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Headteacher's insight

As we move into the final two weeks of the academic year, our calendar is packed with exciting opportunities and memorable events for our children. This week, our youngest learners have been out and about enjoying two fantastic educational visits. Nursery had a wonderful day exploring Anglesey Abbey, while our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to a local farm. I was incredibly proud to hear that both groups received glowing compliments from members of the public and staff at the venues, who commented on their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and manners. They were wonderful ambassadors for Marleigh Primary Academy. Looking ahead, we are eagerly preparing for our annual **Sports Day on Thursday 9th July**, which will begin promptly at 9:15am. The event is expected to last up to two hours, and we warmly welcome parents and carers to join us as spectators. Refreshments will be available to purchase throughout the morning, with all profits contributing towards our exciting Trim Trail fundraising campaign. As always, we will continue to monitor the weather forecast closely and will contact families as soon as possible should any changes to arrangements become necessary.

Also taking place on **Thursday 9th July** is our **Science Fair**, which has moved from its original Friday date. A huge thank you to all of our families who have supported their children in creating such imaginative and thoughtful science projects. Every entry was proudly shared within classes today, and teachers had the incredibly difficult task of selecting a small number of projects from each class to present at the fair. However, every single project submitted will be on display, and we warmly invite parents and carers to visit from 3:15pm to view the entries and cast their vote for this year's winning project.



Alongside these whole-school events, we also have two fantastic sporting opportunities for our children through ALPSA (Anglian Learning Primary Sports Alliance). On **Wednesday 8th July**, a team of 12 Key Stage 1 children will represent Marleigh at the ALPSA Multi-Skills Festival, before a squad of 40 Key Stage 2 athletes compete at the ALPSA Athletics event at the local athletics track on Wednesday 15th July. We wish all of our competitors the very best of luck and know they will represent our school with determination, teamwork and pride.

Next, **Friday 10th July** marks the final day that children will spend with their current class before beginning Transition Week on **Monday 13th July**. This provides an invaluable opportunity for children to get to know their new teachers, classmates and learning environments ahead of September. Transition Week also includes our much-anticipated whole-school trip to Milton Country Park on **Tuesday 14th July**, where every child who will be in KS1 and KS2 classes in September and members of staff will spend the day learning, exploring and making memories together.

We are also looking forward to our PTFA School Disco on **Thursday 16th July**, with ticket information and booking details to follow shortly from the PTFA.

Finally, by the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have enjoyed what promises to be another fantastic Summer Fair. My sincere thanks go to our incredible PTFA for the enormous amount of time, energy and commitment they invest in organising events like this for our school community. Their dedication not only creates wonderful experiences for our children and families but also raises valuable funds that continue to enhance the opportunities and facilities available to everyone at Marleigh. We are incredibly grateful for all that they do. Enjoy your weekend everyone before we move in to the last fortnight of the school year together.

Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





Reminder for Parents of KS2 Children

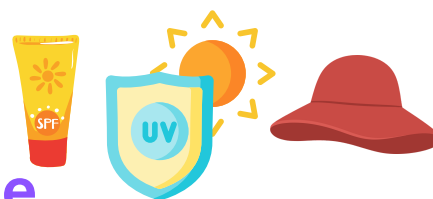


Early Years and KS1 pupils are provided with a healthy mid-morning snack through the Government initiative. This is usually a fruit and/or vegetable. KS2 children are expected to bring their own healthy mid-morning snack from home, please ensure your child's snack is **nut free**.

End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports will be uploaded to your child's MCAS account on **Thursday, 9th July**. Please ensure you have access to MCAS beforehand. If you do not, please email the office.

Summer Safety Getting Lost in a Public Place



You might be planning to visit some busy and excited places during the summer holidays; remind children what to do if they get separated from their adult.

- Talk to your child about what to do if they get lost
- Encourage them to stay calm and look for a safe adult such as a police officer, member of staff at the event or parent with their child
- Make sure your child knows their full name and a parent/carer contact number
- Agree a meeting point in advance when visiting busy places



Ladybirds Class



As we come to the end of our Year 1 journey, it is hard to believe how much the children have grown since September. They have worked so hard, embraced new challenges and should all be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. In the last week, we have still been busy learning across the curriculum. In maths, we have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. The children enjoyed taking part in an active matching activity, working with a partner to match clock faces to the correct written times. It was a great way to develop their understanding while encouraging teamwork and discussion.

In science, we became engineers for wildlife by designing and making animal homes from natural materials. We then tested our creations to see if they were waterproof, thinking carefully about how we could improve our designs to help protect the animals from the weather.





