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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we welcome the fresh energy of spring, I am reminded of the vibrancy and enthusiasm that make our schools so special. Having been part of Marish Academy Trust for 13 years, I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our staff, the resilience of our children, and the incredible support from our families.



Our ethos has always been to create an environment where learning is a continuous process, full of exploration and excitement. Just as nature prepares to bloom, we encourage our children to flourish in their learning, embracing each new challenge with positivity and enthusiasm.

Last week, we were thrilled to celebrate World Book Week, a wonderful opportunity for our children to dive into the joy of reading. We had a range of exciting activities planned, including special book-themed events, competitions, and an opportunity for the children to come dressed as their favourite book characters. We hope this has inspired a lifelong love of reading and imagination in our children.

Thank you for your continued support as we move into this vibrant new season of learning together.

Warm regards
Mrs Hothi
Assistant Headteacher

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World Book Week - Author Visit

Last week at Marish Academy Trust, we celebrated **World Book Week** with exciting activities, including an *author visit*, *PJ story time*, *an online book day event*, *and sharing traditional tales*. Students also took part in a *cover design competition*, "Book in a Jar," bookmark creations, the Ultimate Book Champion battle, and a "Guess the Book" challenge, making it a fun and engaging week for all! **Here are glimpses of World Book Week**.









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World Book Week – PJ Story Time













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World Book Week – Reading Time













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World Book Week – Book in a Jar













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World Book Week Activities



















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World Book Day









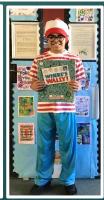












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World Book Day – SEN Unit

















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SEN Unit - Literacy









The children in the SEN Unit are learning about **fairy tales**. They have been acting out the story of **The Three Little Pigs,** making masks, and attempting to blow down each of the houses.

In Maths, they are learning about the **value of money.**



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EYFS Activities









The Nursery children have been carefully looking after their duckling eggs and were thrilled to watch them hatch! They have been taking great care of their new pets and will be introducing them to a pool of water together this week.

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Art Club

















The children in the **Art Club** have all enjoyed painting with acrylic paint on canvas. They have been learning how to use a paintbrush to create different effects. They completed their paintings over six sessions and are very proud of their work!

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MFL - WELSH

International Language of the Month - Welsh





Wales is a country in the United Kingdom, located in the west of mainland Britain next to England. Wales is a bilingual country, with people speaking both Welsh and English.

The Welsh name for Wales is Cymru.



Welsh is a Celtic language and, like English, is part of the Indo-European language family. Welsh evolved from Common Brittonic, which was the language of the Britons, also known as the Ancient Britons or Celtic Britons.

The Britons lived in Great Britain from around the Iron Age into the Middle Ages.
Other Celtic languages include:

- Breton (spoken in Brittany, France)
- Irish
- Scottish Gaelic
- Cornish (spoken in Cornwall)
- Manx (spoken on the Isle of Man)

Now let's learn a few phrases:

- Shwmae/Su'mae = Hello.
- Bore Da = Good morning.
- Prynhawn Da = Good afternoon.
- · Os gwelwch yn dda = Please.
- · Diolch = Thank you.
- Hwyl fawr = Goodbye.
- 1 = un.
- 2 = dau.
- 3 = tri.
- 4 = ped war.
- 5 = pump.
- 6 = chwech.

Interesting fact:

There is a Welsh-speaking community in Argentina!
Patagonian Welsh is spoken in Y Wladfa, which is a Welsh settlement in Chubut Province, Argentina.



Population: 3.16 million.

Capital City: Cardiff.

Continent: Europe.

Currency: Pound sterling.

National Day: 1st March

(St. David's Day).

National Emblems: Daffodil and

leek.

Highest Mountain: Mount

Snowdon.

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PE





Marish Y2 children are having dance sessions with Creative Academy. They are excited to learn from dedicated teachers, bringing incredible energy and enthusiasm to each session!



The Willow hockey team enjoyed their experience at the Berkshire Schools' In2Hockey Tournament at Reading/Sonning Hockey Club

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PE Competitions





What a great day of football at Marish! The tournament brought together Marish, Willow, Langley Hall, Langley Heritage, Godolphin, Holy Family, and St Ethelbert's, creating an exciting and competitive atmosphere.

