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Headteacher's insight

It has been another positive week across our two schools, following a lovely community occasion last weekend. Children from both Fen Ditton and Marleigh entered some of the children's categories at the Fen Ditton Village Show, and it was wonderful to see their work displayed and celebrated. Opportunities like these matter: they connect our children with the community around them and give them another place in which to participate, contribute and feel proud.

This week, I also want to highlight something very simple that makes a significant difference to a child's school day: being on time. Teaching begins promptly at 8:50am, which means that any minutes after this point are minutes of learning missed. Arriving on time also gives children the best opportunity to settle into the classroom, connect with the adults and children around them and begin their learning calmly and confidently.

That sense of connection is particularly important as we continue to embed The Good Morning Club (TGMC) across our schools. TGMC is a research-backed approach to behaviour, emotional literacy, regulation and engagement. It helps us to think about what may sit behind children's behaviour and gives adults and children practical strategies for building connection, understanding emotions and regulating effectively. Two of its key principles capture this particularly well: "Connection over Correction" and "Regulate to Educate" — recognising that children are much better placed to learn when they feel connected, safe and emotionally ready to do so.

One of the TGMC routines we have introduced this term is "Say Hey Your Way". You may have noticed children being offered different ways to greet the adult welcoming them into their classroom each morning. It is a deliberately small but important moment of connection: children have some agency over how they say hello, while every child receives the message that we have noticed you, we are pleased you are here and you belong here.

So, our message this week is be here, be on time and be ready to connect. Those first few minutes of the morning really do matter — for relationships, routines, regulation and, ultimately, learning.

Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



Reception Open Day 2027

We invite you to visit **Marleigh Primary Academy**, register today for a group tour.

Group Tour Dates & Times

Monday, 5 Oct, 2pm - 2:45pm

Monday, 12 Oct, 11am - 11:45

Monday, 9 Nov, 2pm - 2:45pm

Monday, 16 Nov, 11am - 11:45am

Monday, 23 Nov, 4pm - 4:45pm



REGISTER NOW



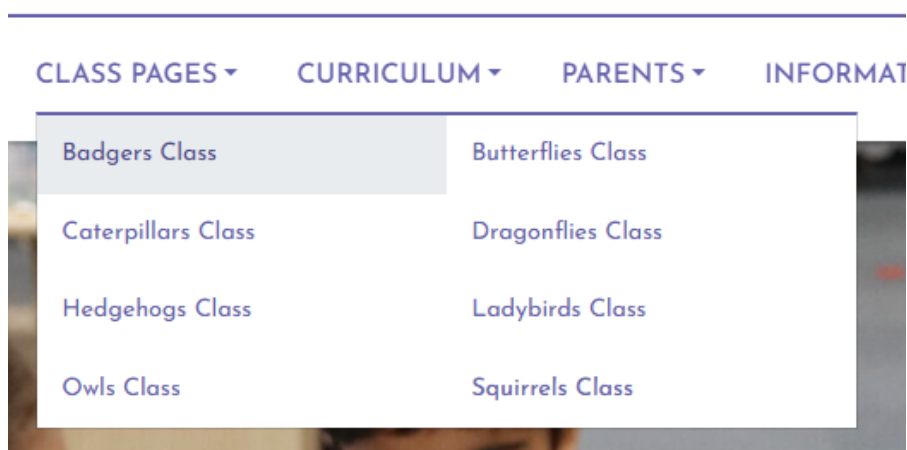
If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you need to apply for Reception for September 2027.

Deadline for applications is 15th January 2027



Curriculum Overviews and Class Pages

We have published our Curriculum Overviews, you can view them by visiting your child's class page [on our website](#) and scrolling to the downloads section at the bottom.



Class pages have lots of useful information including timetables, PE days and upcoming class trips.

It's also the place you can quickly access online forms such as reporting medical appointments/sickness and requesting term time absence.

Useful links:

[Report an absence \(sickness, medical, travel etc\).](#)

[Parental agreement to administer medicine](#)

[Year 5/6 Permission to walk home alone form](#)

[Photo and video consent form](#)

[Order school lunch for your child](#)



School Clubs - Autumn 2026

There are still spaces left, book today to start next week!

All clubs are after school 3:15 -4:15 unless stated otherwise. Clubs cost £30 per term, or free to Pupil Premium children. Both paying and free places **must be booked via MyChildAtSchool** to secure a space. Contact the office if you have trouble logging into MCAS. Clubs this term are available to KS2 children.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 6 tutoring – invite only Miss Westrope	Year 6 tutoring – invite only Miss Westrope		Girls Football Club (Held at Fen Ditton) For Marleigh & Fen Ditton children Years 4, 5 & 6 Mr Parker	Choir Singing Group Years 4, 5 & 6 Mrs McLachlan & Mr Madden
Parkour Years 4, 5 & 6 Mr Parker			Times Table Rock Stars Years 3, 4 & 5 Mr Chambers	



Reminder to bring coats

Please remember to bring coats and other appropriate clothing for children as we transition into the cooler and wetter months.





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Attendance Matters

Be here. Belong. Achieve.



