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Headteacher's insight

It's been a busy and exciting time for Year 6, as they prepare for the next steps in their educational journey. I'd like to share some of the highlights for this year group recently.

Firstly, Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to attend a Careers Fair, where they were able to explore a wide range of professions and gain insights into future career possibilities. This event provided them with invaluable knowledge about different industries and sparked some exciting conversations about their ambitions for the future.

In another significant milestone, Year 6 students have now found out their allocated secondary schools. This moment has been met with excitement and anticipation, as they begin to look forward to the next chapter in their academic lives. We're incredibly proud of how they've handled the transition process, and I know they'll thrive in their new environments.

Additionally, the results of the Year 6 mock SATs were extremely encouraging. The students demonstrated hard work and resilience, and it was wonderful to see how much they have progressed. We are confident they will continue to excel as they head towards the real tests later in the year.

Finally, Year 6 is busy preparing for their upcoming residential trip, which promises to be an exciting and enriching experience in the Summer term. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to build teamwork, independence, and create lasting memories as they embark on this adventure together.





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It's inspiring to see how well Year 6 is managing all these exciting changes and opportunities. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for them!

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to parents evening on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March. Please book your appointment with your child's class teacher through My Child At School (MCAS). The teachers are keen to share with you how your child is progressing.

Mrs Thompson



Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



News from our classrooms

Blackbirds Class

Blackbirds class have started their **Team Building and Adventurous Activities** unit in PE this week. One challenge was to move in a chain of four without losing connection. The first team to cross the finish line were the winners. They worked really hard in their teams. Other activities included guiding a blindfolded team member to collect word cards and looking at different strategies to win the cups and saucers game. Well done everyone!





Hurricanes Class

In **English** lessons we have been enjoying reading and learning about the plot of our new class text '**The Day the Crayons Quit**'. It has sparked many class discussions about emotions and understanding empathy. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in '**hot seating**' and taking on the role of the different crayons while the other children asked them questions.



In **Mathematics** this week, we have been learning about number fact families. We have been writing addition and subtraction number sentences to show how these number facts are related.

In **Computing**, we've been engaging with the world of **Bee-Bots**. The children are developing basic **coding skills** in a hands-on way. We have been learning how to give the Bee-Bots instructions to move forward, backward, and turn, building an understanding of sequencing and problem-solving. It's been exciting to see their critical thinking skills developing as they explore the basics of programming while having a lot of fun with these interactive robots.



Spitfires Class

In Nursery, our topic is all about '**Growing**' and we have been exploring this theme in a variety of engaging ways.

We've been reading some lovely books, including **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle and **Jasper's Beanstalk** by Nick Butterworth. These stories have sparked curiosity as we learn about how things grow. To bring this theme to life, we've planted our own broad bean plant in Nursery and started growing cress seeds. The children are really enjoying watching their plants grow and observing the changes!

As the weather has warmed up, we've taken our learning outside. In our **mud kitchen**, the children have been experimenting with **herbs** and **plants**, combining nature with creativity. It's a wonderful way to connect with the natural world!



In **Maths**, we have been focusing on counting and exploring 1:1 correspondence with numbers **1-4**, helping children develop a strong number sense through hands-on activities.

In **Phonics**, the children have been learning the sounds '**s**' and '**a**', and we've also started reading a new big book in our sessions, reinforcing the importance of early reading skills.

We have also been learning about yearly events such as **Ramadan** and **Lent**. The children had a great time celebrating **Shrove Tuesday** by making pancakes and exploring the traditions around it.

As always, we are guided by the children's interests, and recently, there has been a big fascination with **Superheroes**! The children have also shown a deep interest in the natural world, with lots of exploration around insects and nature. To support this, we've set up a nature tuff spot where the children have been investigating bugs and learning more about the environment around us.



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We are also incredibly thankful for our wonderful parents, and this week has been extra special as one of our parents led a lovely story session for **World Book Day** as well as parents visiting for the **Reading Breakfast**. It was fantastic to see both children and adults actively participating in the celebration of reading.

