

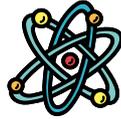


13 Mar 2026

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Headteacher's insight



This week has been a fantastic celebration of Science Week, with our whole school embracing this year's theme of Curiosity. Throughout the week, pupils have explored, questioned, investigated and discovered just how exciting science can be.

A particular highlight was our Science Day, where children worked together in their house groups to take part in four different scientific investigations. It was wonderful to see pupils of different ages collaborating, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their ideas as they explored each activity. The enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity on display truly reflected the spirit of the week.

We were also delighted to welcome parents and carers into school after the school day for our science workshops. These sessions gave families the chance to experience hands-on science alongside the children, and it was fantastic to see so many engaging discussions, experiments and moments of discovery taking place together.

Our science-themed assembly helped to inspire pupils to think about the role curiosity plays in learning and discovery, while our science competition encouraged children to apply their creativity and scientific thinking in exciting ways. To round off the celebrations, pupils thoroughly enjoyed the science shows, which brought scientific concepts to life in a fun and memorable way.

Science Week has been a wonderful reminder that curiosity is at the heart of learning. By encouraging our children to ask questions, explore ideas and investigate the world around them, we help them develop the confidence and skills that will support them in all areas of their education.



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Thank you to all staff, families and pupils who helped make this week such a success.

Last weekend we celebrated selected children's work that represented our children's artistic abilities at the Anglian Learning Platform 26 art showcase on the theme of Belonging. I was impressed, delighted and proud to see our children positively contribute to such a prestigious event.

We've had a week of unique opportunities for our children that help to engage, motivate them by enriching and deepening their learning experiences with us. Much to celebrate. Much to be proud of.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our efforts and work for your children. Being your school of choice is a key responsibility for us. Enjoy your weekend.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher

Thank You Families!

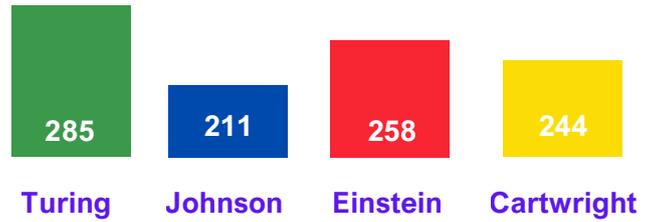
For Your Donations of Eggs
Egg-cellent Prizes for
RAFFLE!

**DRAW OF
WINNERS
WILL BE ON
27th MARCH!**

Entries to the Raffle Cost **£1** Per Entry on
MyChildAtSchool



House Point Totals



Leave of absence requests

Thank you to all parents/carers who submit leave of absence requests in advance of their children being absent from school.

We'd like to remind you that every absence, including dentist appointments require a leave of absence request. You can find the form in 'Useful links' at the bottom of every class page.

Where possible, routine dentist appointments should be booked during school holidays.

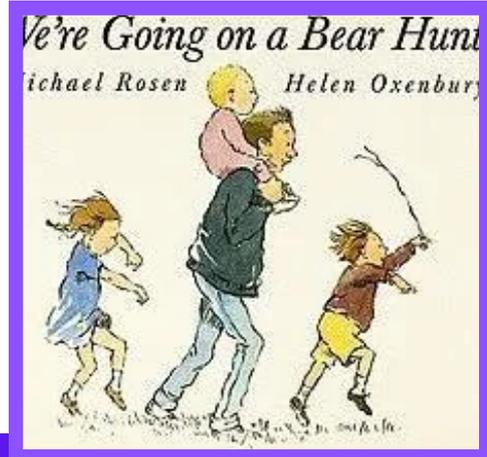
Every absence request for a medical appointment should be accompanied by a screenshot/letter of the appointment to enquiries@marleighprimary.org.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Krystal - Dragonflies
Noah - Ladybirds





Butterflies Class

It has been a busy week in Butterflies Class. In phonics we have been learning the digraph sounds “ai” and “ee.” The children have been practising reading and writing words containing these sounds.

The children are continuing to really enjoy our Rainbow Challenges. It has been wonderful to see them challenge themselves to complete the different activities independently. These challenges are helping to build confidence and prepare the children for greater independence as they move towards Year 1 in September. Please do ask your child if they have completed any Rainbow Challenges – they love sharing their achievements!

With the warmer weather arriving, we have been making the most of our outdoor area and our new resources. It has been lovely to see so much teamwork outside, particularly when building structures together. The children’s creations seem to be constantly evolving as they collaborate and add new ideas.

On Thursday we took part in Science STEM Day, where the children experimented to find out how high a bouncy ball would bounce on different surfaces. They made predictions, tested their ideas, and talked about what they observed.

In Music, we have added instruments to accompany the story *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt*. The children have enjoyed exploring how different instruments can represent parts of the story.