The teams had the chance to play multiple games, making the most of the day. Schools appreciated the opportunity, and the event was a brilliant experience for all involved. Well done to everyone who took part!





Marish played their first netball match of the year against St Mary's. The girls showed incredible teamwork, resilience, and determination from start to finish. Their hard work paid off with a fantastic performance, and the team is eager to keep playing and improving even more.

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Healthy Lifestyle

Activities to keep fit at home

Exercise: Mr Incredible's Big Jump Race

Players: 1 or more

Where to play? Outdoors

How to play



- 1. Mark out a course to jump along and pretend you're preparing for some incredible action. Make sure you can jump from 1 mark to another and they are not too far apart.
- 2. Get ready.... Leap! Start jumping along the course. If you're playing with friends, take it in turns.
- 3. Keep bouncing until you reach the end.





4. Now go again! Add extra challenges, like making the course longer, making the gaps bigger, jumping using your other leg, leapfrogging over your friends or trying to beat your time. Keep leaping for 10 minutes!

Keep going for 10 mins



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Healthy Lifestyle

CHUNKY CHICKEN AND SWEETCORN SOUP RECIPE

Preparation time - 15 mins Cooking time - 25 mins Serves - 4

Ingredients

- 15g lower-fat spread
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 250g potatoes, scrubbed and chopped into
- 600ml reduced-salt vegetable stock
- 100g sweetcorn (fresh or tinned)
- 100g cooked chicken, chopped
- 300ml semi-skimmed milk
- · 2 tablespoons cornflour, mixed with 2 tablespoons cold water
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 pinch ground black pepper

Method:

- 1. Melt the spread in a large saucepan and gently cook the onion for 2 to 3 minutes, until starting to soften.
- 2. Add the potatoes and stock. Bring to the boil, then turn down the heat and simmer, part-covered, for about 20 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.
- 3. Add the sweetcorn (drained if tinned), milk and chicken, and cook gently for 3 or 4 minutes, stirring often.
- 4. Add the cornflour mixture and stir until thickened. Add the parsley (if using) and cook for another few moments. Ladle into bowls. Can be served with rolls.

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/chicken-and-sweetcorn-soup/



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Attendance

Marish

March 2025

Reception: 90.43%

Year 1: 93.83%

Year 2: 93.96%

Year 3: 94.41%

Year 4: 96.57%

Year 5: 96.51%

Year 6: 91.75%

Target: 96%

Willow

March 2025

Reception: 94.24%

Year 1: 92.83%

Year 2: 96.83%

Year 3: 95.93%

Year 4: 94.83%

Year 5: 97.59%

Year 6: 95.33%

Target: 96%



Last month's 100% attendance reward was a pack of a biscuits!





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 Workshop Menu

All workshops will take place in the school hall. Pupils are welcome to attend with their parents and there is no requirement to reserve a place, all parents are welcome.

Date	Session	Staff Lead	Venue
11/3/25	Reception Stay and Read session	EYFS team	In Reception classrooms
Tuesday	Invite only	EYFS team	

Junior Librarian



were given a challenge ahead of World Book
Day: Find a book for £1.
They explored charity shops and budget bookshops with sales and returned with some fantastic bargains, which they have kindly donated to the library's

book collection.

The junior librarians

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Parent Notices

Timings of the School Day from December

Soft start is from 8:15am to 8:30am for all year groups except Nursery.

SEN Unit: Doors open 8:15am to 8:45am and then at 3:00pm

Nursery: 8:00 – 11:00am and 12:00pm – 3:00pm

 Nursery full time (Marish)
 8:00am - 3:00pm

 Reception:
 8:30am - 3:15pm

 Year 1 and Year 2:
 8:30am - 3:15pm

 Year 3 and Year 4:
 8:30am - 3:25pm

 Year 5 and Year 6:
 8:30am - 3:25pm



Ensure that you drop your child off at the designated entrance. Do not leave them unsupervised on the school grounds.

Fees for Breakfast club and Meerkats

Meerkats	Before 4pm	After 4pm
	£2	£5
Breakfast Club	£1 per day	-
Late collection	£5 per 15 minutes	-

Full time only sessions, £2, parents still need to order and pay for school dinner in addition to this.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast club or Meerkats you will need to apply for a space. For more information or an application form, enquire at the school office.