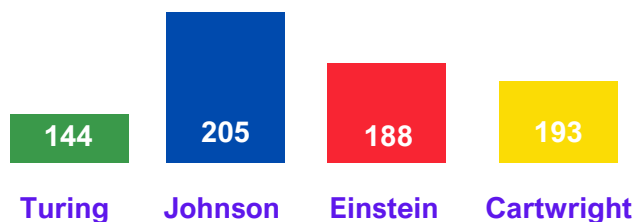
Some useful information for you all:

- If you are applying for the working entitlement expanded/extended hours of up to 30 hours funding for the Summer Term, the deadline for this is **31st March 2025**.
- Don't forget to reconfirm your details with HMRC if you have 30 funded hours when required. You should receive emails to prompt you to do this.
- Please remember that any snacks sent to school should be healthy snacks and we are a nut free school so please, no nuts or snacks that contain nuts.
- If you have any plastic bottles, we would be happy to receive them to make seed shakers with the children.





House Point Totals



Upcoming events and reminders

Parents evening bookings

Parents evening for all children (Nursery to Year 6) is on **26th and 27th March** between **4pm-6:30pm**, bookings go live on MCAS at **7pm today**.

Please check you have access to MCAS, if you have any difficulties logging in please contact the office.

Easter raffle

Our wonderful PTFA will be holding a raffle with Easter hampers as the prizes. Please can we ask for your support with donating Easter eggs to create the hampers/bundles. If you are able to donate Easter eggs to create these prizes please pass these to the office by **Friday 28th March**. Tickets will be on sale at parents evening and at the Easter event after school on **Wednesday 3rd April**. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term. Thank you for your support.

Easter hunt and bake sale

On **Wednesday 3rd April from 3:10-4pm** everyone is welcome to join us in an Easter hunt and a bake sale. The PTFA will share more details with us all in the coming weeks but for now, please hold the date!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carter - Spitfires
Hao Hao - Comets
Krystal - Hurricanes
Kiansh - Vulcans





Term Dates 2024/25

Spring term

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Easter holidays: Monday 7 April – Friday 18th April

Summer term

Tuesday 22nd April to Wednesday 23rd July

Back to school Wednesday 23rd April

Bank holiday Monday 5th May (school closed)

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

Last day of term 23rd July

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Tuesday 22 April

Monday 2 June

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn term 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October – 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December

Christmas holidays: Monday 22nd December to Tuesday 6th Jan

Spring term 2026

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February

Half Term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer term 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Summer Holiday: Monday 20th July onwards

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 3rd November

Monday 5th January

Monday 20th July



Purpose

Marleigh Primary's PTFA has two main aims:

1. **Build a thriving and supportive school community**
 - Organised events bring parents, teachers and children together
2. **Fundraise to benefit Marleigh Primary students**
 - Help decide how funds are spent on either extras or essentials

Targets for 2025

Run 1 major event per term:



Easter egg Hunt
(3rd April 2025)

Summer Fayre
(25th June 2025)



Stage



Microphones



Fund:



Classroom play equipment



Online science workshop



Free Fundraising

1. Sign up to  **easyfundraising** using this QR code:
Every time you shop online, you can raise cashback for the school.
2. Recycle used printer ink cartridges with  **Empties Please**
Simply drop them off at reception and we will do the rest.



Got ideas for fundraising, sponsorship or donations? Please get in touch!

Association contacts

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Community

In person

Reception:

Andreea Church
Megan Manley
(Chair)
Tulika Varma

Year 1:

Keith Hatton
Jenny Richens
Annabelle Roberts
Sabia Sulthana



Easter **RAFFLE DONATIONS**



Support the PTFA by donating prizes for our Easter Raffle. Donations (eg. nut-free foods, drinks, wellness items) will be turned into festive hampers for the raffle winners to enjoy.

Please drop off donations to the Marleigh Primary Academy office no later than 28th March.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the parents' evenings and the Easter egg hunt. Raffle winners to be announced on 4th April.





Fen Ditton



SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2025

15.00 - 17.00


FEN DITTON RECREATION GROUND

Refreshments available

Tickets: £4 at school

£5 online (includes 1 drink)

Tickets online



*Cost shouldn't be a barrier to participate.
Please contact school office if you need support.*



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Marleigh Primary Academy, CB5 8BG

Dates: 7th - 10th April & 14th - 17th April (Daily)

Times:

Price: From as little as £24.23 per day

Ages: 4 - 11 year olds

Additional info: 15% discount available online until 14/03/25

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

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