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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents & Carers,

Can you believe that we have already completed our first half term at school! What a fabulous and exciting start to the year it has been. The children have settled into their new year groups and are in full swing of their learning journey. There have been many extra- curricular opportunities



such as sport tournaments, football festivals and a Toys from the Past workshop for Year 1 and there are many more to come!

Walking around the school, I have seen lots of positives: hard work, resilience and children following our diamond rules. Throughout the next coming weeks, there will be many fun-filled events and activities to look forward to. Our children will take part in performances and plays for the festive season and of course our wonderful Winter fete will take place! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Warm regards,
Miss Dowe

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SEN Unit Activities





















In SU2, the children have been actively working with and exploring colours and patterns. They had so much fun engaging with all the sensory resources and creating beautiful artwork. One of their featured stories was "Elmer the Patchwork Elephant." Using a variety of materials, the children worked together to create their own Elmer. This activity encouraged lots of sharing, turn-taking, and teamwork as they built their collective artwork.

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Chobham Adventure Farm Visit



















Children had a wonderful time exploring during the Chobham Adventure Farm trip, enjoying a mix of indoor activities and outdoor animal encounters, including meeting the reindeer, guinea pigs, and chickens-an exciting experience that sparked curiosity and plenty of smiles all around.

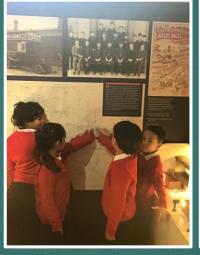
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Year 2 Curve Trip













Year 2 attended The Curve in Slough and learned about the history and heritage of the local area. The pupils explored how Slough has changed over time and took part in engaging activities that brought the past to life. It was an enriching experience for all.

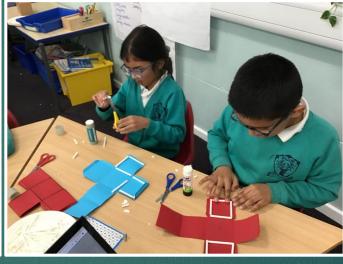
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Year 3 DT Structures









Year 3 pupils have been learning how 2D nets can be transformed into 3D structures in Design and Technology. They carefully cut, folded, and built their own box nets with great precision and patience. These boxes will become the casing for their Jack-in-the-Box toys, showcasing creativity, teamwork, and practical engineering skills.

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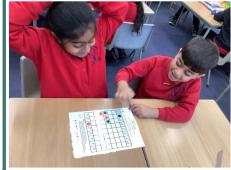
Year 3 Stone Age Workshop















Year 3 attended a very interactive Stone Age workshop where pupils explored early tools, artefacts, and daily life through hands-on activities. They enjoyed discovering how people survived and adapted during that time. It was an exciting and informative experience for the whole year group.

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Year 5 Windsor Castle Trip























Year 5 visited Windsor Castle. They saw the State Apartments and discovered how the castle has been used over the centuries.

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Year 6 History Museum Trip

















Year 6 explored the History Museum, where pupils engaged with fascinating exhibits and deepened their understanding of key historical events. They examined real artefacts and interactive displays that supported their learning in an exciting and memorable way.

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Halloween Disco





















The children showed their talents at the Halloween Disco. Brilliant costumes, eerie lighting and lots of laughter. Willow raised £256.50 and Marish raised £361.20; fantastic!!. A huge thank you to everyone who supported these events.

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Crazy Hair Day



















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Diamond Pupils



These are our proud Diamond Pupils from the last half term.

The Diamond Pupil Award is for pupils who have consistently followed the Diamond Rules throughout the half term. The chosen children are treated to a special activity and treat with Miss Court and Mrs Denham in the last week of half term.

They will also receive a Headteacher's Award and Certificate.

Will it be you next time?

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PE Competitions







MARISH YEARS 5 & 6 FOOTBALL – ESFA POKÉMON CUP

On 4th November, the Years 5 & 6 Marish football team participated in the ESFA Pokémon Cup – Slough Schools' FA District Round at the York Club in Windsor. It was a fantastic day of school football, with players showing great skill and enthusiasm. The organiser described it as "one of the best competitions they have ever staged," praising the children for their excellent conduct and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Our Marish boys performed brilliantly and went all the way to the semi-finals, a remarkable achievement for the team. Well done to everyone for their commitment and effort!









