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## Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to this month's newsletter. For those who may not know me, my name is Mrs Alves, and I am an Assistant Headteacher as well as a Reception teacher at Marish. While I am based at Marish, you may occasionally see me at Willow.



It's hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by! It has been filled with so many wonderful moments, and I am delighted to see how much the children have grown in their learning. One of the highlights of this term was certainly our Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt. It was a joy to see the children's creativity shine through their beautiful bonnets, and their excitement during the Easter egg hunt was infectious! These kinds of events always remind me of the positive energy and enthusiasm that fills our school.

As we move into the spring season, we're finally starting to see the weather improve. It's been lovely to spend more time outdoors, enjoying the sunshine. With longer, brighter days ahead, we are excited about all the outdoor learning opportunities that Spring and Summer will bring.

As the weather warms up, we kindly ask that all jumpers and other uniform items be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. As temperatures rise and jumpers come off, it can become a challenge to keep track of them if they aren't labelled. We want to ensure that every child gets their own belongings back quickly, so your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the families who celebrated Eid this month. I hope this special time was filled with joy, love, and the warmth of family and friends. It's so important to us to recognise and celebrate the diverse cultures within our school community, and we truly value the richness that these celebrations bring.

Looking ahead, I would like to wish all our families a restful and rejuvenating two-week Easter break. I hope you enjoy this time together, whether you are staying close to home or venturing out on holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in the Summer term, ready to dive into the next stage of learning with fresh energy and enthusiasm!

Thank you for your continued support. It's a pleasure to work alongside such a wonderful community of parents, carers, and children.

Warm regards Mrs Alves

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## **Nurture Activities**











In Nurture, children made pineapple crumble from scratch, carefully reading the scale and measuring ingredients before baking—an engaging and enjoyable hands-on learning experience!



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## Visit to Baby Bank Charity



On Wednesday, 11th April, the Pastoral Team took a group of Junior Leaders from each school to visit the Baby Bank. During their visit, they had the privilege of presenting a generous cash donation of £552.89, raised by our wonderful school community. In addition, they delivered many thoughtful donations from our families, which were greatly appreciated.

While at the Baby Bank warehouse, the children and staff worked together to sort and organise the donations. This experience was truly special for the children, as it allowed them to see firsthand the impact of our fundraising efforts and the importance of giving back to those in need.

We are incredibly proud of the children, who showed great enthusiasm and shared ideas on how we could further support those in need. They are a true credit to our school. We sincerely thank all our families for their continued support in making events like this a success.

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## **British Sign Language**



Year 3 have been enjoying learning British Sign Language. They have been practicing how to sign their names.

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### **Easter Bonnet Parade**













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## **Trip to Discovery Centre**



Year 2 had an amazing time at the Lookout Discovery Centre in Bracknell! They explored exciting hands-on exhibits, discovered fascinating science experiments, and had so much fun learning through play. It was a day filled with curiosity, laughter, and adventure!



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## **MFL - JAPANESE**



The capital of Japan is Tokyo. It is the world's most populous metropolitan area, with over 41 million in the Greater Tokyo Area. This means an average of about 6,158 people per square kilometer. The official language of Japan is Japanese.

It is separated into several different dialects.





The Japanese national flag, also known as Hinomaru ("circle of the sun" or Nisshōki "sun-mark flag"), is a white rectangular banner with a crimson-red circle in the centre, officially adopted in 1999.

The red disc is a powerful symbol of the sun, reflecting Japan's identity as the "Land of the Rising Sun" and its connection to the sun goddess Amaterasu, who, according to tradition, founded Japan. International Language of the Month - Japan



Number	Japanese	Pronunciation
1	いち (ichi)	ee-chee
2	に (ni)	nee
3	さん (san)	san
4	よん (yon) / し (shi)	yawn / shee
5	ご (go)	go
6	ろく (roku)	ro-koo
7	なな (nana) / しち (shichi)	na-na / shee-chee
8	はち (hachi)	ha-chee
9	きゅう (kyuu) / く (ku)	kyo-oo / koo
10	じゅう (ju)	dy-oo



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### PE



Marish hosted an exciting football tournament with six schools: Marish, Willow, Langley Hall, Penn Wood, Holy Family, and Langley Heritage. The event showcased great teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Langley Heritage for their well-deserved victory!



Earlier this month, our girls' football teams from Marish & Willow had the chance to compete in an exciting match, giving both teams valuable practice and experience. It was a highly competitive game, with both sides showing great determination and teamwork. These opportunities help the players build confidence and prepare for future matches. Well done to both teams for their effort and commitment!

