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

END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026



Please don't forget to check the weather next week. If it is really hot, then please send your children into school in their PE kit - NO CROP TOPS PLEASE.