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Book Week



Book Week commenced on 27th February and at Marish and Willow, we celebrated in style.

The children were treated to a special assembly with Jemma Hatt, who spoke about her own experiences and her journey to becoming an author.

It was exciting for the children to meet a real-life author. They enjoyed taking part in workshops where they planned their own stories.

There were special events throughout the week, including a pyjama party, where the children had a hot chocolate drink while they listened to stories read by school staff.

There was also a 'door dash' where each class decorated their classroom door based on a focus text.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the activities and celebrating the joy of reading and the importance of books.

World Book Day puts the spotlight on reading and the importance of reading at home too. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home with you; maybe take them to the library.

If you feel your child needs support with reading, please speak to the class teacher, who will be more than happy to help.

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Book Week - Author Visit



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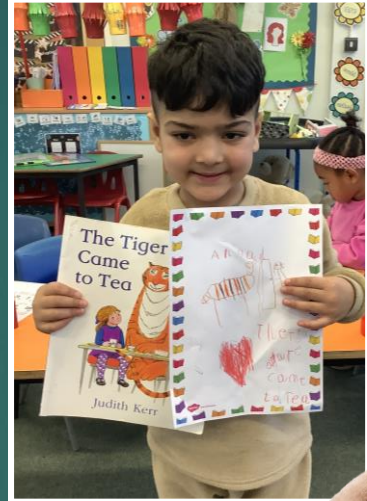
Book Week - Library Visit



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Book Week - Pyjama Story Time



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World Book Day



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Door Dash Winners



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Year 2 Trip to Iver Environment Centre



Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Iver Environment Centre, participating in bug hunting, pond dipping, and bug hotel building. They used microscopes to identify the creatures they caught and can now apply this knowledge to their Science lessons on microhabitats and minibeasts.



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Marish - Year 3 Trip to Verulamium



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Gayhurst Maths Challenge

Hold onto your hats because Year 4 at Marish Academy Trust just crushed the competition at the Gayhurst Maths Challenge!

After an intense battle of mathematical wits, they emerged triumphant, coming in a phenomenal 3rd place out of 14 schools!

Not only did they prove that they have serious skills when it comes to crunching numbers, but they also demonstrated the kind of team spirit and resilience that makes them true champions.



Word Millionaires

Congratulations to our talented Word Millionaires for receiving certificates and badges during world book week.



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Spelling Bee for Charity



Dear Marish Academy Trust

Thank you so much for your donation to the DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal.

Donation amount:
£1130.00



We are pleased to announce that our young supporters have successfully raised £1130.00 to aid the victims affected by the catastrophic floods in Pakistan last year.

We applaud their commendable effort and extend our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable contribution.

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Attendance

Marish

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Reception: **93.54%**

Year 1: **90.77%**

Year 2: **93.33%**

Year 3: **91.31%**

Year 4: **92.80%**

Year 5: **94.42%**

Year 6: **96.60%**

Target: **96%**

Willow

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Reception: **86.72%**

Year 1: **96.33%**

Year 2: **92.33%**

Year 3: **91.64%**

Year 4: **91.15%**

Year 5: **94.33%**

Year 6: **94.83%**

Target: **96%**



**EVERY DAY
COUNTS**

**Student success
starts with
attendance**



Below 90% Serious Concern

Drastic effect on academic success

95- 90% Cause for Concern

Negatively affecting academic success

100%- 96% WELL DONE

Achieving full potential

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Parent Notices

Timings of the school day

Soft start is from 8am for all year groups.

Resource Base:	Doors open from 8.15am to 8.45am and then at 3.00pm
Nursery:	8.00 - 11.00am and 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Reception:	8.30am - 2.45pm
Year 1 and Year 2:	8.20am - 2.50pm
Year 3 and Year 4:	8.20am - 2.55pm
Year 5 and Year 6:	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 nuts of any kind. 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.

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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Founded in 2011, Zoom is one of the world's leading video conferencing software providers. It has a number of features, including video and audio conferencing, real-time messaging, screen-sharing and the ability to upload, share and search for content. Users can start their own meetings or they can join meetings set up by others. The app is available to use across PCs, laptops, tablets and mobile phones and is free to download on both the app store and on Android.



What parents need to know about

Zoom



ZOOM BOMBING

'Zoom bombing' is the term which has been coined to describe unauthorised people joining Zoom meetings uninvited and broadcasting pornographic or inappropriate videos. An attacker can hijack a meeting if they know the meeting ID and it isn't reinforced with a password. Not taking preventative measures or implementing privacy controls could open up the risk of children witnessing sexual or inappropriate content with very little notice.