Reminder: Please try to hear your child read each day, even if it is only for a short time. Regular reading practice can make a huge difference to their confidence and progress. Looking ahead to the Summer Term, we will be moving towards doing a weekly PE Lesson. Please start thinking about an appropriate PE kit for your child. We will let you know our PE day shortly.

Date for your diary - on Friday 27th March, we will be walking to St Mary’s Church in Fen Ditton to tie in with our RE Unit and have a talk about Easter with Butterflies Class from Fen Ditton.



Dragonflies Class

This week in Dragonflies has been a busy and exciting one. The children did a fantastic job performing our class assembly and made us very proud. We also had a really fun STEM day, spending time in our houses taking part in different activities and challenges.

In English we finished writing our character descriptions, thinking carefully about how to describe our character. Maths has taken us into a new unit on weight, where we've started exploring different units and how we measure them. It's been a great week with lots to celebrate.





Owls Class



Another week packed with learning for Owls class, here's what we got up to:

In DT, we discussed how biscuit packaging differs around the world and how this impacts the biscuit company's target audience. We then had a go at making our own biscuit packaging designs, from 'Lucky' (8 different flavoured biscuits) to 'Zing or Sweet' (you might get sweet or sour flavour) - Owls showed off their clever designs.

In Geography, we used iPads to research the location of different deserts on Earth and to find out the physical properties of the Death Valley desert. This also put into use our knowledge of how to find reliable online information via trusted websites/search engines like Kiddle.

We also had the KS2 sports event along with Fen Ditton. The year 4s and 5s had lots of fun trying out different activities under the sun like orienteering and 'River crossing'. We appreciate the Mr Parker for creating these events for us.

As the date to the Y3,4,5 showcase comes closer, we would appreciate it if you could support your child in remembering the lyrics to the songs: A Million Dreams and The Greatest Show from the movie The Greatest Showman. Thank you!





Fundraising News & Updates

Virtual Duck Race Results!

One of our most fun fundraisers yet! Winner and runners up listed below...



Liz (duck name: Daisy)

Runners up

Ann (Daisy)	Molly (Quackers)
Evie (Sir Hamish McFlapalot)	Tatyana (Tat)
Amy (67Master)	Amelia (Princess duck)
Mrs Hearn (Jemima)	Mr Culpin (Daffy)
Mrs Rubete (Chickpea)	Megumi (May)
Giulia (Luigino)	Rebecca (Rosarancio)
Miss James (Jemima Puddle-duck)	Selda (Professor Quackington)
Bill (Shed 1)	

New GoodHub campaign - let's get a trim trail!

The funds from our Duck Race have kick started our new campaign to raise money for a trim trail, this is our grandest campaign yet but together we can mobilise support from both your professional and personal networks and our local stakeholders to make this trim trail a reality for our children to enjoy.





News and information

Summer Clubs ready to book on MCAS

We are delighted to be offering a range of free after-school clubs next half term. These clubs provide exciting opportunities for pupils to extend their learning, build new skills, and connect with others in a fun and supportive environment. **If your child already attends a club this does not mean they are automatically enrolled so please ensure you sign them up for next half term.**

All clubs will run from week commencing **Monday 13th April 2026** and continuing until **the 22nd May**. Please be aware that there will be **no football club on Monday 4th May** due to it being a bank holiday.

Yoga (All Years)

Led by Mr Parker – **Thursdays**, 8:00 – 8:30 (Maximum 25 places)

Cricket (Years 2, 3 and 4)

Led by Mr Parker, **Thursdays** 3:20–4:20 pm (Maximum 20 places)

Netball (Years 4, 5 and 6)

Led by Mrs Sellers – **Monday**, 3:20–4:20 pm (Maximum 20 places)

Girls' Football Club (Years 4–6, across both schools)

Led by Mr Parker – **Monday** after school, 3:35–4:35 pm, at Fen Ditton Primary School (Maximum 15 places). Book here: [Girls' Football Club \(Years 4–6, across Fen Ditton and Marleigh Primary Academy\) – Fill in form](#)

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child gets to Fen Ditton Primary School. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 may walk independently with written parental permission.



Science Week Round Up

We have had a fantastic Science Week at Marleigh, with children across the school exploring science through practical investigations and thoughtful questions.

We began the week on Monday with an assembly to launch our Science Challenge. Children are invited to take or draw a picture of something interesting and ask a great scientific question about it. The aim is to encourage pupils to notice the science in the world around them and to think like scientists by asking curious questions. Entries can be brought into school and the closing date is **Wednesday 18th April**.

On Thursday, the whole school took part in Science Day, working in their house teams. This gave children the chance to collaborate with pupils from different year groups as they carried out investigations such as melting ice, testing how balls bounce on different surfaces, designing mazes to test magnetic strength, and finding out which surfaces tape sticks to best.

