MARSH GIBBON
CE SCHOOL

Newsletter
January
2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

Happy New Year to all our families and the school community.

Before Christmas, we had an incredibly busy term filled with memorable experiences. Our school choir truly shone, singing beautifully at the URC Christmas lunch for local pensioners and performing their hearts out at our PTA Christmas Fayre.

Tomorrow is an exciting day for our choir as they head to Young Voices in Birmingham, where they will join over 6,000 children to form one spectacular choir. We are all incredibly excited about this amazing opportunity!

Before Christmas, we said a fond farewell to our wonderful Mrs Bramwell. We held a special leaving assembly to celebrate her time with us and to wish her every success as she embarks on her first Headship role. We will miss her greatly, but we are so proud of her achievement. With Mrs Bramwell's departure, Mr Kellam has joined our Senior Leadership Team and as a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. We are delighted to have Mr Kellam in this important role.

I'm pleased to announce that our wonderful Mrs Osborne (SENDCo) will be going on maternity leave towards the end of February, with Baby Osborne due to arrive in March. We wish her all the very best for this exciting time. We are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited Mrs Amy Segui to cover Mrs Osborne's maternity leave. Mrs Segui brings a wealth of experience, having worked as a SENDCo consultant, deputy head and school leader in Milton Keynes. Mrs Segui will join our team on Mondays and Tuesdays from 19th January. She will work alongside Mrs Osborne, get to know the children and our school procedures, and ensure a smooth SENDCo handover.
We will be arranging an afternoon session for you to come in and meet both Mrs Osborne and Mrs Segui. Further details will follow shortly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we are currently without a school administrator. Mrs Wallace has been doing an incredible job juggling both the school bursar role and administration duties, and we are extremely grateful for her hard work and dedication. We are delighted to report that we have received an astonishing number of applications for the administrator role and hope to recruit within the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It is a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and caring school community. Together, we look forward to another wonderful year of learning, growing and succeeding together at Marsh Gibbon School.

Mrs. Brown

Mrs Beth Brown
Headteacher
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SEND
(Managing Anxiety & Language & Vocabulary Workshops)

Thank you for your support in making last term so positive and successful for all our children.
Children on the SEND register with Special Support Plans (SSPs) have had their progress measured and targets reviewed. Updated SSPs will be shared with you at the beginning of this term, along with new targets.

Managing Anxiety Workshop

SCAN HERE

- **Monday 19th January** or **Friday 30th January**
- Hosted by Bucks County Council
- Free to attend – scan the QR code for information and to book

Parent Coffee Afternoon – Language and Vocabulary

- **Monday 23rd February, 2:00pm – 3:00pm**
- With guests from the Inclusion Specialist Teaching Team
- Relevant for all year groups
- More details to follow

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring the best possible provision for all our children.

Kind regards,

Emma Osborne (née Trafford)

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SPIRITUALITY

At Marsh Gibbon School, we use the concepts of "**mirrors, windows, and doors**" to support children's spiritual growth. These metaphors are referenced during Collective Worship and learning, helping children to reflect on themselves (**mirrors**), understand others (**windows**), and explore new opportunities (**doors**).

This approach encourages thoughtful engagement and a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them. We believe nurturing children's spiritual development helps them grow into caring, respectful, and compassionate individuals.

Our Christian ethos guides everything we do, fostering an environment of love, respect, and curiosity. Our school vision—"*Succeeding together—fostering a love of learning within a nurturing Christian community to bring out the best in everyone*", inspires every decision we make. It drives us to create a caring environment where every child feels valued and supported, with their spiritual, personal, and academic growth linked. By working together, we aim to build a strong community rooted in shared values, always striving to bring out the best in everyone. Our focus on spirituality helps children develop morally, emotionally, and academically, ensuring our school remains a place where everyone can flourish.

Mirrors

Look in and reflect

Learning from life.

What happened?

How did it make you feel?

Windows

Look out and learn

Learning about life in all its fullness.

I wonder…?

Why did that happen?

Doors

Step out and do

Learning to live by putting into action what you believe.

How can you make a difference?

EYFS & KS1 NATIVITY

A huge well done to our younger children who performed their Nativity at St Mary's Church in the last week of term.
The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing the Christmas story, and the church was full for both performances!
We would like to thank our whole staffing team for their continued efforts and dedication in organising such a wonderful event and thank all parents and carers for your support with the costumes.
There are some photographs and short videos of the performance on Class Dojo.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

We are incredibly proud of our Worship Leaders who planned and delivered our Christmas service at St Mary's Church on the last day of term. They worked brilliantly as a team and led the service with confidence - it was a wonderful way to end the term.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

What a wonderful day it was when we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day alongside our special Fresh Start Christmas lunch! The children thoroughly enjoyed their festive meal, and we would like to extend huge thanks to Charley and Lesley in the kitchen for their amazing cooking skills and for making everything run so smoothly.