RISK OF PHISHING

The rise in popularity of Zoom has led to a rise in hacking operations and phishing campaigns. This is when participants are encouraged to click on links to join what they believe to be legitimate Zoom meetings via email, but which are in fact fraudulent. These scams aim to obtain sensitive information such as user login details, passwords and/or credit card information.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Depending on how the app has been set-up, Zoom can offer very little privacy. In many cases, the meeting hosts can see detailed information about each participant including their full name, phone numbers and maybe even location data. Furthermore, depending on where the camera has been set up or where your child's computer is positioned, private or personal information could be stolen depending on what can be seen in the background.

LIVE

LIVE RECORDINGS

One of the features of Zoom is the ability to record live meetings. By default, only the host of the meeting can usually record live sessions however other meeting members can also record if the host gives them access. Recordings can be stored on devices or on the cloud and can be downloaded and shared with no restrictions. This means that videos, audio clips and transcripts of recordings involving your children could be widely shared on the internet or between users without your authorisation or consent.

PRIVATE ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom has a facility to set up breakout rooms, which enables a private meeting within the main Zoom session. The host can choose to split the participants of the original meeting into separate sessions. This gives children the ability to speak privately away from the main group to other users however chats aren't always monitored by the host and if the meeting has been made public, children could be more vulnerable to experiencing negative comments.

'LIVE STREAMING' RISKS

At its very core Zoom facilitates live streaming. That means it inevitably carries some of the associated risks that live streaming brings. These are likely to be minimal within a controlled environment (for instance when used in a classroom setting for remote learning). However, live streaming means that content isn't always moderated and children who use the app unsupervised or with limited security settings, may be more at risk of exposure to viewing inappropriate material. Other risks can include downloading malicious links, sharing personal information or even potential grooming.



Safety Tips For Parents



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Remind your child that if they do see something that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset then they need to talk about it and report it. Parents can report unwanted activity, harassment, and cyberattacks to Zoom directly. To help your child, you could try setting up a checklist before they go online, with an agreed set of rules and what they should do if they see something inappropriate.

USER PRIVATE MEETING IDS & PASSWORDS

It is always better to set up a meeting with a random ID number generated by Zoom than by using a personal number. This means it is harder to guess and less likely to be hacked. It's important to never share meeting IDs with anybody you don't know and always set up a password function to allow other people to sign-in. This should already be a default setting that is applied on Zoom.

PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA

It's important to discuss with your child that they should not share personal information on Zoom. This includes passwords, their address, phone number, etc. Create your child's account under a false name or pseudonym and always set a custom background to help hide details in your home. Zoom allows you to turn on virtual backgrounds and select your own image to appear behind you.

BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Every time you or your child gets a Zoom link, it's good practice to ensure it has come from the official platform and is not fraudulent. Signs of a phishing email include an unrecognisable email address, an unofficial domain name or a slightly distorted logo. The email itself might also be poorly written or contain suspicious attachments.

TURN OFF UNNECESSARY FEATURES

If your child is using Zoom, there are a number of features that you can turn off to make the experience safer for them. For instance, disabling the ability to transfer files or engaging in private chats can help to limit the risk of receiving any malicious attachments or receiving any inappropriate messages. In addition, you can turn off the camera if it is not needed or mute the microphone when not in use.

USE THE 'VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM' FEATURE

The waiting room feature on Zoom means that anybody who wants to join a meeting or live session cannot automatically join and must 'wait' for the host to screen them before entering. This is now a default function and adds another layer of security to reduce the likelihood of zoom bombing.

KEEP YOUR VERSION UPDATED

It's important to ensure you are using the latest version of Zoom available and always update it if you get a prompt. These updates are usually to fix security holes and without the update you will be more vulnerable to an attack. Check the official website to see what the latest version is and compare it to your own.

HOST IMPLEMENTED PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child is part of a larger group meeting, then it's important to make sure that the host is abiding by Zoom's Terms of Service. This includes the fact that they have gained everybody's permission for the session to be recorded. The host should also have set screen sharing to 'host only' and disabled 'file transfer' to help keep the live stream secure.

Meet our expert

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SOURCES: <https://zoom.us/privacy> | <https://zoom.us/> | <https://zoom.us/docs/doc/School%20Administrators%20Guide%20to%20Rolling%20Out%20Zoom.pdf> | <https://www.baguardian.com/technology/2022/09/02/zoom-technology-security-coronavirus-video-conferencing>

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL. Including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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Some Useful Information

The Jungle Book

Easter holiday fun for 4-10s

We've got the bare necessities of life covered at our three day drama, dance and singing courses.