MARISH CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN SSSPAN WRESTLING FESTIVAL

On 6th November, children from Marish took part in the SSSPAN Wrestling Festival held at the Centre in Slough.

It was an exciting day of wrestling, with children developing their skills, trying new techniques, taking part in a friendly competition. The children displayed determination, resilience, and great sportsmanship throughout, making it a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

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MARISH GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls football team played their first match against Langley Heritage.

Well done everyone!

Berkshire Cricket Schools Newsletter



Marish Academy Trust is very proud of Mr Alves for receiving the Teacher of the Month recognition in the Berkshire Cricket Foundation Newsletter.

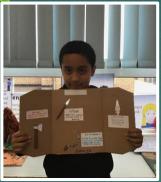
TEACHER OF THE MONTH: Victor Alves (Marish Academy Trust-Willow and Marish Schools)

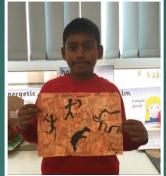
Mr Alves has been brilliant in bringing cricket to both Willow and Marish so far this year. He is incredibly enthusiastic in getting as many children involved in cricket and always encourages them to try their best. He has also encouraged the SEND department at Marish to offer some inclusive cricket lessons which have been greatly received by the staff and student.

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Half Term Projects































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Children In Need

BBG CHILDREN IN NEED

THANK YOU

Marish Academy Trust

for raising

£521.20

THE MONEY YOU HAVE RAISED WILL HELP TO

MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN



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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 & Wombats	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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Playground Fundraising Initiative

We are excited to share that both schools will be fundraising throughout the year to support the purchase of new playground equipment. A variety of events will be held across the year to help us reach this goal. We look forward to your support and involvement in these upcoming activities.

A Polite Reminder to Parents and Carers

We kindly request that no dogs (or any other pets) are brought onto the school premises, even if they are being carried.





Please also ensure that bikes and scooters are not ridden anywhere within the school grounds. There have been a few concerns raised about near accidents involving pedestrians. When leaving bikes in the designated bike area, please make sure they are securely locked.



Additionally, we ask all parents and carers to be considerate of our neighbours during dropoff and pick-up times. Please park responsibly and drive calmly and safely around the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

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Marish School Uniform

Our Marish school uniform is:

- Red Sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy blue trousers, shorts or skirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Black sensible shoes (no boots, high heels or platforms)
- (Nursery the above with dark coloured jogging bottoms)
- PE Kit plain red T-Shirt (round neck or polo), navy/black shorts.
- A dark tracksuit (plain or with a small logo) to wear over the PE Kit for outdoor lessons in cold weather. Trainers/plimsolls are needed for all PE lessons.

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.

PE and Games – PE is not an optional subject, it is a part of the national curriculum.

Swimming in KS2 – Swimming is not an optional subject. A letter with swimming costume requirements will be sent when your child is in year 4.

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Willow School Uniform

Our Willow school uniform is:

- Green Sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy blue trousers, shorts or skirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Black sensible shoes (no boots, high heels or platforms)
- (Nursery the above with dark coloured jogging bottoms)
- PE Kit plain white T-Shirt (round neck or polo), navy/black shorts.
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Healthy Lifestyle

Activities to keep fit at home

Exercise: Moana vs Te Kā Tag

Players: 3 or more

Where to play? Indoor or Outdoors

How to play

- 1. To get started you will need to make a Squirt-style turtle by filling up socks then tying them up. Use old newspaper, other socks or anything soft and light.
- 2. Lay out a T-shirt each on the floor, as this will be the current.
- 3. Everyone takes it in turns to be like Crush. Facing backwards, throw your turtle over your shoulder, aiming to land it on the current.



- 4. If you miss, you have to "paddle" on the current to get it back by crawling on your hands and knees.
- 5. Keep going until your turtle lands perfectly. If it's too easy, move your T-shirt further away!