A big thank you also goes to our school staff who helped serve the lunches to the children. It's always a lunchtime that everyone looks forward to; there were lots of smiles, festive cheer and Christmas fun all round!

PENSIONERS LUNCH

Our school choir entertained the old age pensioners at the URC Christmas lunch with festive songs and traditional carols. The elderly guests joined in with the singing, creating a truly joyful and memorable occasion for everyone. These community connections are so important and provide fantastic experiences for our children. The choir is led by Miss Quin, and we thank her for her continued dedication. All the children sang beautifully; well done to everyone involved!

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising our fabulous Christmas Fayre!

The evening was a success, raising an incredible £1,289.17 for our school. The children had a brilliant time visiting the stalls and enjoying a special visit to Father Christmas himself!

We are so grateful to everyone who volunteered, led activities and managed the stalls on the evening. Your continued support and dedication in raising valuable funds for our school is very much appreciated. Thank you for making it such a magical event!

CHURCH COMMUNITY LINK

I'm delighted to share with you the highlights from our recent Junior Leadership Team visit to St. Mary's Church, which took place during the last week of term.Our wonderful Junior Leadership Team were warmly welcomed by the St. Mary's community. The children enjoyed delicious Christmas goodies and took part in a tea and cake session with local guests. A special thank you to the church staff and volunteers for making us all feel so at home.

The children took part in a creative sock puppet-making activity. Each child chose their own resources and designed their puppets with tremendous enthusiasm. It was heartwarming to see the elderly guests joining in and making their own puppets alongside the children – a lovely example of different generations coming together. We are extremely grateful to everyone at St. Mary's Church for their ongoing support and for providing our pupils with such memorable experiences. Their hospitality helps strengthen the links between our school and the wider community.

Football Festival

We are very proud of the Year 5 children that recently participated in a competition at the Royal Latin School, hosted by S4A.
The children showcased incredible skills, sportsmanship, and team spirit throughout the event. A huge well done to all our talented players!

Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills Festival

We would also like to congratulate the Year 1 and 2 children that took part in the Multi-Skills Festival. The children had lots of fun completing the different activities.
Well done to you all.

ECO-COUNCIL

MARSH GIBBON CE SCHOOL

ECO NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025

What's New

NEW COUNCIL, NEW FOCUS

While it was sad to say goodbye to last year's Eco-Council, our new group of children are super excited to keep up all the hard work. Together, they have decided that our focus for this year will be on reducing water usage and wastage. They have already created posters that are being put up around the school, and are thinking about other ways we can use less water.

After Christmas we will be busy looking at the school environment and seeing where we can make a difference. If you have some ideas, feel free to share it with the Eco-Council members.

Lunchtime

PACKED LUNCH

The Eco-Council have created some sheets to place in the lunch hall to get everyone with packed lunches thinking about leftover food and packaging. It's your chance to be a recycling hero. Remember, drop any unwanted food into your waste food caddy at home and recycle as much packaging as you can. Let's work together to help our planet and make lunchtime awesome!

Eco Spies

The Eco Spies are still being busy around the school and are very happy to report that instances of lights being left on have been greatly reduced. It is so pleasing that our school community are serious about saving electricity.

How You Can Help

If you are finding yourself tidying up your gardens over the winter time and end up cutting down larger branches, please let us know. We are always on the lookout for natural items the children can turn into dens and habitats.

ONLINE SAFETY

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Internet Safety

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ATTENDANCE

Week	24/10	07/11	14/11	21/11	28/11	05/12	12/12	19/12
EYFS	97.3%	94.7%	95%	**96.7%**	97.2%	82%	80%	94.7%
Year 1	99%	99.3%	95.8%	97.2%	96.9%	98.3%	92.7%	89.3%
Year 2	98.8%	97.5%	86.5%	93.8%	**99%**	**98.8%**	91.3%	95%
Year 3	**100%**	**100%**	**99.4%**	86.9%	90.5%	96.4%	**98.6%**	87.1%
Year 4	91.7%	93.3%	96.9%	96.5%	94.8%	95.8%	85%	91.7%
Year 5	87.3%	96.9%	95.8%	93.3%	93.9%	97.3%	87.3%	94.6%
Year 6	90.9%	92.3%	93.9%	**97.7%**	97%	97.3%	91.8%	**97.7%**
Whole School Total	94.5%	96.3%	95%	95.1%	95.7%	95.8%	89.5%	92.9%

PARKING

We must emphasise the critical importance of parking safety around the school to protect all children and members of our community. Please be aware that the parking spaces in front of the shop across from the school are strictly for shop customers only; these spaces are owned by the shop proprietors. We ask all parents to refrain from using these spaces during school drop-off and pick-up times unless you are visiting the shop.

