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## October Half Term Holiday Club

Dear Parent/Carer

We are running a holiday club at Marish School for both Marish and Willow pupils aged 5 and over. The Holiday Club will be open from Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October from 8.30 am- 4.00pm.

The costs are

£20.00 per day per child

£30.00 per day for two children

£40.00 per day for 3 children

£50.00 per day for 4 children

Please provide your child with a packed lunch.

The numbers will be limited so please return the slip as soon as possible. It is important that the slip is returned with the days requested as we have to make sure that we have the correct staff – children ratio.

Full payment must be paid on **ParentPay by Friday 14th October and is non-refundable.**

The children will have lots of activities that they can participate in including cooking, art & craft, dance, fun sports etc.

Any questions please ring the office number and ask for Mrs Beard.

Yours sincerely

*S Beard*

Sharon Beard

Holiday Club Manager

## Nursery Admissions 2022 - 2023

Nursery places available at both Marish and Willow Primary School. Please contact the school directly or visit us in person.

Marish ☎ 01753 819900

Willow ☎ 01753 551854

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## Parent Notices

### Timings of the school day

**Soft start is from 8am for all year groups.**

<b>Resource Base:</b>	Doors open from 8.15am to 8.45am and then at 3.00pm
<b>Nursery:</b>	8.00 - 11.00am and 12.00pm - 3.00pm
<b>Reception:</b>	8.30am - 2.45pm
<b>Year 1 and Year 2:</b>	8.20am - 2.50pm
<b>Year 3 and Year 4:</b>	8.20am - 2.55pm
<b>Year 5 and Year 6:</b>	8.20am - 3pm

### School Grounds

Please do not bring bikes or scooters of any kind onto the school grounds at any time. Dogs are not allowed on site.

### Water Bottles

Children should bring in a water bottle every day, with their name clearly labelled on the bottle.

### No Peanuts

Please do not bring peanuts of any kind into school. We are a nut free school.

### Lost Property

The lost property box in the playground is emptied weekly. Please check for any items that your child may have lost. Unclaimed items will be taken to charity.

### Year 2 trip to Slough Museum

Next week the children in year 2 will be visiting the Slough Museum at the Curve. The children have been learning about the history of Slough and how it has developed over time. We hope they will enjoy the visit and will share photos next week.

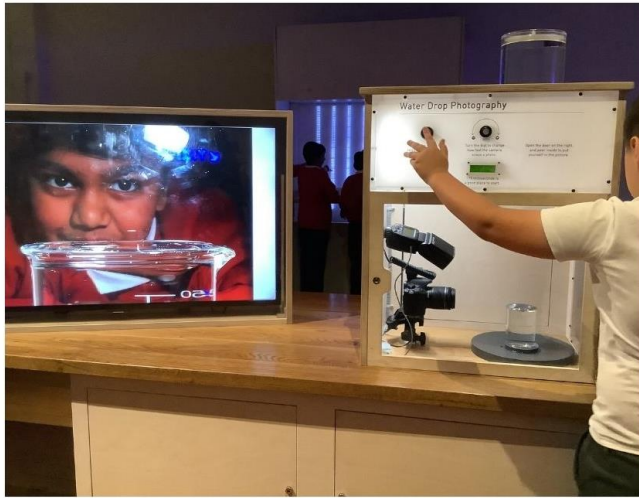
### PE Kit

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE. PE Kit consists of T shirt, shorts, joggers/tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers.

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## Science Museum trip



Amazing educational experience at the London Science Museum for our Year 5 pupils including Wonder Show; Wonder Lab; Feel the Force.



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## Jeans for Genes day



Marish Academy Trust proudly supports children and their families who are affected by genetic conditions that make their life very challenging. Children and staff at Marish Academy Trust wore jeans and brought in £1 to support **Jeans for Genes UK**.





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## Fantastic Fred



The Pupils at Marish Academy Trust took part in a live, interactive and engaging performance delivered by the Fantastic Fred team.

The workshop delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health.



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## Willow Parliament visit

The School Council spent the day at the Houses of Parliament. They had a tour of the House of Lords and the House of Commons. They also took part in an exciting workshop.



## New feature on the website



We are delighted to announce the release of a new **Language Translator** feature on both the Marish and Willow websites.



