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Diary dates

Here are key dates for the next few weeks, assemblies start at 9.10am

Please keep an eye on the website calendar.

26 January	Netball match with St Elizabeth's
30 January	Swan class assembly
2 February	International Week starts
4 February	RISE Swimming gala
5 February 12midday	Tag Rugby tournament
5 February 3.00pm	Boys football fixture with St Stephens at Christ's School
6 February am	International Food Market
9 and 10 February	Dental hygienist workshops for Reception and KS1 children
9 February pm	School dental nurse screening for some Year 1 pupils
10 February	Safer Internet Day
11 February 8am - 6pm	Teacher and Parent/Carer meetings for Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3FK
11 February 11am	Year 3 and 4 Choir singing at the Almshouses
11 February 4pm	Football fixture with Holy Trinity School
12 February 8am - 6pm	Teacher and Parent/Carer meetings for 3B, Years 4 and 5
12 February am	Swimming Gala at Pools on the Park

Dear families,

We may have started the week with Blue Monday and plenty of rain, but we ended it on a high with an exceptionally engaging class assembly from Cygnet Class. Thank you to everyone who joined us – your supportive and appreciative presence made it all the more special. This brings me to a bigger thank you. The time and support our parent / carer community gives to our school makes such a difference. From volunteering at events to supporting PSA activities, your contributions help us deliver the wide curricular offer and extensive enrichment opportunities that make our school what it is. Please do consider getting involved with the PSA if you haven't already done so. Being part of the PSA is a wonderful way to:

- Meet new people and build connections
- Strengthen your partnership with the school
- Have fun whilst supporting your child's education

There's no minimum time commitment or specific skills required – every contribution, big or small, is valued. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch with the team via marshgatepsa@hotmail.com.

International Week is nearly here! We're just two weeks away from **International Week** and our delicious food market. Thank you so much in advance to those helping with this.

If you have any time during the week beginning 2nd February and would be interested in sharing a story in your home language, we'd love to hear from you. Please let us know.

Our recent nearly new uniform sale raised over £400 for the school! This volunteer-driven initiative is a great way to keep good quality clothing out of landfill whilst raising funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Please see the photo of our wonderful team of uniform helpers below.

If you've been into school recently, you'll have noticed our new Proud Work display in the office reception waiting area. It showcases the fantastic teaching and learning happening across the school – do have a look next time you're in. Please see the rest of the newsletter for more information about our wonderful language and art displays.

Wishing you all a restful weekend – let's hope the rain takes a rest too!

Laura Brooks, **Interim Headteacher**



Marshgate's Proud Wall display

You may have already seen the new display we have created in the school office. This display is the 'Marshgate Proud Wall'. This wall will celebrate some of the children's amazing work across the school. A teacher from each year group will select a new piece of work to go up there each month. This could be anything from a beautiful piece of artwork, some great writing, or a wonderful sporting achievement. Please take the time to look at it! It really is a wonderful celebration of our school.

Miss Cox and Miss Brewster



Where Can Languages Take You?

As we look forward to International Week, Marshgate is celebrating the wonderful cultures in our community and recognising the importance of languages and the opportunities learning another language can bring.

To help inspire curiosity about the wider world, **Mrs Kollross** created a bright, airport-themed display showing how learning another language can take you to new countries, cultures and experiences. This is on display outside the hall.

The display uses familiar airport announcements and destinations to help children see how languages support travel, communication and confidence, while also linking to the fun of exploring different places. It encourages pupils to think about where languages could take them in the future and why learning a language is such a valuable skill.





Art Display

Next time you are at school please do take a look at the wonderful display opposite the Art room. This has been created by our after school Art Club provider, Ata Mostame. This will change regularly depending on the art projects carried out in the club.

Year 6 school trip to the Imperial War Museum by Arya and Luna in 6G

On the 9th of January 2026, both Year 6 classes went on a trip to the Imperial War Museum in Waterloo, to learn about the second World War.

We particularly enjoyed seeing all the different shelters and equipment they used during the war. The best part was that they were actually real! During the morning, we walked around the museum and learned about the tools that they used in the Blitz. We went inside the Morrison and Anderson shelters; saw what uniform soldiers and Air Raid Wardens would wear and enjoyed diving deeper into rationing as we saw a breakfast table set and ready for us to eat (it was obviously not real).

In the afternoon, we were amazed by the opportunity of making our own documentaries about WW2. We got phones to film multiple one-minute videos: a microphone; a lanyard and a director board. It was so much fun as we could express our knowledge towards WW2 in such a fun way. Honestly, it was one of our top favourite school trips ever. Thank you to **Miss Gray, Mr Healy, Mrs Freedman and Ms Forrester** for taking us.

PSA news

The term of the current PSA has come to an end, and we are seeking a new Chair and Co-Chair for 2026 to carry on the fundraising for the school. We are pleased to let you know the Treasurer and Secretary roles are filled which is great news! For more information please do contact marshgatepsa@hotmail.com, the PSA cannot function without a Chair and Co-Chair in place.

The current team will be putting on a **Bingo Night** on 20th March, information will be available soon via Parent Mail.

Tickets for this fun filled evening will be on sale shortly on Classlist!