Berry Close behind the village shop is a private residential area. It is vital that parents do not block driveways or park beyond the white gates into Berry Close. Respecting residents' access is essential to maintaining positive community relations and ensuring safety.

For everyone's safety, please follow these important guidelines:

- Allow plenty of time for your journey, especially during busy periods.
- Never park on yellow zigzag lines, which are designated for safety.
- When possible, park further away from the school and be considerate of local residents by avoiding blocking driveways or access routes.
- Exercise extra caution during peak drop-off and pick-up times, as congestion can increase safety risks.

Inconsiderate parking not only endangers pedestrians but can also lead to fines and penalties for violating the Highway Code. Your cooperation and vigilance are vital in creating a safe, respectful environment for our children and community.

Thank you for your understanding and support in making our school area safe for everyone.

ATTENDANCE

365 days in a year
190 school days
175 non-school days

Having 90% attendance over five school years, is half a school year's work missed

A two-week holiday in term time, means the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%

How does school attendance affect a child's learning?

Buckinghamshire Council

VALUE BANDS

Love	Friendship	Compassion
Rowan (3) Oscar (4) Maisie (4) Millie (4) Sophie (4) Hallie (1) Joseph (4) Dylan (4) Oakley (EYFS) Ahmad (2) Laken (EYFS) Georgia (6) Aleandra (1) Lucy (6) Teddy (1) Issac(5) Olive (1) Elbie (1)	Rosie (1) Belle (1) Ted (5) Arthur (6) Dee Dee (EYFS) Tom (5) Emily Penelope (1) Eden (1) Ayda (1) Harry (5) Monty (5) Koryn (5) Emily (4) Bodhan (4) Rosalie (5)	Henry (3) Maisie (1) Noah (4) Dylan (5) Leonora (6) Rowan (3) Leo (5) Noah (1) Clemmie (5) Koryn (5) Apolline (4)
Honesty	**Forgiveness**	**Respect**
Charlie (1) Zach (4) Emily (4) Harrison Bradford (4) Jack(4) Eric (4) Noah (5) Jack D(3) Cameron (4) Theo (3) Chloe (6) Harlow (1) Leonora (6) Oliver (1)	Daniel (3) Amias (3) Martha (2) Holly (4) Fraser (2) Clara (2) Veera (2) Dylan (5) Wilfred (6) Flynn (5)	Rowan (3) Freddie (5) Harry(5) Faebien (5) Evie (4) Rupin (1) Toby (2) Senan (5) Jack (4) Amias (3) Cameron (4) Arthur (6) Elsie B(6) Jack (6) Thomas (6) Henry (1)

At our school, we live out our Christian values every day, shaping our actions and relationships with **love**, **respect**, and **compassion**. We strive to be a community where everyone feels valued, respected, and supported, and where **honesty**, **forgiveness**, and **friendship** are cherished.

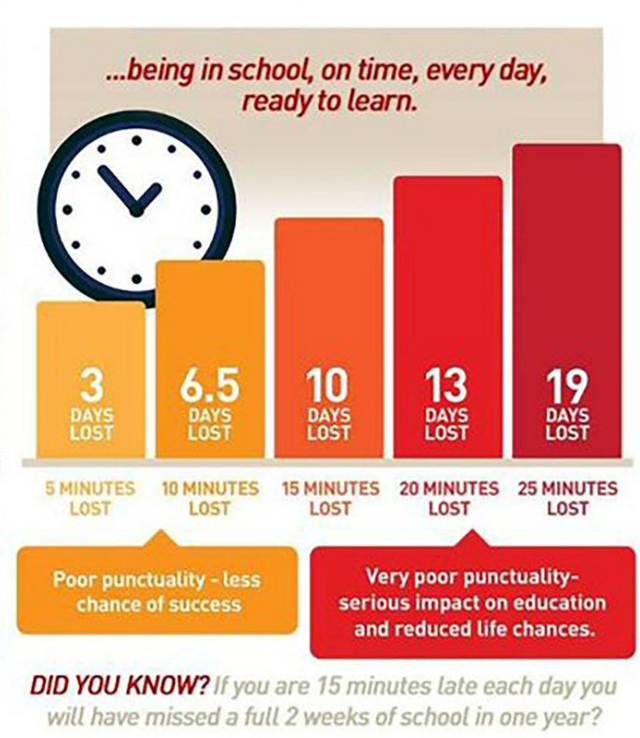
As a Church of England school, we are deeply connected to our church and village, which enriches our learning and understanding of what it means to be part of a community.

ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality and our morning routine at Marsh Gibbon School. Our school gates open at 8:30 am. We ask that all children arrive promptly to take full advantage of the morning activities.