Please note, there is a different payment schedule for Pupil Premium/ Free School Meal pupils. Please contact the office before applying.

All pupils must be booked in advance otherwise they will not be allowed to attend. If your child attends Meerkats without a booking you will be charged the late fee.

Children must not attend Breakfast Club without a booking as numbers are limited. Please book a week in advance.

You are required to sign your child in to Breakfast Club and out of Meerkats each day.

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School Uniform

Our Trust school uniform consists of:

- Red/Green sweatshirt or cardigan (Red for Marish and Green for Willow)
- Navy blue trousers, shorts or skirt
- · White shirt or polo shirt
- Black smart shoes (no boots, high heels or platforms)
- Nursery the above with grey or black jogging bottoms
- PE Kit red plain round neck T-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms
- A plain black tracksuit to wear over the PE kit for outdoor lessons in cold weather.
 Trainers/plimsolls will work for outside lessons
- Swimming is a part of the Year 4 curriculum and pupils are expected to have appropriate swim
 wear with a swimming hat



All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

The only jewellery allowed is one small stud in each ear, a watch and that which is a specific religious requirement. These must all be removed for PE. The child must take full responsibility for looking after these items. the school will accept no responsibility for their loss or damage.

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E-Safety

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



EVOLVING SCAMS



FAKE NEWS

CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

VISIBLE LOCATION

Advice for Parents & Educators

ONLINE

EMPHASISE CAUTION

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

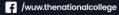
THINK BEFORE SHARING

Meet Our Expert













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FREE Parenting Clinics



www.anisalewis.com
To book visit: https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic
or email: hello@anisalewis.com

March 11th, 12.30 pm

Anxiety

April 29th, 12.30 pm

Friends

June

10th, 12.30 pm

Behaviour

July

8th, 12.30 pm

Emotions

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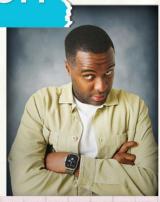
The world's favourite rugby play programme

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JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



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www.studysmartuk.online

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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Oral health support Virtual session Autism and ADHD

Friday 16th May 2025 10am to 11:15am

As part of National Smile month, GEMS would like to invite parents and carers to a virtual session to help support good oral health.

Criteria:

- Children who live in, or have a GP in, East Berkshire
- And are likely to have, are waiting for an assessment, or have been diagnosed with Autism and or ADHD.



email Gems.4health@nhs.net



Supported by

Community Dental Services

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NHS

Berkshire Healthcare Concerned about a child's communication skills?

How can I help my child learn more words?

How can I help them listen to me?

How can I help them play with me?

Am I doing this right?



Call our **Enquiries Line** to get advice from a Speech and Language Therapist

18 904 3700

Lines are open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 3.30pm. Available for parents, carers, professionals, and early years setting staff supporting preschool children with a Berkshire GP.

cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/slt

The **Health Bus** is coming!

Berkshire Healthcare Children, Young People and Families services

Early Language Workshops

The Early Years Speech & Language Therapy Team will be visiting sites across Berkshire on the Health Bus. Our Speech & Language Therapists will be delivering workshops live between 10.30am - 11.30am and be available for any questions before and after.



Please scan the QR code below for more information:



Chalvey Grove Children's Centre & Family Hub, SL1 2TE

Parking available via Telford Drive pedestrian footpath through to the Hub 10 March 2025 9am - 12pm



cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk



development in the all-important early years.

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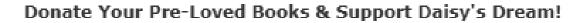
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PRE-LOVED BOOKS

Make a positive impact with your old books by supporting Daisy's Dream.



Do you have books in **great condition** that you no longer need? Your pre-loved books could help us raise vital funds to support children and young people through bereavement.

We're collecting books to repurpose for an upcoming Daisy's Dream fundraising campaign, and we'd love your support! Whether you're an **individual** looking to donate a few books or a **business** interested in setting up a collection point, every contribution makes a difference.

How You Can Help:

Donate Your Books – Gather your pre-loved books and email our fundraising team to arrange drop-off at our Lower Earley office: fundraising@daisysdream.org.uk