We finished the week with a brilliant science show on Friday, which brought lots of excitement and wonder to our celebrations.

It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for science and the thoughtful questions they are already beginning to ask.

Leavers Hoodies!

You can now order your **Year 6** leaver hoody!

ORDER NOW





Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 26th March
3.15-4.15pm

Presents:



Tickets cost **£3.50** per child

Buy tickets on the day or in advance at the school main entrance on:

Fri 20th: drop off (am)/pick up (pm)

Mon 23rd: drop off (am)

Tues 24th: drop off (am)

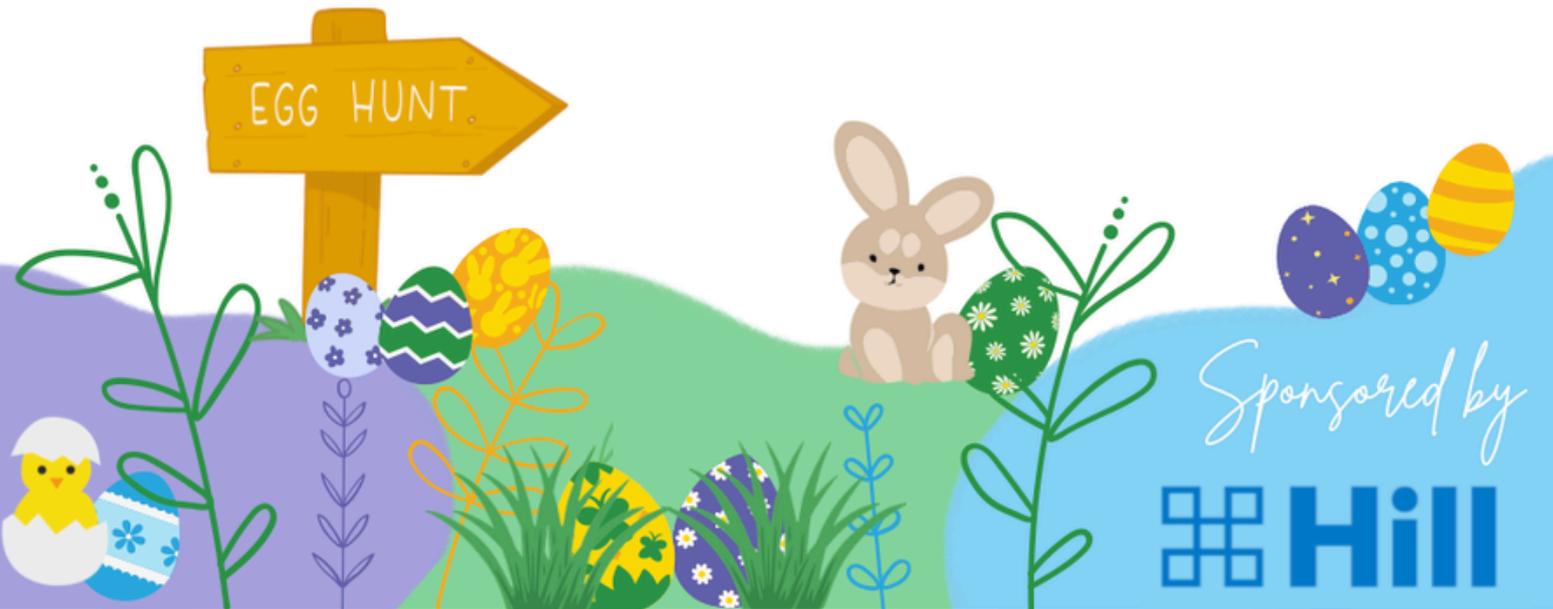
Wed 25th : drop off (am)

Thurs 26th: drop off (am)

£3.50



EGG HUNT



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🚨 **HELP! OUR PTFA NEEDS YOU!** 🚨

Our PTFA keeps the school buzzing with events and fundraising magic but we desperately need new committee members to continue running events like:

 Halloween trail		 Easter Egg Trail
 Christmas Fayre		 Summer Fayre
 Funky Hair Day		 School Disco

Could YOU be our new committee member?

We're recruiting:

✓ **Treasurer**

✓ **General members**

No experience needed:

just a little time, a few ideas, and a willingness to help.

👉 **Interested? Please get in touch:**

WhatsApp or email



ptfa@marleighprimary.org

Can only volunteer on event day?

Join our new event volunteer group:



What's next?

At our AGM on 29th April, current committee members will step down and new members voted in.

Let's keep the fun, fundraising, and community spirit alive!



FOLLOW US

Term Dates 2025/26

[For key upcoming dates see our website](#)

[For 2026/27 dates see our website](#)

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