

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Living and learning with Faith, Community and Hope."

Our value this term is Friendship

"Two people are better than one. They get more done by working together. If one person falls, the other can help him."
Ecclesiastes 4 v 9-10

Dear all,

It was a delight to see so many people come into school this morning to look at the learning that has taken place this term. The children were so keen to share their work and classroom displays with everyone who visited. Following this we also had our final celebration assembly of this half term – amazing work, attitudes and learning celebrated from Roman mosaics in Year 4 and sensational learning behaviours to creatively produced posters for the House Captain's competition.

The House Captain competition involved creating a poster about our value (Friendship) using the house colours. We were very impressed by the winning posters which are displayed in the hall for all to see.



Wurry, Mamadou,
Amadou, Maryam



Sienna



Amelie and Ella



Poppy

"Living the Vision" certificates were awarded today to:
Phoebe H, Ed, Melody, Oliver, Clara, and Poppy

"Reach for Learning" certificates were awarded today to:
Isla W, George, Hugo, Megan F, Dexter and Sienna



Year 4 have been working extra hard (just like Hetty the Hardworking hedgehog) to read every day developing their ability and love of reading which supports other curriculum areas too. Reading awards were given to **Annabelle, Jacob, Thomas, Laurie, Grayson** and **Scarlett** for their commitment and achievement this term – Well done to you.



Congratulations also goes to our superb **Y5/6 footballers (boys)** who played their first league match on Tuesday and won 3-1. They did a great job of attacking and defending showing resilience right up until the end of the match. Keep up the great work in your next match.

Congratulations to **Leopards** class who had the best school attendance for the month of October. Being at school every day supports your child's learning and enables them to fully reach their potential.

Finally, a reminder that **school is closed tomorrow** for an INSET day.

We wish you a very happy half term and look forward to seeing you on **Monday 3rd November** for more exciting learning. Year 6 will be off to Kilvrough Outdoor Education Centre that week arriving early at school as the bus leaves at 7.45am prompt.

With best wishes

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Lindsay Priddle
Headteacher

Half term holiday activities at Abingdon Library.

Craft table available all week + games and jigsaws

Saturday 25 October at 2 pm: The Sweet Zombie' Horse is Flying 'To The Blue Planet' **Join us for music, theatre and fun!** Drop in for children and their grown ups

Wednesday 29 October 10 am – 12 noon: Racing Robots. Children aged 7+ with a grown up. Book a 30 minute session at the library counter, by calling 01865 815005 or by email to Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Thursday 30 October 12 noon: Explore Learning and have fun with decimals and fractions Children aged 9 – 11 with a grown up. Pre book by calling 01865 595509

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Event	Time
Friday	24 th October	INSET day – school closed to pupils	
Mon – Fri	27 th – 31 st October	Half Term	
Mon – Fri	3 rd – 7 th November	Residential – Year 6 – Kilvrough Manor	
Tuesday	4th November	Lego Robotics – Years 3, 4 & 5	All day
Wednesday	12th November	Reception Intake 2026 Open Morning	9.30 - 11.00am
Thursday	13th November	Tennis Workshop – whole school	All day

Website - Keep updated with learning in your child's class by visiting their class page.

<https://www.marcham.oxon.sch.uk/class-pages/>

Governor News:

It's time for our annual parent survey. Your feedback helps us understand what's going well and where we can improve—across teaching and learning, communication, wellbeing, culture, wraparound care, and more.

Please [click here to complete the survey](#) by 5pm on Friday 7 November 2025.

- It only takes about **2-3 minutes**, and you only need to complete it once as a family response.
- Responses are **anonymous** and will be reviewed by the senior leadership team and governors.
- We'll share a **summary of results and actions** with families ahead of the Parents' Evening in March.

Thank you for taking the time to give your feedback.



It won't be long before the season of Remembrance is upon us...

During Remembrance people stop to remember those who have served and sacrificed, from armed forces and emergency services to civilians, whilst hoping for a peaceful future.

The items above are on sale in the school office on behalf of the Royal British Legion, who support members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families – all year round, every day of the week. There is no pricing on these items, but generous donations will go towards this worthy and important cause.

Have a great half-term break. See you back, safe and well, on Monday 3rd November.

Term 1 Sept 25 Wed 3rd Sept to Thu 23rd Oct INSET days 1 st & 2nd Sept, 24th Oct	Term 2 Mon 3rd Nov to Fri 19th Dec
Term 3 Tues 6 th Jan to Fri 13 th Feb 2026 INSET Day 5 th Jan	Term 4 Mon 23 rd Feb to Fri 27 th Mar 26
Term 5 Mon 13 th Apr to Fri 22 nd May INSET Days 4 th May	Term 6 Mon 1 st Jun to Fri 17 th Jul INSET Day 20 th July