

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

Our value this term is Responsibility

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might.

Ecclesiastes 9 v 10

Dear Parents/Carers,
What a week it has been!

The Pandas have been engrossed in watching eggs hatch this week. The language of "pipping" and "zipping" could be heard all around the classroom. We now have 7 gorgeous chicks, who have brought wonder and joy to us in school. They are adorable! Mrs Callahan's dog adores them too!



This hasn't been the only excitement this week...

Marcham School pupils join Music Flood's "Mighty Orchestra"

On Monday 24th March, we (Tom, Sophie, Yuhri and Heidi) went to **Oxford Town Hall** to play our instruments with a Youth Orchestra. We played a selection of pieces with around 300 children from both primary and secondary schools. There was also the Thames Vale Youth Orchestra who joined us too.

Heidi plays the double bass and her favourite pieces we played were In the Hall of the Mountain King and James Bond. Yuhri, Tom and Sophie all play the violin. Yuhri says "I liked Benjamin Britten's Guide to the Orchestra best". Tom enjoyed In the Hall of the Mountain King best too because "it was easy but sounded great". Sophie loved playing the James Bond theme and she said, "I loved James Bond because it was complicated and sounded amazing when we all played our instruments together".

We must say thank you to Anne Wilson for transporting instruments and accompanying the children to the rehearsals. Thank you too, Miss Priddle, for helping the children to practice and be prepared for the concert. It was an amazing sight and sounded just wonderful - an experience I don't think the children will ever forget. We are very proud of our musicians!



Celebrating what makes Marcham School special

Here are the results our Celebrations assembly awards.

	"Living the Vision" award	"Excellence in Learning" award
Reception	Erin	Cayo
Year 1	Sasha	Joshua
Year 2	Amadou	Daisie
Year 3	Oliver	Sam
Year 4	Benjamin	Aleks
Year 5	Alfie	Huey
Year 6	Florence	Bellah

Well done to all the recipients of these awards. Keep living the vision and exhibiting our learning behaviours.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the very many of you who came to the Parents' evenings last week. We hope that you have been informed about your child's attainment and progress and have had the chance to discuss your child's attitude to their learning. If you have not yet been able to meet with your child's class teacher, it's not too late to do so. We know that you are interested in your child's learning, and we are keen to work together to give your child the best chances to thrive. Please contact the school office and we will do our best to set up appointments for you.

Easter Service

A reminder that the date and time of the Easter service has been changed and will now take place on **Thursday 3rd April at 1:45pm**. Information has been sent to you via ParentMail. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Salsa Club will not be taking place that day but we are intending to continue the club after the Easter break.

Nut-free school

Please may I remind you that Marcham is a nut-free school. Peanuts were found in the playground this week and we do not want to put our children at risk. Do make sure that your children are not bringing nuts of any kind into school. We want to keep our whole school community safe - and you can help us to do that.

May I also remind you that snack at break time should be fruit or vegetables and there should only be water in water bottles, not squash or energy drinks. Please help your children to develop healthy eating habits by adhering to these expectations.

Thank you.

Learning of the Week

Pandas

In Pandas this week, we have been excitedly awaiting the arrival of our chicks. 7 have hatched and they are beautiful and clearly enjoy spending time in the Pandas classroom! We learnt the key vocabulary, 'pipping' and 'zipping'. We have learnt about the best way to care for them, and we have held them today! In Phonics, we have learnt 'oo' like in 'book' and 'oo' like in 'moon'. We've also revised the tricky words 'her' and 'they'.

Leopards

This week, Leopards class have moved from the Polar regions and landed in sunny Africa.

During Topic we have been learning about the Sahara Desert, the animals which we might find there and the temperatures. In English, we have zoomed off to Kenya to share the story Handa's Surprise. The children have worked hard to retell the story in their own words. The highlight of the week was Zoo Lab! We had a python, tortoise, cockroach, gecko and tarantula visit! During Maths, we have continued with our measuring but moved onto mass. We have been able to physically compare items using the language heavy/light accurately and also used the balance scales.

Tigers

Recently, the Tigers have been learning about coral reefs and turtles. During the Spring Term, they have been writing and illustrating factual pages about marine animals. They are now assembling these into their own books. In RE, Jill led a fantastic session on Easter and the children made Easter bags. Miss K shared photos of Easter traditions in Sicily and the class made edible Easter lambs. The Tigers really enjoyed the skipping workshop today.

Kangaroos

This week, Kangaroos learnt about Christian Holy Communion, weddings and baptisms in RE. We learnt about how to protect ourselves against the sun and how sunlight can be damaging. In Writing, we learnt about biographies and autobiographies, and they started to write a biography about a member of the class.

Meerkats

For our Design & Make lesson, we linked the activity to the style of challenge we completed during our Williams F1 trip. The children were given cost sheets, a selection of resources, and space to plan their designs. Their task was to design, cost, make, and test one boat.

After testing their first boat, the children completed an evaluation to reflect on what worked well and what could be improved. They then moved on to a second design, adjusting their plans and adding extra resources to their cost sheet where needed. Once they built and tested their second boat, they used their findings to produce a final design.

Wolves

This week in Wolves class, we have been working on our narratives based on the book, "The Golden Horseman of Baghdad". We have also been loving our new class reading book, which tells the story of Cinnamon and the talking tiger. In Maths, we have moved onto our statistics topic. We also finished our art pieces on Islamic tiles.

Giraffes

This week in Giraffes we have been learning how to write biographies. We have been inspired by our class book "The Explorer." We used what we knew about the main character and embellished this to complete a biography of their entire life. In Geography we learnt about deforestation and the reasons why it happens. We imagined we had different job roles and had a debate as to the different causes of deforestation.

Website

[Kangaroos class](#) have shared some artwork from recent lessons, they were learning all about the artist Hokusai.

[Wolves class](#) spent the day visiting Winchester science centre, they have shared some photographs and video's of their day out.

School Uniform Sale

Come and buy nearly new school uniform in the school lobby.

The PTFA are still selling off their remaining stock of second-hand uniform. They are displayed on racks in the School Reception area.

Come and buy your summer dresses and shorts. Please pay what you can; suggested donation 50p - £1 per item.

We'll be setting up a new system for second-hand uniform so please do not bring any more donations to the school. Look out for information in the coming weeks.

Thanks - PTFA

Bags to School

Thank you to those of you who contributed unwanted items to Bag to School. We didn't make a great deal of money this time – but every little helps. We will try to give you lots of warning for the next opportunity to donate your unwanted clothes for the benefit of the partnership between pre-school and school.

Diary Dates

	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	3rd April	Easter service, All Saints Church	1:45pm
Friday	4th April	End of spring term	School finishes at 1:30pm
Thursday	24th April	Class photographs	

Attendance

Well done to Duffield House with the best attendance 17th to 28th March 2025 .

Term 3 Tues 7th Jan to Fri 14th Feb 25 Mon 6th Jan 25 INSET day	Term 4 Mon 24 th Feb to Fri 4 th Apr 25
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

Anson 93.48%	Denman 94.95%
Duffield 97.60%	Morland 96.73%