Taking accessibility into account, the translator feature can now change the language of the website. It supports up to 101 languages.



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Pupils at Marish Academy Trust learned through a practical fun workshop about the dramatic change in the lifestyle of the citizens after the arrival of the Greeks. They dressed up as Greeks and had a hands-on experience using Greek artefacts.





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## Spaceship



Spaceships crashed in the early hours of Monday morning at both Marish and Willow schools. Children have been using their detective skills to find out what happened. We are unsure if the aliens are still in the school.





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### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

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from the  
App Store &  
Google Play

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

##### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app - so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with - and communicate with - a stranger.

##### PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

##### EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

##### VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

##### REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online - their digital footprint - shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

##### LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

##### STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

##### KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

##### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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### 10 tips for parents and carers HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?  
**Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!**

#### 1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

#### 2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

#### 3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

#### 4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

#### 5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

#### 6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

#### 7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

#### 8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

#### 9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

#### 10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

#### Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: [www.rubbishscience.com](http://www.rubbishscience.com).



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## Some Useful Information

### WEA - NEW COURSES COMMENCING THIS OCTOBER 2022

<b>C3748239 – Introduction to Working in Early Years</b>	Wednesdays; 12/10/2022 - 30/11/2022 @ 09:30 – 11:30 Fee: £47.60 (FREE if on income related benefits) To enrol, click on the following link or call 0300 303 3464 <a href="https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748239">https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748239</a>
<b>C3748240 – Introduction to Working in a School</b>	Thursdays; 31/10/2022 - 12/12/2022 @ 12:30 – 14:30 Fee: £47.60 (FREE if on income related benefits) To enrol, click on the following link or call 0300 303 3464 <a href="https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748240">https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748240</a>
<b>C3748147 - BSL for Beginners with Helen Watson</b>	Monday; 31/10/2022 - 12/12/2022 @ 10:00 – 12:00 Fee: £47.60 (FREE if on income related benefits) To enrol, click on the following link or call 0300 303 3464 <a href="https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748147">https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748147</a>
<b>C3748148 - BSL for Improvers with Helen Watson</b>	Monday; 03/10/2022 - 12/12/2022 @ 14:00 – 16:00 Fee: £47.60 (FREE if on income related benefits) To enrol, click on the following link or call 0300 303 3464 <a href="https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748148">https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748148</a>
<b>C3748149 - BSL: Fingerspelling, Vocabulary and Conversation Practice (pre-level 1)</b>	Monday; 31/10/2022 - 12/12/2022 @ 18:00 – 20:00 Fee: £47.60 (FREE if on income related benefits) To enrol, click on the following link or call 0300 303 3464 <a href="https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748149">https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2022/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748149</a>



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# HOME-START SLOUGH SEPTEMBER



### LITTLE STARTERS GROUP OPENS ITS DOORS FOR ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

Little Starters group, Home-Starts Family Support Group, for parents and children and under 5 years old is now open on Thursdays for AM & PM sessions! All families have access to this empowering and fun group. Parents and children can enjoy outdoor/indoor play, key worker and volunteer support. Sessions also include family activities, informative guest speakers and lots of peer-led support.

Home-Start Slough AGM Friday November 4th - celebrate with us - [office@hsslough.co.uk](mailto:office@hsslough.co.uk)

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRUSTEE?

Being a trustee gives you the opportunity to support an organisation that is making a real difference to individuals in Slough and Burnham. There is lots of research detailing the benefits of volunteering both professionally and personally! We are particularly interested in people with expertise in Marketing, Fundraising and HR. Please email our Chair [lesleymichaelis@hsslough.co.uk](mailto:lesleymichaelis@hsslough.co.uk)



### SLOUGH WOMENS ALLOTMENT



A fantastic opportunity for pregnant women & new mums to get outside and meet like minded women. It's a safe space to learn about gardening and growing and healthy eating. We have amazing experienced volunteers and staff that support the project.



If you are a midwife, health visitor or any other professional, please get in touch or signpost new and expectant mums to this project. We have lots of outdoor & indoor activities all year round.

Contact 01753 572958 or [sarahharris@hsslough.co.uk](mailto:sarahharris@hsslough.co.uk)