Easter holiday courses for 4-10s

This April, we've got the bare necessities of life covered as we join Mowgli and friends in *The Jungle Book*.

Journeying deep into the jungle, we'll meet Baloo the bear, black panther Bagheera and hunt down ferocious Bengal tiger Shere Khan.

Our energetic team of actors, musicians and dancers will inspire and encourage the children and original music and improvisation will get imaginations soaring. Topped off with a fabulously colourful final show, it's going to be the wildest holiday ever!



Venues *The Jungle Book*

Three Day Courses £275* 10am – 3pm

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April

Chelsea	St Luke's Hall, SW3 3RP
Clapham South	St Francis Xavier College, SW12 8EN
Dulwich	St Stephen's Millennium Hall, SE21 7HW
Earlsfield	Earlsfield Baptist Church, SW18 3NZ
Hackney	Round Chapel Old School Rooms, E5 0PU
Highgate	United Reform Church, N6 6BA
Islington	St Andrew's C of E Primary School, N1 0LB
Muswell Hill	The Birchwood Centre, N10 3BG
Notting Hill	The Tabernacle, W11 2AY
Primrose Hill	St Paul's C of E Primary School, NW3 3DS
Richmond	Vineyard Life Church, TW10 6AQ
Sevenoaks	The Parish Church of St Luke, TN13 1XT

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th April

Beaconsfield	St Michael's Church Hall, HP9 2BN
Blackheath	John Ball Primary School, SE3 0TP
Clerkenwell	Exmouth Market Centre, EC1R 4QE
Crouch End	The Union Church, N8 9PX
Ealing	St Barnabas Millennium Hall, W5 1QG
Hammersmith	Holy Innocents Church, W6 0UB
Highbury*	St John's Highbury Vale Primary School, N5 1DL
Kensington	United Reformed Church, W8 6BL
St John's Wood	Mansergh Club, NW8 9QG
Twickenham	The Crossway Centre, TW1 2PD
Wimbledon	Mansel Road Centre, SW19 4AA
Winchester	Holy Trinity Parish Church, SO23 8DG

What your child will enjoy

- ▶ Three fun-packed full days of drama, dance and singing
- ▶ Energetic friendly team of actors, dancers and musicians
- ▶ Engaging arts and crafts activities
- ▶ Colourful performance on the last day for friends and family with original music and costumes
- ▶ Personalised certificate of achievement

How to book

Visit perform.org.uk/junglebook to book online or to find out more call us on 020 7255 9120.

Course T-shirts are required at a cost of £8.50. We offer a 25% discount for siblings attending the same holiday course at the same venue. Payment can be made by credit/debit card or childcare vouchers. See our website for Terms & Conditions and our refund policy.

*Owing to class size restrictions, Highbury is priced at £290 for 3 days. Your child should bring a water bottle and a nut-free packed lunch.

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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

— Thank you for creating a warm and supportive environment for my son to flourish.

Lauren Godfrey

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WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE

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Some Useful Information



Athletics Holiday Camp!

Startrack has been running for over 10 years getting children between the ages of 5-13 years involved in athletics. Startrack sessions will give the children the opportunity to see what the sport is all about!

Easter Dates

Week 1: 27th - 31st March
Week 2: 3rd - 6th April
Week 3: 11th - 14th April

May Dates

30th May - 2nd June

Activities

Learn all three athletics disciplines and follow in the footsteps of Mo Farah, Jessica Ennis and many more world class athletes!

Time: 09:00-15:00

Camp Prices

Price for the week - £137.50

Price per day - £32.50

For extended hours - £12.50

Extended hours 08:00-17:00



kidsactivities@deleisure.com
www.deleisure.com



For more information or to book:
Scan the QR code below!



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Windsor, SL4 6HN
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HAPPY HEALTHY EARLY YEARS FREE SESSIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASSES IN SLOUGH



CLASSROOM WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN



SESSION 1

Eating a Rainbow – learning about the variety of vegetables and fruits there and what each colour can do for our health
Fun activity of making a 'face' using various fruit/vegetables, then eating it!



SESSION 2

Oral health session-hosted by Slough Healthy Smiles-Using props, we will look at the right way to brush our teeth and having a go at brushing our teeth too, with a real toothbrush!



RESOURCE PACK FOR EACH CHILD

Each child will take home a pack including:

- Leaflets for parents/carers
- Snacks ideas
- Toothbrush and paste
- 2-minute toothbrushing timer
- Tooth-brushing and Rainbow Food Chart



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