



28th March 2025

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Headteacher's insight

As we approach the end of another busy term, it's wonderful to see the progress and achievements our children have made. From exciting classroom activities to extracurricular successes, there is much to celebrate. A particular highlight this half term has been the **cooking lessons** in KS1 and KS2 delivered following our new curriculum. From wraps to bolognaise, the children have enjoyed learning about the flavours, designing recipes and preparing ingredients. The enjoyment has been a pleasure to see, hear and smell! I'm waiting to be taken up on my offer of taste tester!

Have you got your tickets for **next Thursday's Easter Hunt**? Our PTFA have worked hard on preparing this event for our families and we are grateful to them for their efforts and commitment to our school community. We hope you all enjoy the hunt along with the bake sale.

Tickets for the **Easter raffle** will be available on the playground at **drop off on Monday 31st March and Thursday 3rd April** (drop off or at the Easter Egg Hunt.). They are £1 each or 5 for £4. The draw will be held on the last day of term and there are lots of **Easter egg bundles** to be won!

As always, thank you for your continued support. Let's collaborate to finish this term on a high note for us all!



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



News from our classrooms

Vulcan Class

This week, Vulcan Class have been busy exploring the world around them through hands-on, active learning.

In **maths**, we investigated **capacity** and **volume** by estimating and then measuring how much different containers could hold. There was lots of fun—and a few splashes!—as we carefully poured water to test our predictions. We discovered that some containers, even if they look big, don't always hold as much as we expected!

In **geography**, we became **fieldwork explorers**. First, we ventured into the forest to identify trees by closely examining their **twigs and buds**. Then, we used magnifying glasses to investigate an area of grass, spotting a variety of tiny plants and creatures. It was fascinating to see just how much life exists in such a small space!



Finally, we visited the pond to check on the **frogspawn**. No tadpoles just yet, but we'll be keeping a close eye on their progress over the coming weeks.

It's been a fantastic week of discovery, and we are looking forward to even more exciting learning next week before the Easter break.



5 Senses



Comet Class

This week in Comet Class we have been using our **5 senses**. We have had the chance to feel, touch, smell and listen to different things around us. The children enjoyed **smelling** different scents like **coffee**, **nutmeg**, **ginger** and **flowers**. This sparked lots of conversations about the smells we liked and the smells we didn't like. Coffee beans were not a popular smell!

The children also explored and investigated **ice**. We got to feel lots of ice, listen to the noises it made when it was in a bowl, and we looked carefully to see if we noticed any changes happening. After we had practiced using our senses inside the classroom, we then went on a sensory walk and continued outside. The children went through the forest area, and sat near the pond and we spent time looking, listening, feeling and smelling the nature all around us. We all enjoyed this calming activity.




Comet Class have been doing lots of **outdoor learning** recently. This week we have also made **journey sticks**. The children explored outside and looked for natural or interesting objects. We then attached the objects to the sticks using string and used positional language to describe where we found the objects. The sticks looked fantastic!


We have also been learning about **Easter**, and how different families around the world celebrate this in different ways. We have been so proud of Comet Class for being respectful during these interesting conversations. The children have listened to each other, paid attention and taken turns to talk. They have also asked some interesting and thought-provoking questions. They have got creative using **paints** and **pastels** and have started to make cards for their family and friends.


A very busy week for the children in Reception and we are so proud of them all for showing such a positive attitude towards their learning. We have had a lot of fun. Fingers crossed for more sunshine!



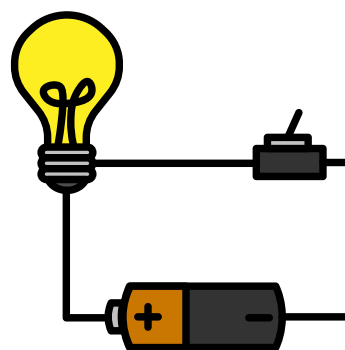
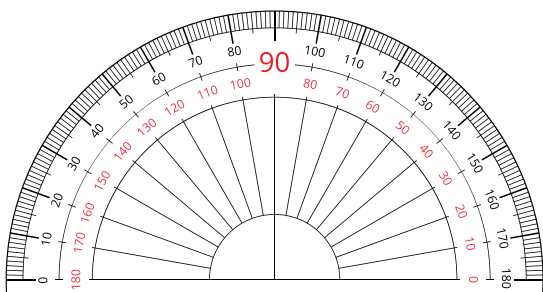
Hercules Class

 **Science** – We explored circuits and switches, learning how electricity flows and how we can control it. The students had great fun experimenting with different components to see how circuits can be opened and closed!

