



09 May 2025

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Headteacher's insight

I hope you all enjoyed the extended weekend and had a chance to rest and recharge during the bank holiday. Although it's been a shorter week, the pace of learning across the school has certainly not slowed down — our classrooms have been full of focus, curiosity, and great energy.

This week, our **Year 5 and 6 pupils** had a fantastic time taking part in a **football tournament** on Tuesday, teaming up with peers from **Fen Ditton Primary** as part of our growing sports calendar. We're excited to share that from next year, we'll be leading a brand-new initiative — the **Anglian Learning Primary Sports Alliance**. This will bring together primary schools from across our Trust to enjoy a rich schedule of sporting events and opportunities throughout the year, promoting teamwork, healthy competition, and connection across our schools.

We're also proud to be reflecting on **VE Day** this week, taking time in school to learn about and honour the sacrifices made during World War II, and the importance of peace and remembrance. Check out our Facebook page to see an exciting visit we had!

Looking ahead, we're sending our very best wishes to our Year 6 pupils as they head into their **SATs** next week. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination in preparing for these assessments.

As we approach the end of this half term, we are also busy behind the scenes with planning for the next academic year. We'll be sharing key updates and dates with you very soon to help with your own planning — so watch this space!



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



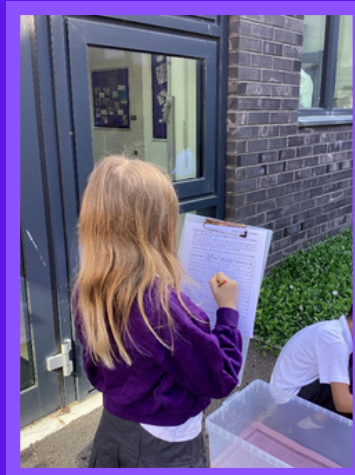


News from our classrooms

Blackbirds Class

Blackbirds have been busy learning outside this week. In maths lessons the children have been learning about **capacity**. They had a variety of containers for which they had to first predict the volume and then measure with an appropriately sized measuring jug/cylinder.

They all showed a good understanding of **Litres** and **Millilitres** as their predictions were pretty accurate! They then completed challenge cards to compare different volumes and find equivalent volumes.





Spitfires Class



Spitfires have continued to enjoy our **Transport** topic this week! We've had lots of fun washing toy cars in the water tray and cleaning larger bikes and vehicles in our outdoor area. Excitement is building as we've been told about our upcoming bus trip—please keep an eye on your emails for the permission form!

We've also been learning about the importance of **handwashing** and practising how to do it properly, especially before lunch.

Our **Welly Wednesday** adventures with Mrs Wordsworth in the Forest Area have been a real highlight. The children have loved exploring nature, learning the Forest School rules, and listening carefully during our visits.

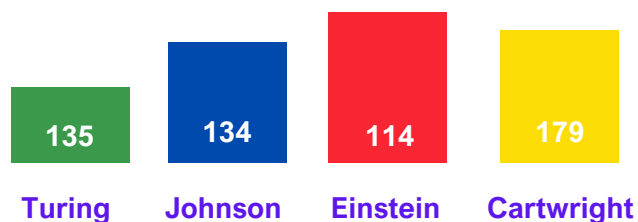
In **Maths**, we've been exploring **patterns**, creating our own designs in the provision areas. In **Phonics**, the older children have been learning the sounds 'ee' and 'igh', while the younger children have been tuning into different voice sounds and exploring alliteration, noticing how words can start with the same sound.

Useful information:

- **Nursery Start time** - Nursery doors open at 8:40am. Please can you try to be on time for drop off to Nursery as we have some frequent, much later drop offs and this impacts the start of the Nursery Day for others if you are late.
- For **Reception Starters** at Marleigh or Fen Ditton, please do remember to confirm to the school office that you accept your place and return your 'New Starter Information' and 'All About Me' forms.
- **Bus Trip - this is 19th or 22nd May**. You will have received an email to say which date and request permission for your child to go. Please do complete this asap.
- **Sun cream** - please apply this before school
- **Sun hats** - please send children with sunhats as shade is limited in our outside area.



House Point Totals



We are holding our first-ever School Science Fair this Summer!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our very first **School Science Fair** – a celebration of curiosity, creativity, and scientific discovery! This is a fantastic opportunity for our young scientists to explore the world around them, ask big questions, and showcase their incredible ideas.

What is the Science Fair?

The Science Fair is an opportunity for pupils from all year groups to create and present their very own science projects. Whether it's exploring volcanoes, building a robot, investigating the best conditions for plant growth, or asking "Which biscuit holds up best in tea?" – the possibilities are endless!

Projects can be experiments, investigations, models, or research presentations. The key ingredients are wonder, creativity, and enthusiasm for science!

We will present these projects in school to our classmates and then a select few will be chosen to present at our Showcase event in July. This event will be open to the local community to attend and view the presentations.

Key Dates:

Science Fair presentations in classes date: Wednesday 25th June

Science Fair Showcase date: Friday 4th July

Location: Marleigh Primary Academy

How to Take Part:

Think of a scientific question or idea you're curious about.

Plan and carry out your project – this might include doing an experiment, building a model, or researching a topic.