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On Thursday, 27th April, Willow hockey teams were invited by Castleview to take part in two exciting matches at Slough Hockey Club. It wasn't just a competitive encounter – Clair Harris from Castleview organised a joint training session before the matches, creating a friendly atmosphere and a great opportunity for both sides to refine their skills together.

The Willow teams emerged victorious in both matches, and while the wins were fantastic, the real winners were all the children who enjoyed this amazing experience. Their participation is helping to promote hockey in our schools. Well done, everyone!

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## **Healthy Lifestyle**

## Activities to keep fit at home

**Exercise:** Simba's Jungle Skills

Players: 1 or more

2.

Where to play? Outdoors How to play



- 1. Build your course. Find 6 toys, cushions or hats and place them in a line with 2 steps between them.
  - With a football in your hands, take big lunges forward over the toys
- and raise the ball above your head. Bring your feet back together and the ball to your chest.
- 3. Keep going until the end of your course.
- 4. Next, put the football down in front of your feet and test your agility by dribbling the ball through the course.
- 5. If you find it difficult, put the ball aside and dodge through the course instead.
- 6. Repeat this as many times as you can for 10 minutes to build up your stamina.

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## **Healthy Lifestyle**

### **BREAKFAST BURRITOS RECIPE**

Preparation time - 10 mins Cooking time - 10 mins Serves - 4

#### Ingredients

- 4 soft whole wheat flour tortillas
- 6 eggs
- 4 tablespoons 1%-fat milk
- 2 tomatoes, finely chopped
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 1 pepper, any colour, deseeded and finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 40g reduced-fat hard cheese, grated
- 1 pinch ground black pepper

#### Method:

- 1. Lay out the tortillas on a work surface. Preheat the grill.
- 2. Beat the eggs and milk together in a bowl. In another bowl, mix together the tomatoes, spring onions and pepper, seasoning with black pepper.
- 3. Heat half a teaspoon of vegetable oil in a non-stick frying pan and pour in a quarter of the beaten egg mixture. Cook on the hob over a medium heat for a few moments to set the base.
- 4. Layer 1 tortilla with the cooked egg, a quarter of the tomato mixture and 10g of cheese. Grill to further set the egg and melt the cheese.
- 5. Roll up the tortilla and slice in half, or wrap in foil to serve later. Repeat to make the other 3 tortillas.

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/breakfast-burritos/

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### Attendance

### Marish

April 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

April 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!



Belo Dras

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**

**Dear Parents/Carers,** 

We will be running a club during the Easter holidays for any children aged 5 and over. The Holiday Club will be open from Monday 7th April until Thursday 17th April from 8.30am-3.45pm. This club will run at Marish School.

The costs are: £25.00 per day per child £35.00 per day for 2 children £45.00 per day for 3 children £55.00 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 need to make sure that we have the correct staff to children ratio.

Full payment must be paid on ParentPay by Monday 1st April and is non-refundable.

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

If you have any questions, please ring the office number and ask for Mrs Beard.

Yours sincerely る *Beard* Sharon Beard Holiday Club Manager

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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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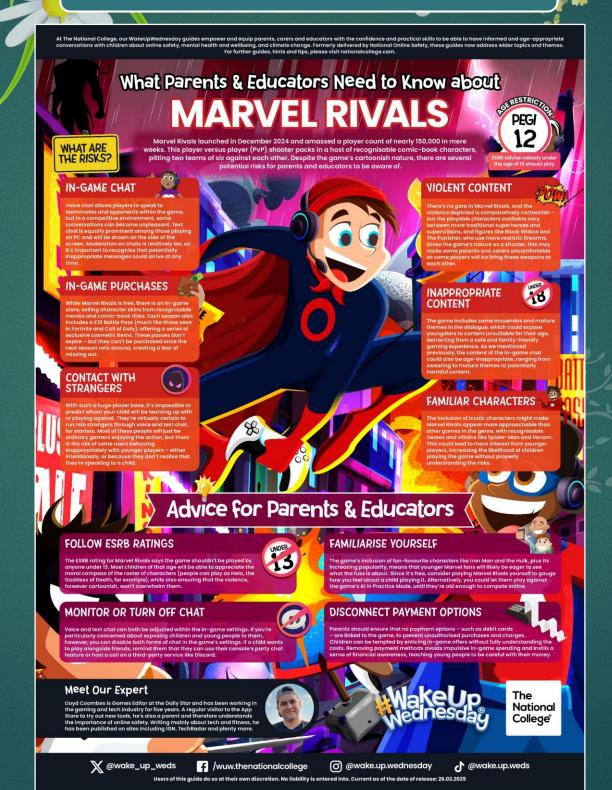
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## **Some Useful Information**

# MULTISPORTS & FOOTBALL

HERSCHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTON AVENUE, SLOUGH, SL1 3BW

> MON 14TH APRIL - THUR 17TH APRIL 9:30AM-3:30PM

#### ACTIVITIES

GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL LASER TAG FOOTBALL SOFT ARCHERY BENCH BALL ATHLETICS

PLEASE USE THE LINK PROVIDED WITH YOUR VOUCHER AND SEARCH "SPORTS 2 ALL" TO REGISTER. EARLY DROP-OFF AND LATE PICK-UP AVAILABLE WHEN BOOKING.

