

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

Our value this term is Perseverance

As for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

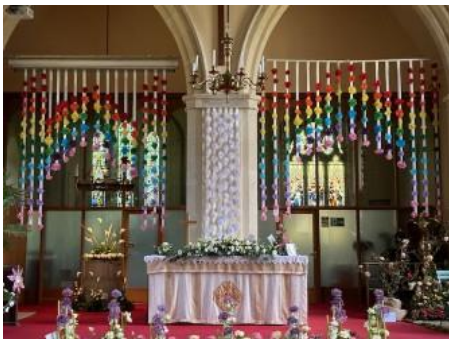
Thessalonians 3 v 13

Dear all,

Joy and Peace Flower festival at All Saints' Church

Did you get a chance to go? It was truly a beautiful sight! Organisations and groups from Marcham, Abingdon and beyond contributed floral displays, in aid of the Breast Cancer charity. There were formal and informal arrangements, a beautiful flower meadow from Pre-school, an afternoon tea made from flowers. Our contribution was the rainbow arrangement that you can see below in the photos. Every child made at least one flower from tissue paper (each class had a different colour) and the flowers arranged into a rainbow, in line with the school story of Noah's Ark – and God's promise not to flood the earth again. Many, many, many thanks to Jay Finch and Anne Wilson for stapling the flowers onto ribbons and displaying them so beautifully. It was really impressive. They deserve flowers themselves!

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We were given this fantastic real flower arrangement of the school badge by Joe, Maisy and Rosie's grandmother after the festival. What a thing of beauty it is! Thank you very much.
It is stunning!

We are delighted to be having the "Prayer Space" in June again this year. The theme will be, "We're going on a prayer hunt". More details to follow...

Community Litter Pick



A huge **thank you** to all of the children and parents that supported the Eco Council's litter pick in the village on Thursday 1st May. It was a really hot afternoon but a huge amount of rubbish was collected from the village.

Cake sales

There have been 2 sets of cake sales (and other sundries for sale) over the past week or so, organised by pupils wanting to raise money so that they can compete in the Knight Frank Triathlon, being held at The Oratory School in June.

We are so proud of our pupils, who are willing to take part and give back to the wider community. Money raised will go to the Restless Development – a charity committed to empowering young people to make a better world. We wish them all the best as they continue to raise money - look out for opportunities to support them in doing so.

This newsletter has been filled with pupils showing a real and genuine spirit of care for our community and engagement in activities to make Marcham a more beautiful place – both literally and spiritually.

Well done, Marcham pupils! You are showing what it is like to live the Marcham School vision. I love it!

Learning of the Week

Pandas

This week we had our first ever try with the maypole – we were great! We listened really carefully and worked well as a team. We have also been learning about the fire service and how they help us. In Phonics, we have learnt 'ow' as in 'owl' and 'ur' as in 'purse'. We have also learnt the tricky words 'there' and 'have'.

Leopards

Leopards have had a busy two weeks with lots of learning taking place. In Maths we have been taking the first steps in multiplication. This has involved making lots of groups with set amounts and understanding we can count these repeated groups using our skip counting of 2s, 5s or 10s. We then moved on to make arrays, making sure our counter/pictures were all lined up. We learnt rows go from left to right and columns go up and down. In English we have been retelling stories both orally, in pictures and writing. Linked to our topic we have been learning about Samuel and Nathaniel Buck. They printed images of over 500 monuments from the UK. Their work inspired us to line draw a castle and then transfer this to a printing block.

Tigers

Tigers have been practising describing different dragons in stories and have started to plan their own dragon to write about next week. In Geography, they were locating countries which are major exporters of wheat, rice, cocoa, oranges and bananas. They painted flowers from Miss K's garden inspired by wonderful flower pictures made by Mary Delaney 250 years ago. In Maths, they started to learn about fractions. They learnt why we were marking VE Day on 8 May.

Kangaroos

Kangaroos have been learning about the Egyptian pyramids this week and they have been learning about what was inside of Egyptian tombs. In Writing, they finished their stories about The Barnabus Project and they wrote a book review of 'Marcy and the riddle of the sphinx'. They have also started their new science topic about plants.

Meerkats

This week in Meerkats, we have been learning about the x axis, y axis and coordinates. We plotted our own coordinates and played a game in pairs using dice. We have also learned how to sing and sign 'Prayer is like a Telephone', which we performed to the whole school. On Thursday, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day by creating a celebration meal, watching Winston Churchill's message and holding a 2 minute silence. Congratulations to Chloe, Aurora, Ada and Jamie for their successful homework presentations!

Wolves

This week, we have been looking at shapes and angles in Maths. In Writing, we have been planning our monologue. In DT, we have started to practice sewing. In History, we looked at Viking and Anglo-Saxons differences and men and women and their homes, ships and food. - Harriett

Giraffes

This week in Giraffes we have been practicing athletics in PE on Tuesdays and on Thursdays we practiced our Maypole dance.

Last week, we went to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. We were looking at Ancient Greek sections because that is our history topic. We got to hold and touch some really old artefacts from thousands of years ago. - Sanaya

This week in Giraffes we went to the Ashmolean Museum to learn about our history topic: Ancient Greece. In the morning, we had a guided tour led by a museum expert called Kate. She taught us about lots of the statues and artefacts, and we got to do lots of fun activities along the way. We also got to hold some precious ancient artefacts. In the afternoon, we split into groups and filled out our activity sheets whilst we had a look around the museum. At the end, we got on the coach and went back to school. It was really fun. - Sophie

KS2 SATs

This important week of testing has begun, and our Year 6 pupils have been 'given this opportunity' to shine and prove all that they have learnt at Marcham School. A very big thank you goes to Mr Clayton for working hard to prepare these children for the tests and tasks. We also want to thank Miss Jarvey and Ms Jefferies for all their support of the children too. It hasn't gone unnoticed...

Website

Wolves class recently had an Anglo Saxon & Viking day in school - they have shared their amazing day on their class page.

Remember - you can link up to our calendar on our school website. Select the year groups you wish to see.

Diary Dates

	Date	Event	Time
Thurs	15 th May	Year 2 (Tigers) sharing assembly - school hall Parents welcome	2:45pm
Mon to Thurs	12th to 15th May	Yr 6 SATs week	
Fri	23rd May	Maypole Dancing Celebration-on the school field All classes and all parents welcome	9:15am
Fri	23rd May	Yr6 Junior Citizen trip	12:30pm
Wed-Fri	4th to 6th June	Yr4-5 Residential to Youlbury	
	20 th June	Year 1 (Leopards) sharing assembly - school hall Parents welcome	2:45pm
Tues	1st July	Sports day-school field-parents welcome	9:30am
Wed	2 nd July (tbc)	Reception (Pandas) sharing assembly - school hall. Parents welcome	2:45pm

Attendance

Well done to Duffield House with the best attendance 27th April – 9th May 2025.

Term 5 Tues 22 nd Apr to Fri 23 rd May 25 Mon 21 st Apr Bank holiday Mon 5 th May Bank holiday	Term 6 Tues 3 rd June to Tues 22 nd Jul 25 Tues 2 nd June INSET day
Term 1 Sept 25 Wed 3 rd Sept to Thu 23 rd Oct INSET days 2 nd Sept 24 th Oct	Term 2 Mon 3 rd Nov to Fri 19 th Dec

Anson 93.00%	Denman 95.63%
Duffield 98.11%	Morland 95.41%