Create a display (poster, model, slideshow, or presentation) to showcase your findings.

Bring your project to school on the science fair presentation day and be ready to present it to classmates and teachers!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hollis - Blackbirds
Joe - Spitfires
Anjali - Comets





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All children will receive a **Science Fair certificate** for taking part, and there will be special commendations for creativity, scientific thinking, and presentation.

Family Involvement:

We warmly encourage families to support children with their ideas and projects at home – this is a perfect chance to spark scientific conversation and exploration together. The fair will also be open to parents and carers to visit and celebrate the children's fantastic work.

We can't wait to see the amazing ideas our budding scientists will bring to life. Let's make our very first Science Fair a truly memorable and inspiring event!

If you have any questions, please speak to our science lead, Mrs McLachlan, or your class teacher.

Let the experiments begin!

Let's Get Inspired!

Need inspiration? Think about:

- Nature and the environment
- Space and planets
- Forces and motion
- Animals and habitats
- Materials and how they change
- Inventions and innovations





School dinners

Don't forget to order your child's school dinners before midnight on Saturday, if you have any issues please email primary@impactfood.co.uk

Diabetes screening

The deadline to register (Tuesday, 13th May) is fast approaching, diabetes screening will happen at school on Thursday, 20th May.

DEADLINE

Contact details and more information:

- Email: elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk
- Phone: 0121 414 7814
- Website: <https://elsadiabetes.nhs.uk/>

More information:



Register here:



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Keep up to date with our latest blog post and don't forget to visit and like our [Facebook page](#)!



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY

9th May 2025

This week, Marleigh Primary Academy was filled with colour, creativity and community spirit as we came together to [...]

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FEN DITTON AND MARLEIGH PRIMARY GO HEAD-TO-HEAD IN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

7th May 2025

The football pitch came alive with energy and excitement as Year 5 and 6 pupils from Marleigh Primary [...]

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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS: A VINTAGE SURPRISE ROLLS INTO MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY

9th May 2025

As part of our exciting VE Day celebrations at Marleigh Primary Academy, we were thrilled to welcome a [...]

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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



JOIN US FOR A COFFEE

AT MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY

~~THURSDAY 1ST MAY 2.30-3.15~~
THURSDAY 15TH MAY 8.45-9.45

COME AND MEET OTHER
MARLEIGH PARENTS/CARERS
RAN BY VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTED BY
MPA STAFF



Join us on the first Tuesday of every month.
All equipment provided, stay as long as you like!

Meeting point : Marleigh Community Centre

Marleigh Community Litter Pick 2025 Calendar

Tuesday	May 6th	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	June 3rd	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids
Tuesday	July 8th	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	August 5th	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids
Tuesday	Sept 2nd	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	Oct 7th	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids
Tuesday	Nov 4th	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	Dec 2nd	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids



Exciting Holiday Opportunities with Premier Education!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Premier Education would like to invite your child to attend our holiday club taking place at Marleigh Primary Academy, offering an exciting array of activities to keep your children engaged and active during the break.

This May, Premier Education are offering a Multi Activity camp where we have a fantastic mix of sports, dance, arts and crafts and performing arts activities available to experience.

Our holiday clubs are designed to provide a unique blend of fun, learning, and varied physical activities that cater to diverse interests and abilities. From sports, games and arts, our Camp offers a holistic approach to holiday enrichment. Our camps will run daily, with the sports and activity specific offerings taking place on set days across the week. Please find below direct links to book a specific camp at your school.

Multi Activity Camp - [Click Here!](#)

Location: Marleigh Primary Academy, CB5 8BG

Dates: 27th – 29th May 2025

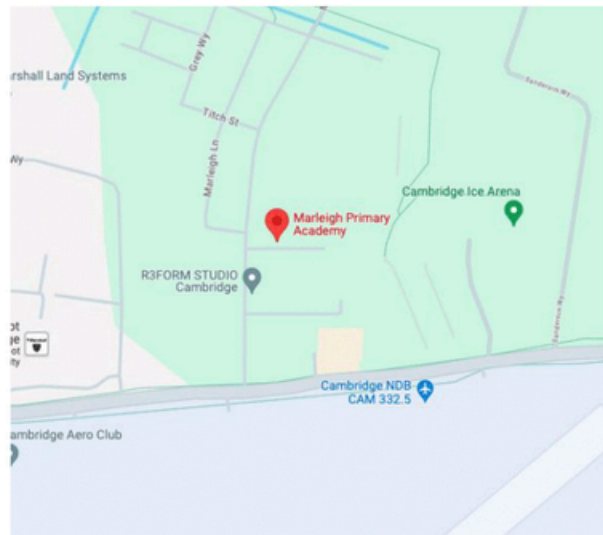
Time: 8.45am – 3.45pm

Ages: 4 - 11

Cost: From £28.50 per day

[Discount Available Online!](#)

[No HAF Availability](#)



There are various booking options for this venue which can be found online by following the link or visiting - [Click Here](#)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us at smead@premier-education.com OR call 01223 631310

We look forward to welcoming your child to a holiday of fun, learning, and adventure at Premier Education's Super Camps!

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