During the time from 8:30 am to 8:45 am, children engage in important early morning work, address any misconceptions from the previous day and participate in targeted interventions. This period is crucial for setting a positive tone for the day and ensuring that each child is ready for learning.

All children are expected to be settled, with their belongings put away and seated for the register by 8:45 am. Arriving on time helps all children, especially those who may feel anxious, to smoothly transition into the school day. Being late can cause unnecessary stress for some children, which we aim to avoid. Please support us in helping your child have a calm and productive start to their day by ensuring they arrive on time. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



HOUSE POINTS

House	07/11/25	14/11	21/11	28/11	05/12	12/12	TOTAL
Ash	121	**279**	149	216	218	247	1230
Beech	**141**	239	164	172	**224**	**272**	1212
Maple	102	205	140	181	214	259	1101
Willow	118	256	**212**	**265**	201	271	**1323**

Congratulations **Willow** House!

You will have your mufti day on Tuesday 13th January.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

House / Av Answer

ASH
226

BEECH
366

MAPLE
531

WILLOW
494

Y2

18%
active play

Isabelle with 134 correct answers

Y3

50%
active play

Jack D with 398 correct answers

Y4

60%
active play

Cameron with 3,615 correct answers

Y5

85%
active play

Clemmie with 894 correct answers

Y6

0%
active play

* with * correct answers

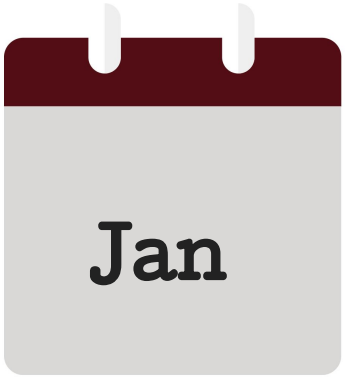
Most Correct Answers

A huge well done to all of the children who are completing their 25 weekly games. Our top scorers over the last 30 days are Cameron, Clemmie, and Jack D.

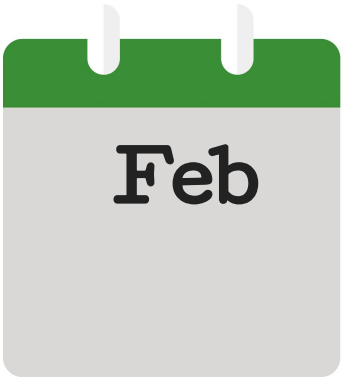
Celebration Certificates

EYFS	Archie T-S, Oakley, Dee-Dee, Archie A, Clara, Louie, Briony, Arthur, Laken, Finley
Y1	Penelope, Rosalia, Alex, Elbie, Raya, Laurel, Harlow, Eden, Isla, Oliver
Y2	Lincoln, Toby, Henry B, Martha, Amelie, Ralphy, Nancy, Ahmad, Arlo, Zackary
Y3	Louis, Rafi, Daniel, Amias, Arlie, Jack D, George, Olivia, Rowan, Theo
Y4	Appoline, Bodhan, Cameron, Phoebe, Joseph, Maisie, Sophie, Dylan, Siena, Max
Y5	Senan, Brodie, Oscar, Harry, Kieran, Monty, Koryn, Kieran, Emily, Oscar
Y6	Chloe, Arthur, Mark-Anthony, Georgia, ELsie B, Maisie, Neave, Bella, All of Y6

DIARY DATES



08/01 - Young Voices Choir Birmingham
15/01 - Application **deadline** for Reception Class September 2026
15/01 - PTA Meeting online 8pm
19/01 - Mrs Segui new SENDCo will join us
19/01 - Managing Anxiety Workshop
27/01 - YR1&2 Invasion Games BPS
30/01 - Managing Anxiety Workshop



06/02 - Pre-Schoolers Stay & Play session 9am
11/02 - Year 3 & Year 4 Three Faith Tour visit
12/02 - Girls Football Match
13/02 - Home Learning Gallery 2:45pm
13/02 - Last day of term
23/02 - Children back to school Spring Term 2
23/02 - Parent Coffee Afternoon 2pm - 3pm
23/02 - Language and Vocabulary Workshop
23/02 to 26/02 - Level 2 Bikeability Y6
24/02 - Y5&6 Handball Festival at Buckingham Primary School
27/02 - Level 1 Bikeability Y2

03/03 & 05/03 - Parent Learning Discussions
05/03 - World Book Day
10/03 - Target Ball Festival at Buckingham Primary School Y1&2
14/03 - Saturday morning Cross Country Event at 'Wing'
19/03 - Netball Festival Royal Latin School
20/03 - Pre-Schoolers Stay & Play session 9am
27/03 - Home Learning Gallery 2:45pm
27/03 - Last day of Spring term

SUMMER TERM

- 13/04 - Children back to school Summer Term 1