

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,

We have started term very positively and learning within all classes is now in full swing. Hopefully you will have been able to attend the class meetings this week finding out about the classroom expectations, meet your child's teacher and discuss any concerns or questions you may have. If you were unable to attend the meetings, please do look at your child's class page on the website as the information will be shared there too.

In the last newsletter I wrote about our **REACH** learning behaviours. These are going to be our focus within learning, developing key skills for life-long learning. Our certificates on a Friday celebration assembly are also linked to these learning behaviours.



R – Ravi the **Resilient** Rhino. Harriett and Emmy told me this was all about *"not giving up and keeping on trying even when learning is hard"*.



E – Ellie the **Enthusiastic** Elephant. Alfie W shared that this was about being *"excited and helpful learners"*.



A – Anthony the **Ambitious** Ant. Mila mentioned that this was about *"reaching for the best you can be"*.



C – Corey the **Curious** Crocodile. Poppy and Willow told me that this was about *"finding out lots of things by questioning about your learning and work"*.



H – Hetty the **Hard-working** Hedgehog. Romy shared that this was shown by *"working hard, following instructions and being proud of your work"*.

"Living the Vision" certificates were given to:

Friday 12th September: Maisy G, Maisie W, Ella, Flossy, Maisie P and Lily

Friday 19th September: Emmeline, Sophia P, Naia, Amadou, Finn and Alba

"Reach for Learning" certificates were given to:

Friday 12th September: Romy, Ada, Grayson, Ashleigh, Rosie and Toby L

Friday 19th September: Millie, Robbie, Ed, Casey, Jamie and Ivo

Harvest Festival Thursday 2nd Oct - 2pm

We are hoping for good weather so that we can hold this act of celebration on the school field. We always contribute to the Abingdon Food Bank at this time and so would ask that you, if able, start to collect non-perishable goods.

The food bank do need these items.

Please bring your donations into school on the morning of 2nd October.

Many thanks for your support.

TINNED MEAT, FISH and VEGETABLES



SOUP, SPAGHETTI HOOPS, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, PASTA, OIL



TINNED FRUIT, PUDDINGS, JAM, HONEY, BISCUITS



CEREAL, UHT MILK, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, SQUASH



Attendance:

Just a reminder that every day counts for attendance. Evidence shows that good attendance is key to children being successful at school. Our aim is to have all children in school learning for at least **95%** of the year.

There are 190 school days in a year. Attendance less than 90% means a pupil is missing 20 days or more of school a year, or $\frac{1}{2}$ a day a week. This makes it harder for a pupil to make progress and have success.

Although we strive for more than 95% attendance, if your child is unwell, please do keep them off school. We have a couple of vulnerable pupils in school and would like to kindly remind you of our school's policy regarding **sickness** and **diarrhoea**. If your child experiences either of these symptoms, they must remain at home for **48 hours** after the last episode before returning to school.

For more information: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/school/attendance>

Best wishes

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Website Update

Please take a look at our school website, you will find class letters for the new term from your child's teacher. Also on each class page you will find a detailed curriculum web with explains what your child will be learning this term.

Please click on these quick links to your child's class page: :

[Pandas Class](#)

[Leopards Class](#)

[Tigers Class](#)

[Kangaroos Class](#)

[Meerkats Class](#)

[Wolves Class](#)

[Giraffes Class](#)

For anyone who may have missed their child's class meetings this week, a copy of the Powerpoint will soon be added to their class page.

Learning of the Week

Pandas

Since starting school, we have learnt about the routine for the school day and have explored every area of our classroom (inside and outside!).

Leopards

In Leopards, we have been learning our new class routines and exploring our Year 1 classroom. We have also been learning about Harvest and getting ready for our Harvest Festival.

Tigers:

This week, Tigers have been learning about dinosaurs and how the dinosaurs went extinct. They wrote setting descriptions based on the book 'The Last Wolf' and they described the character of Little Red. In maths, they have been partitioning numbers to 100 and in RE, they discussed the creation story.

Kangaroos:

In Kangaroos, we have started the year by writing our own instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth's teeth, focusing on place value in numbers to 1000, creating art based on our topic (The Stone Age) and establishing classroom routines - among other things!

Meerkats:

In Meerkats, we have been developing our understanding of place value through partitioning 4-digit numbers. We have made progress in developing our written reasoning skills.

We have also explored the effects of heating a solid in our Science experiment where we have explored the 3 states of matter.

Wolves:

This week in Wolves Class, we have been busy getting to know each other and starting our new learning topic on Rainforests. In maths, we have been looking at place values and addition and subtraction. In Reading, we are looking at a book called 'My Name is 'River''. It is about two boys who go on a trip alone to Brazil. In English, we are looking at 'World Burn Down.' It is about protecting a rainforest which is burning down. In Science, we have started looking at Electricity. - Joe

Giraffes:

In Giraffes this week, we have learnt about how to make circuits with wires, bulbs, buzzers and batteries. We were to see what happens to the brightness of a bulb when you increase the number of volts in a circuit. - Romy

This week in Giraffes we have learnt how to round numbers all the way up to 10,000,000. In English, we have been reading a book called "World Burn Down." We have been looking at including rhetorical questions and figurative language into our paragraphs. An example of figurative is: The leaves danced in the wind. - Willow

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Event	Time
Friday	19 th September	String lessons for Yr3 and 'Play On' pupils	From 8.40am
Tuesday	23 rd September	Yr6 residential trip - parents meeting	3:20pm
Mon – Fri	22 nd – 26 th September	Music Flood week – additional musical activities, assemblies and workshops	All day – all years.
Monday	29 th September	Phonics Workshop for parents – Pandas	8.45am
Wednesday	1 st October	Choir starts – after school – Y4/5/6	3.15 – 4pm
Thursday	2 nd October	Individual & Sibling Photographs	8.45am
Thursday	2 nd October	Harvest Celebrations – parents invited	2pm in school
Thursday	9 th October	Year 4 Trip – Chedworth Roman Villa – more details to follow	
Monday	20 th October	Drama4all workshop – Years R/1/2	9am – 10.30am
Thursday	23 rd October	Open Morning – all classes	8.35am – 9.05am
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 More details to follow	

Term 1 Sept 25 Wed 3 rd Sept to Thu 23 rd Oct INSET days 1 st & 2 nd Sept, 24 th Oct	Term 2 Mon 3 rd Nov to Fri 19 th 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

Well done to Morland house with the best attendance for the 3rd to 17th September 2025.

Anson 96.54%	Denman 93.72%
Duffield 96.77%	Morland 96.94%

Secondary schools open events - see leaflets in the lobby for further information

Aureus School Open Evening: Thursday 9th October 4:30 to 7:30pm

Didcot Girls School: 6th to 8th October

John Mason Open Evening: Thursday 9th October from 5:00pm - 8:00pm, Open Mornings: 15th, 16th, 20th and 21st October from 9:15am (booking required)