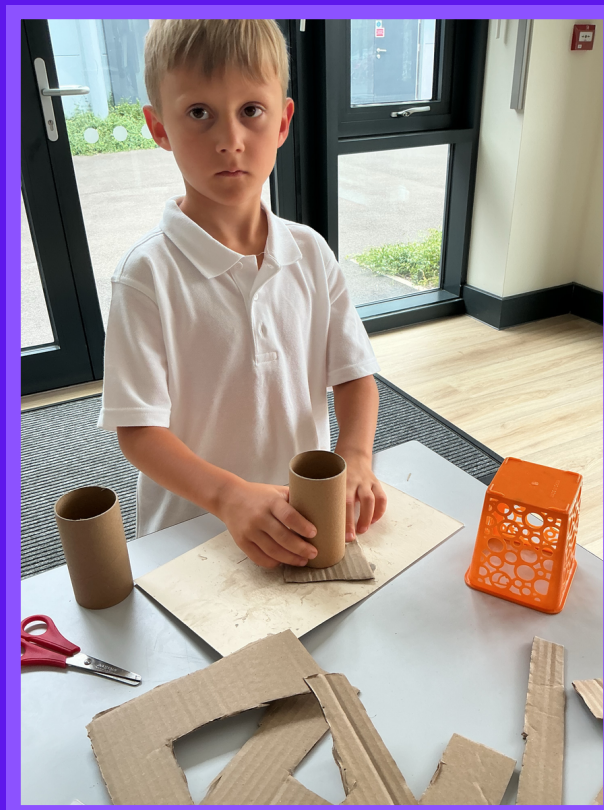
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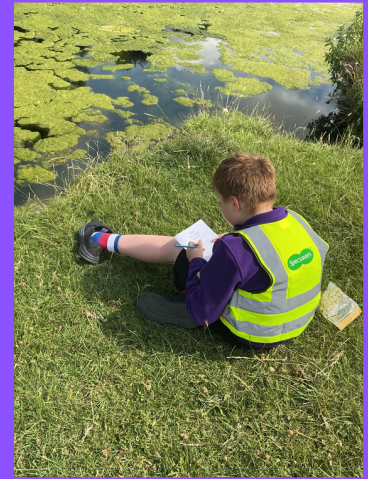


In DT, we have been busy making pencil pots. The children have thought carefully about how to make their structures both stable and appealing to a Year 1 child, using their creativity to design something unique. I am looking forward to seeing the finished products once they have been decorated.

As this is my final newsletter of the year, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It has been such a privilege to teach your children and to watch them grow in confidence, resilience and independence. They have made me smile every single day and I am so proud of the progress each and every one of them has made.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, filled with happy memories, and I wish every one of my lovely Ladybirds the very best for the future. They will always have a special place in my heart.





Squirrels Class

This week in Squirrels Class, we've been working hard on our maths topic of telling the time, which has proved challenging for everyone! However, the children have worked hard and practised their time-telling skills using the clocks resources and are now more confident at telling the time to the minute.

In English, we have been refreshing our skills on using similes, alliteration and repetition in preparation for writing descriptive nature poems based on this half term's text - Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe. Everyone has been very creative with their vocabulary choices and are showing they are ready for the challenges of next year with their independent up-levelling of their sentences!

On Friday we enjoyed our class trip to Ditton Meadows. Upon arriving, we had a conversation about water safety by the river, and then the children explored the area with their investigation booklets, completing sketches of the river and the surrounding environment, and making observations on the physical and human features we could see. Then it was time for a grasshopper catching competition! Most of us got stuck in with searching for these jumpy insects in the long grass, discovering other insects and flowers as we went along. It was a peaceful morning full of nature and exploration.

The penultimate week in Squirrels Class has been a positive one, and we are looking forward to rounding off the year with a fun-filled last week before transition week.



Yoga, Mindfulness & Meditation Club

A calming, feel-good session where children get to slow down, stretch out, and recharge after a busy school day. Each week we explore gentle yoga poses, breathing techniques, and mindfulness activities that help children manage their emotions, improve focus, and feel good in their own bodies. No experience needed — just come ready to relax and have fun.



- Reception - Year 6
 - Tuesdays: 15:20-16:20
 - Cost: £10 per session (booked termly)
- Marleigh Primary School

Book Here



Key dates 2025-26

July

Wed, 1 Jul	Sports event Year 6 <u>Butterflies trip to South Angle Farm</u>
Fri, 3 Jul	Science Fair project presentations in school Summer Fayre - after school
Wed, 8 Jul	ALPSA Festival Multi Skills Year 1 & 2 (selected children)
Thur, 9 Jul	Sports day (morning) Science Fair event - 3:15-3:45pm - parents and carers invited to attend
Fri, 10 Jul	Year 6 Play in a Week performance 9am
Mon, 13 Jul	End of Year Awards Assembly
Tues, 14 Jul	<u>Whole school trip to Milton Country Park</u>
Weds, 15 Jul	ALPSA Tournament Athletics Year 3 & 4 (selected children)
Thurs, 16 Jul	Year 6 Leavers assembly 9:15 - parents and carers invited to attend End of Year Disco - after school
Fri, 17 Jul	Nursery Graduation Ceremony 2:30pm Last day of the academic year

Autumn term 2026/27 begins 4 September 2026



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Term Dates 2025/26

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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