 **Geography** – Our writing skills were put to the test as we crafted letters about the **Mojave Desert**. We thought about what it would be like to live there and described the unique landscape, climate, and wildlife. The creativity and detail in these letters were amazing!

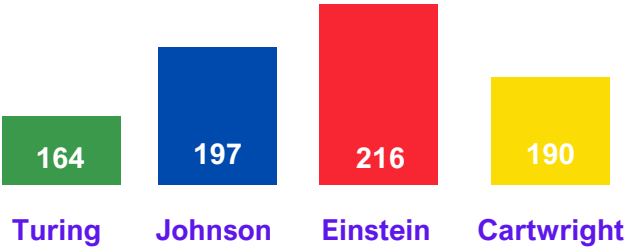
 **Maths** – We have now moved on to learning about angles in our shape unit. The class has been identifying and measuring different angles, and we've even started exploring how angles appear in everyday life.

It's been a great week full of **discovery**, **creativity**, and **problem-solving**! We look forward to another exciting week ahead.





House Point Totals



School Leavers Hoodies Now Available!

You can now order your **Year 6 leavers hoody**. Hoodies will be delivered to school and must be **ordered by 18th April** at the latest.



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Lily - Spitfires
Ayan - Comets
Inaya - Comets





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Reminders

Medical appointments

If your child has a medical appointment, GP, dentist, opticians etc please let the office know in advance if they are to be collected from school early. Where possible provide a screenshot of their appointment letter. We appreciate some appointments are last minute.



Labelling

Please label your child's uniform, this ensures items go straight back to your child instead of lost property.





Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Orienteering Festival



On **Tuesday**, we hosted an exciting **Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Orienteering Festival** for Blackbird and Narwhal (Fen Ditton Primary) classes. The weather was perfect as we kicked off the event with a fun **team-building** activity, leading to nearly 50 children joining in a conga line after a series of **rock-paper-scissors** games!

Children worked in mixed school groups to focus on teamwork, kindness, and respect, before diving into **orienteering**. For many, this was their first time learning how to **read a map**, and it was amazing to see how quickly they mastered the skill. The children were especially excited to explore our **Forest School** area.

A huge well done to all the Year 3 and 4 pupils, as well as our three Year 5 Sports Leaders—you were all fantastic!



Autism Awareness Assembly

We are pleased to announce that next week we will be hosting a special assembly dedicated to **Autism Awareness**. This event aims to foster understanding, celebrate diversity, and promote inclusivity within our school community. We encourage all students to participate with open hearts and minds as we explore ways to support one another.



THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to the Marleigh Primary Academy community for supporting our Easter Raffle!

Purchase your raffle tickets at school drop-off on Monday 31 March or Thursday 3 April (drop off or at the Easter Egg hunt).

The amazing gifts below will be created into Easter Hampers for many to enjoy!





Thank you

HILL GROUP!

The PFTA extends a BIG thank you to The Hill Group for donating the marvellous prizes for our Easter Egg Hunt! You can buy your tickets Monday after drop-off, on Thursday at drop-off, or at the event. Buy in advance to avoid the queue on the day!



If cost is a barrier, please speak with the school office.



Easter

EGG HUNT AND BAKE SALE

Thursday 3 April - 3:15-4:15pm

Join the Marleigh Primary Academy PTFA for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Purchase an Easter egg hunt activity sheet for £3 to participate. Bring a pencil/pen and find hidden eggs around the school grounds. Complete the activity sheet to receive a prize.

This event will take place outside on school grounds rain or shine. Purchase your activity sheet in advance at drop-off on Thursday morning avoid queuing on the day. One completed activity sheet per prize. Cash and card accepted.



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with the school office.



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

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

Over the Easter Holidays

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues, running over the Easter Holidays.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.


Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Anger	Wednesday 9 April 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday 15 April 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Sibling Rivalry	Wednesday, 23 April 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours	Tuesday, 29 April 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Sleep	Thursday, 1 May 2025, 12:00-13:00	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Online & Digital Safety	Tuesday, 20 May 2025, 12:00-13:00	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

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Venue: Marleigh Primary Academy, CB5 8BG

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

Times: 8.45am till 3.45pm

Price:

Ages: 4 - 11 year olds

Additional info: Book now to secure attendance!

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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20% OFF TOO!**

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