Marleigh
Primary Academy
Elevating Expectations

EXCELLENT	GOOD	CONCERNING	SERIOUS	EXTREME RISK
0-6 DAYS MISSED	7-14 DAYS MISSED	15-19 DAYS MISSED	20+ DAYS MISSED	20+ DAYS MISSED
100-96%	96-94%	94-92%	92-90%	BELOW 90%
 WELL DONE! Great effort! High attendance helps your child thrive and achieve.	 WORRYING Too many missed days can make it harder to keep up and enjoy school.	 CONCERN We're here to help. Extra support can make a big difference.	 SERIOUS Your child is at risk of falling behind. We need to work together to turn this around.	 EXTREME RISK Very high risk of serious impact on learning and future opportunities.



There are 175 non-school days in a year.
Plenty of time for visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments – please try to schedule these outside of school hours.
Medical and dental appointments should also be made outside school hours where possible.



Every day counts 





Caterpillars Class

What a fantastic start we have had in Nursery! The children have been busy settling into our school routines, getting to know their surroundings and making lots of new friends. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they explore, play and learn together.

We have enjoyed Forest School adventures, including going on bug hunts and discovering the wonderful creatures that live in our outdoor environment. The children have been fascinated by what they have found and have loved talking about their discoveries.

Our outdoor area has been a particular favourite, especially our new construction area. The children have been busy building, creating and working together, developing their imagination and problem-solving skills along the way.

Back in the classroom, we have been getting creative with paint and playdough, exploring different colours, textures and ways to express our ideas. Most importantly, there has been lots of happy play, laughter and learning as the children begin their Nursery journey.

We are so proud of how well everyone has settled in and are looking forward to all the adventures and learning to come!





A little reminder: Your child is welcome to bring a snack to school. Please make sure it is small, healthy and nut-free.



Butterflies Class

The Butterflies have had another wonderful week and have settled in so well! This week, we have been exploring the book Journey, and the children have loved using their imaginations to build big towers and castles, just like in the story. During Busy Learning Time, they have enjoyed exploring lots of different activities and learning alongside their friends. We have also started handwriting, and the children have been fantastic at joining in with activities to develop their fine motor skills, including threading with ribbon.



Key dates 2026-27



Fri, 4 Sep	Parent and Carers Class Information Session, Children welcome, 3:00–3:15pm and 3:25–3:45pm
Thurs, 10 Sep	Rocksteady launches (weekly on Tuesday afternoons)
Mon, 14 Sep & Tues 15 Sep	Bikeability Levels 1 & 2 - Years 5-6
Friday, 25 Sep	Bikeability Level 1 - Years 3-4 Macmillan Coffee Morning - children only, more details for how to support will follow
Fri, 2 Oct	Learner Review schedule and booking information for Learner Reviews shared with parents (see below for dates of Learner Reviews)
Thur, 8 Oct	Harvest Festival (food donations encouraged for collective donation to local food bank)
Thur, 8 Oct	Individual and sibling photos
Mon, 19 Oct	Parent and Child Workshop Reception and Year 1 - Phonics 3:15-3:45pm
Half term (26 - 30 Oct)	We hope for another Halloween themed event to be available as last year's Halloween Trail was well received. Watch this space!
Mon, 2 Nov	INSET Day - School closed for children Book Advent Calendar Raffle tickets go on sale
Tue, 3 Nov	Tea towel order deadline for parents and carers
Mon 9 - Fri 13	Learner Review meetings for each pupil and parent/carer from Nursery to Year 6. Each family will make a 10 minute appointment and attend in person or online to review their child's learning with the class teacher.
Wed, 11 Nov	Year 6 Badgers Class assembly to parents and carers 9:00am
Fri, 13 Nov	Non uniform day - donations welcomed to support the Christmas Fair
Mon, 16 Nov	Flu vaccination, 12:30-3pm
Wed, 18 Nov	Year 5 Owls Class assembly to parents and carers 9:00am
Wed, 25 Nov	Year 4 Hedgehogs Class assembly to parents and carers 9:00am

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Fri, 27 Nov	Confirmation of Spring term clubs schedule and arrangements for securing places to be shared with parents and carers
Sun, 29 Nov	Deadline for Book Advent Calendar Raffle tickets purchasing
Mon, 30 Nov	Winners of Book Advent Calendar Raffle announced and prizes given
Wed, 2 Dec	Year 3 Squirrels Class assembly to parents and carers 9:00am
Thurs, 3 Dec	Christmas fair, 3:15-4:30pm Second session flu vaccination, 10:30 -12pm
Wed, 9 Dec	Parent and Child Workshop Year 3 and 4 - Times Tables 3:15-3:45pm
Fri, 11 Dec	Reception (Butterflies) Christmas performance to parents and carers - 9:15am Christmas Jumper Day
Mon, 14 Dec	KS2 (Squirrels, Hedgehogs, Owls and Badgers) Church service - parents and carers welcome - 2pm
Tues, 15 Dec	KS1 (Ladybirds and Dragonflies) Christmas performance to parents and carers - 2:30pm
Wed, 16 Dec	Nursery Christmas Celebration with Parents and Carers 2:30-3pm
Thur, 17 Dec	Last Day of Term - School closes for Christmas