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Healthy Lifestyle

MACHER JHOL

Preparation time – 20 mins Cooking time - 20 mins Serves - 4

Ingredients

- · 4 fish steaks (unsalted)
- 0.5 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 0.5 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 4 medium tomatoes, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 4 green chillies, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon powdered mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon onion seeds (kalonji)
- 470ml water

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas mark 6. Prick potatoes all over with a fork Put the fish steaks in a bowl with the turmeric powder and a pinch of salt. Mix well and set aside for later.
- 2. In a blender or mixing bowl, blend the tomatoes, garlic, 3 green chilies, powdered mustard, pinch of salt and 120ml water to a smooth paste. Keep aside.
- 3. Heat 2 tablespoons mustard oil in a pan. Add the kalonji seeds and let sizzle for about 10 seconds, then add the blended tomato mixture. Turn the heat down to low, and stir for 8 minutes or so.
- 4. Once the mixture has got a deeper, darker colour, add 350ml of water, stir well and bring to a boil. Once it's boiling, turn the heat back down to simmer on low for another 10 minutes.
- 5. Heat 2 tablespoons of mustard oil in a pan, and then fry the marinated fish steaks until golden brown on both sides. Add the fish to the tomato mixture and leave to simmer for 2 or 3 minutes.
- 6. Top with chopped coriander leaves and serve hot.

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/macher-jhol-bengali-fish-curry/



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Attendance

Marish

Nov 2025

Reception: 93.7%

Year 1: 91.5%

Year 2: 94.0%

Year 3: 92.8%

Year 4: 90.4%

Year 5: 95.6%

Year 6: 88.6%

Target: 96%

Willow

Nov 2025

Reception: 97.0%

Year 1: 94.7%

Year 2: 93.0%

Year 3: 93.8%

Year 4: 97.9%

Year 5: 92.3%

Year 6: 95.3%

Target: 96%



Novober's 100% attendance reward was a pack of a popcorn!





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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E-Safety

12 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TODRY'S LESSONS:

ROVANCED ON

ASK WHAT IT NEEDS (9) WHAT IS GENERATIVE AI?

CREATE 'CHARACTER' BOTS

BE CRITICAL USERS

GENERATE LOTS OF IDEAS

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E-Safety

10 Top Tips on Supporting Children with SELF-REGULATION

1. DESIGNATE A TRUSTED ADULT

4. REMAIN PATIENT

5. BE 'A DYSREGULATION DETECTIVE'

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6. USE SUITABLE LITERATURE

8. NURTURE INDEPENDENCE

10. FORMULATE A PLAN

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Some Useful Information



Berkshire Healthcare

Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- · 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- · 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team

Goto the address below to share your

grant cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback



Virtual Coffee Morning -Parental burnout and balance

Friday 12th Dec - 10:00 - 11:15am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- · Parental/caregiver burnout
- · Navigating family disagreements and finding common ground
- · Practical ways to "fill your cup" and recharge
- Open discussion to prepare for the holiday season

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342

FREE Parenting Clinics

Anisa Lewis - Positive Parenting



- November 2025 Helping kids to navigate
- When your touched & talked out (Parent Wellbeing)
- January 2026 Screens, scrolling and staying sane
- Raising Resilient Kids



Register

https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic



Merry Christmas! **December Timetable** £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk **Decreasing Depression** 1 DEC 10am Raising Self Esteem 1 DEC 7pm Understanding the Teenage Brain 2 DEC 10am Supporting Healthy Sleep 2 DEC 7pm Autism - Improving Communication 8 DEC 10am Improving Family Communication 8 DEC 7pm Supporting A Child with ADHD 9 DEC 10am Understanding Addictive Behaviour 9 DEC 7pm Anxiety Based School Avoidance 15 DEC 10am **Understanding Anger** 15 DEC 7pm Supporting Healthy Screen Use 16 DEC 10am Facing Defiance 16 DEC 7pm

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ITEMS

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Helping the bereaved **find support**

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