

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,

World Book day 2025 is on Thursday 6th March. The theme this year is. "Read our way." To celebrate, we would love to invite all children in KS2 to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters and, if possible, to bring in the book where they can be found. We do ask that children do not come dressed in footballs kits or as superheroes.

Have you had the chance to take some photos of your children 'reading their own way'? If your child can bring in or share a picture of themselves reading in their favourite spot that would be brilliant! These can come in at any time so that we can begin to create a montage of the photos for display in school (and perhaps a smaller one on the website too). During the day itself the children will spend time looking at a variety of books and texts from across the globe, celebrating World Book Day in style. We want our children to really appreciate the richness of texts from around the globe so that they have a better understanding of literature being something that is a worldwide activity - and should be acknowledged as such.

Thank you for your support and co-operation. It promises to be a wonderful day!

Hanney Baptist Church (and Co) – The "Life of Christ"

Hanney Baptist Church came to present "The Life of Christ" to all the pupils in KS2 last week. The children were wonderfully behaved and were focused on the dramatic re-telling of the story. The children listened attentively and then were engaged in some activities. Thank you Hanney Baptist for your visit!



Car park reminder

Please could you ensure children are supervised at all times at the beginning and end of the school day. We especially ask that children do not run/walk between the parked cars in the school grounds and on the road. Safety of the children is our primary concern but also staff and visitors do not want their cars damaged. Thank you for your cooperation.

Learning of the Week

Pandas

Pandas have been continuing to work hard on their phonics – we have learnt the sounds 'sh' as in 'sheep', 'ch' as in 'chick' and 'th' as in 'thumb'. We have also learnt the tricky words 'was', 'you' and 'my'. We have also been learning about balanced healthy diets and have been printing with different types of fruits and vegetables.

Kangaroos

Last 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

Year 4 and Year 5 students had an incredible experience at the Williams Headquarters. We began the day with an engineering workshop, followed by a museum tour and F1 simulations

Wolves

Last week, we went on a trip to the Williams Racing centre. In the morning, we did the STEM workshop where we built noses for the race cars. They had to crumple/fold to protect the driver. We tested them on a machine which used force to push them against a wall. In the afternoon, we went on a tour around 'the world's biggest formula one museum' and we looked at lots of race cars, their seats and the carbon fibre in a car. Finally, we were allowed to go on the stimulator to race against each other in pretend race cars! On Tuesday, we learnt about soluble materials, and we did an experiment where we placed salt, cornflour, sand, sugar, blue tac and coffee into water, and we tested if they were soluble or not. We have also started our new Writing unit on diary entries about a mission to space and we have designed our own planets. - Zara

Giraffes

This week in Giraffes we have been writing diary entries about our favourite day on residential. The majority of the class favourite activity was canoeing. Many students loved being in the outdoors and found canoeing to be relaxing and peaceful. The most challenging activity of the week was caving which really challenged the students outside of their comfort zone.

Website
Take a look at [Meerkats](#) class page - they have shared some recent artwork they created inspired by Allen Jones' Buses.

Pandas Class have updated their class letter and curriculum web for the next 6 weeks of term. Do take a look to find out all what your child will be learning.

Wolves class have been learning all about 'Food Technology' in DT. Take a look at their class page to see our young chef's in action.

Year [4](#) and [5](#) students had an incredible experience at Williams F1 Headquarters - take a look at either of their class pages to find out all about their exciting day.

Bags2School Collection

There will be a Bags2School collection on Tuesday 25th March at 9am. All proceeds will go into the Preschool-Foundation Partnership. Please place items in a bin bag and drop off at the front of school on the collection day. Bags have been distributed this week, bin bags can also be used.



Do you know about Oxfordshire's Local SEND Offer? This useful website brings together information about education, health and care services for children and young people from 0 to 25 with SEND. Click the link below to find out more:

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/children-and-families/oxfordshire-send-local-offer?utm_term=nil&utm_content=

Diary Dates

	Date	Event	Time
	6 th March	World Book Day	All day

Attendance

Well done to Duffield House with the best attendance 10th to 28th Feb 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 95.98%	Denman 93.64%
Duffield 98.26%	Morland 96.63%



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

The PTFA are selling off their remaining stock of second-hand uniform. They are displayed on racks in the School Reception area starting on **TODAY** Mon 24th Feb .

KS1: Mon 24th Feb - Fri 7th March

KS2: Mon 10th March - Fri 21st March

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



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**THURSDAY
13TH MARCH
9AM - 3PM
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OX2 0ES**

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