CONTACT: RAF CHRISTIAN © 07525 372298 MINFO@SPORTS2ALL.CO.UK

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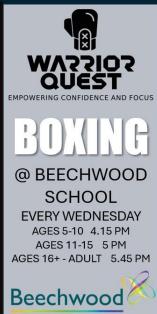
## **Some Useful Information**

EVERY WEDNESDAY DISCIPLINE RESPECT FOCUS CONTROL!

07585128080

**FIRST CLASS FREE** 

Angela@athenaangels.uk



An online talk by Jane Keyworth

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### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

Thursday 3rd April 10 -11:30am Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8:30pm Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



Book online facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENTS on the Homepage



#### We are looking for a new Chair – Home-Start Berkshire East Lead the Change. Empower Families. Transform Futures.

Home-Start Berkshire East is seeking an experienced and passionate Chair to lead our Board of Trustees and support our vital work with families across the region.

As Chair, you will provide strategic leadership, governance oversight, and support to our dedicated team, ensuring we continue to make a meaningful impact on the lives of parents and children. This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our organisation, strengthen partnerships, and guide our mission of providing early intervention and family support.

We are looking for someone with: strong leadership and governance experience; a commitment to supporting families and early years development; the ability to build relationships and advocate for our work; experience in charity, public sector, or corporate leadership.

"You have played a huge part in helping me become the mother I am today. Without you I wouldn't be able to call myself a good mother to my son but due to your support you have helped me become more confident in my ability to be just that!" Home-Start Berkshire East Service User We invite you to be part of this journey and help us build a stronger, more resilient future for families in Berkshire East. If you are passionate about making a difference and ready to lead through a transformational period of growth, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact: lesleymichaelis@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk.





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GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed

with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES** 

ADHD Course - Monday 28th April, 12th & 19th May - 7 to 9pm
Sensory Processing - Wednesday 23rd April - 7 to 8:30pm
Managing Anxiety - Wednesday 23rd April - 10am to 12noon
Empowering Calm - Wednesday 7th May - 10am to 12noon
Autism Course - Thursday 8th, 15th & 22nd May - 7 to 9pm
Girls and Autism - Tuesday 10th June - 10am to 12noon
Sleep - Autism and ADHD - Tuesday 17th June - 7 to 9pm
Adolescence - Wednesday 2nd July - 10am to 12noon

Vistit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com







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# The Ultimate Easter Egg Trail

#### Easter Half Term 7th - 21st April

#### Join the fun this Easter!

We've hidden 10 colourful eggs on top of our For Sale boards from Burnham Park Hall to Farnham Park.

Take a 5km walk and explore the local parks. Spot all 10 eggs, share your photos and tag us -Simmons & Son Slough - on social media, then collect your chocolate prize from our office!

#### Trail Map

Available at Burnham Park Hall, Simmons & Son, or download from our Facebook page (Simmons & Son Slough).

#### 'Moves that Matter'

Part of our community pledge 'Moves that Matter', our Easter Egg Trail is designed to encourage the community to move more and inspire children to get outside and explore our local parks this Easter half-term.

#### Prize

Collect your chocolate egg at: Simmons & Son, 306 Farnham Road Slough, SL1 4XL

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PRIZES!

(Show 10 photos of the eggs you've spotted).

**BPH** 

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## FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

SLOUGH

#### AT: ST BERNARDS CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1 LANGLEY ROAD, SLOUGH, SL3 7AF

#### STARTING: TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2025

Tuesdays:

Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1......5.30pm-6.30pm Group 2: School Years 2 & 3......6.30pm-7.30pm Group 3: School Years 4, 5 & 6.....7.30pm-8.30pm

#### Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **24 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in April 2025. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

#### About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building CONFIDENCE, improving FITNESS and providing the most important ingredient FUN!
- Children will be fully supervised at all times.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear. We may go outdoors on the grass pitches during the summer term.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

#### Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £9 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £36 due on week 1. Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

#### TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

SLOUGH + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)

and receive confirmation by text to:

#### 07947 638205