

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,



Welcome to another year at Marcham CE Primary School. It was a delight to see all the children arrive this week with the eager anticipation of a new academic year. With a new year starting there was also a little anxiety and as one child said to me *"that funny feeling in my tummy"*. During collective worship on Wednesday, I shared the story of *The Huge Bag of Worries* by Virginia Ironside and reassured everyone that we all feel like this (even me!) and sharing worries is the best thing to do.

I do hope you all had a lovely Summer break, enjoying the glorious sunshine whether staying home or visiting places further afield. We have a few new faces in our Marcham community, and I would like to welcome families with children who are joining us for the first time. We are delighted that you've chosen Marcham School as the place for your child to learn and grow, and we look forward to working together so that they thrive.

As we start this year, I just wanted to share how excited and keen I am to work with you, the staff and the children to make Marcham the very best it can be. Mrs Callahan will work alongside me as Deputy Headteacher including her role as SENCO. As a school we are committed to further development and we have plans!

One of these development points is Learning Behaviours, during Friday's assembly we introduced **REACH** for Learning. Each letter represents a learning behaviour which we value and believe will support learning for children (and staff) now and in the future. Next week I will share more information about this but your child may be able to tell you a little about these characters.



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A few reminders for the start of term...

- **Speaking to your child's teacher** - please make an appointment through the school office or speak to them after-school. Mornings, as you all know, are particularly busy times and staff are ensuring that learning starts as soon as the children enter the room. If there is an urgent issue to be discussed, please come to the school office to leave a message or speak with myself or Mrs Callahan.
- **Coats** – the weather is changeable (to say the least!) – we have most of the seasons each day currently. Please make sure your child has their coat everyday, even if it looks sunny – we will be out for playtime and lunchtime even in light rain – we are resilient and need to have the opportunity to run around.
- **Outdoor shoes Y2-6** – to be able to use the field during the slightly muddier days, please could you provide a pair of outdoor shoes for your child.
- **Walking home for Y5/6 pupils** – please let the office know if you are giving permission for your child to walk home, we can not let them go without your authorisation.
- **Attendance** – Every day is essential. Term dates are at the end of this newsletter, please do make sure your child is in school and on time everyday.
- **After-school clubs** – a list of after-school clubs will come out soon, we are just finalising organisation and days. If you know of anyone who would like to share a skill or talent for an after-school club (particularly sports or music) please do let us know.

We are very lucky by the number of adults working in school to support learning, please look below to find out which adults will be working with your child/children this year. **Class meetings** are scheduled for **16th and 18th September** – please come to your child's classroom and find out about the routines and expectations for this year.

Class	Year Group	Teacher
Pandas	Reception	Mrs Wagstaff, Mrs Salter, Mrs Phillips, Miss Taylor, Ms Hodge, Miss Bailey
Leopards	1	Mrs Field, Mrs Simpson, Miss Allan, Miss Walker
Tigers	2	Miss Fairey, Mrs Nuzzolese, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Finch, Ms Oliver
Kangaroos	3	Mr Callard, Mrs Greenaway, Carla, Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Lewis,
Meerkats	4	Miss Ball, Mrs Terry-Smith, Mrs Finch
Wolves & Giraffes	5 & 6	Mr Clayton, Miss Knowles, Ms Hodge Ms Oliver, Mrs Jefferies

We welcome Miss Bailey to Pandas. Miss Bailey is a student teacher who is completing her training whilst being in school, she will be with us Monday – Thursday each week.

We look forward to a brilliant year at Marcham.

Best Wishes,

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Learning of the Week – will be back in the next newsletter!

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Event	Time
Wednesday	10 th September	Guitar & Strings Tuition Starts	8.35am – 9.05am
Thursday	11 th September	IMPS (Injury Minimisation Program) for Year 6	9am in school
Tuesday	16 th September	Class Meetings: parents invited Y1-6	3.20 – 3.50 pm
Thursday	18 th September	Flu immunisation Programme – all year groups	
Thursday	18 th September	Class Meetings: parents invited Y1-6	3.20 – 3.50 pm
Tuesday	30 th September	Lego Robotics Workshop – Years 4/5/6	All day
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	22 nd October	Open Morning – all classes	8.35am – 9.05am

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