

Issue 122
October 2025

Diary dates

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

Please keep an eye on the website calendar.

6 October 3pm	Girls football match at Christ's School
7 October 9am	Year 6 Table Tennis Festival
8 October 9.30am	School tour with Ms Brooks for prospective parents/carers
9 October 8am - 6pm	Year 6 Teacher and Parent/Carer meetings
9 October 10.30am	Year 4 boys football tournament
10 October	3FK class assembly
14 October	Year 3 boys football tournament
15 October 9.30 am	School tour with Ms Brooks for prospective parents/carers
16 October	Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby tournament
16 October am	Year 3 local walk
17 October	3B class assembly
17 October from 3.00pm	PSA Costume sale (see page 5 for more information)



On page 5 we feature some of the photographs from our new **Weaving and Crochet after school club**. This is run by Ata Mostame who also provides the Art Club.



Dear families,

It is hard to believe that we are now half-way through our first half term! I offer a warm welcome to families who have joined us this academic year. It has been a real pleasure getting to know all of the children and parents and carers over these past few weeks and I thank you all for making me feel so welcome. The sense of community here at Marshgate is strong and I am proud to be part of it. This community spirit was exemplified at last week's PSA coffee morning - we ran out of chairs!



It has been a busy few weeks. We have welcomed parents and carers in to talk about curriculum and expectations and starting today, we are commencing our class assemblies. Do keep an eye out for upcoming parents / carers and teacher meetings. It is really important that learning expectations are shared during the first half term so that our children can strive to achieve their full potential. With achievement in mind, on the next two pages I have shared the national outcomes of Marshgate for the academic year 2024 / 2025.

For those of you who came to the curriculum mornings, you will know that these fantastic outcomes are testament to the relentless drive of the team and the commitment of the children here. They are also testament to the commitment of families to work with the school to ensure the best.

Outcomes at Marshgate continue to surpass the average outcomes of Richmond borough. This will continue to be the benchmark that we will work to.

Of course, there's so much more to school than academic outcomes and I have loved watching the orchestra play, listen to the children singing, observing the basketball games and hear the Year Six children talk about their Bikeability training. There will be plenty more enrichment opportunities to come so watch this space!

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Laura Brooks

Interim Headteacher

Excellent Academic Outcomes

The data below shows how the school is performing in comparison to both national outcomes and, more specifically, Richmond outcomes. The previous three years have been included for comparison. Please note - a changeable data picture is common lower down the school as children are newer to their academic learning journey. We are exceptionally proud of our children and we are grateful for the partnership between home and school which is so essential in seeing such success.

(Three years) Attainment Outcomes 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25					
Reception	Marshgate 2023	Marshgate 2024	Marshgate 2025	Richmond 2025	National 2025
Good Level of Development (GLD)	90	80	81	77	68
Year 1	Marshgate 2023	Marshgate 2024	Marshgate 2025	Richmond 2025	National 2025
Phonics Screening Check	88	88	95	89	80
Year 4	Marshgate 2023	Marshgate 2024	Marshgate 2025	Richmond 2024	National 2024
Multiplication Tables Check	23.6	23.2	23.4	22.4	20.6
KS2 (Year 6)	Marshgate 2023	Marshgate 2024	Marshgate 2025	Richmond 2025	National 2025
Expected RWM	91	81	88	77	62
High RWM	28	27	37	21	8
Expected Reading	96	86	92	87	75
High Reading	65	47	58	53	33
Reading Average Scaled	111.5	108	111	108 (2024)	105 (2024)
Expected Writing (TA)	91	88	93	83	72
High Writing (TA)	32	39	44	26	13
Expected GPS	93	90	95	86	73
High GPS	65	66	73	51	30
GPS Average Scaled Score	111.4	111.5	113.9	109 (2024)	105 (2024)
Expected Maths	96	92	92	88	74
High Maths	49	46	58	46	26
Maths Average Scaled Score	109.4	109	110.5	108	104
Expected Science	96	95	95	90	81

Our assembly season has started with 5D's assembly this morning. **Mrs Davies** and the children in her class created a wonderful assembly about British Sign Language. The children taught the parents and carers in the audience some sign language and then signed and sang along to What a Wonderful World.



Miss Cox and Miss Filby are happy to report the children starting school in Reception have settled really well. They are enjoying making new friends and learning new skills. They loved painting in the playground this week in the sunshine.



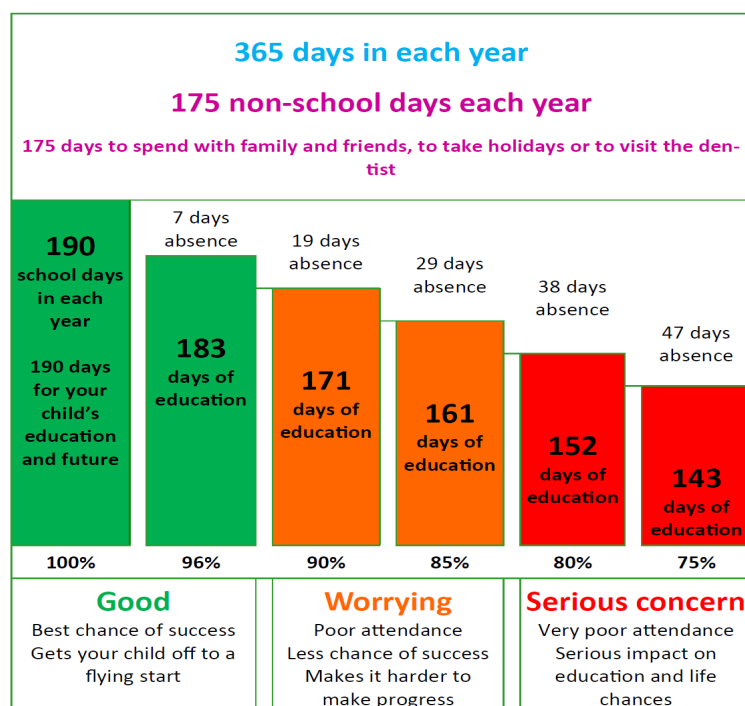
As the weather starts to get colder, please do ensure your children are suitably dressed so that they can play outside comfortably at break and lunchtime.



We are starting to creep into the season of coughs and colds. Please remember that mild symptoms are not a reason to keep your children at home. Attendance is already starting to dip which is disappointing. Please do work with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day that they are able to be. Attending school consistently is so important - not just in terms of academic progress but in order to develop a sense of belonging, encourage secure relationships and ensure children feel safe, happy and settled. Below is a visual to support with this:

Good Attendance Means...

Being in school at least 96% of the time or at least 183 day



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Hints and Tips for Good Attendance

Did you know that whilst children are in school they can:

- Make new friends
- Learn and enjoy new experiences
- Feel safe and listened to
- Grow in confidence
- Take part in school trips, special events, teams and clubs
- Keep up with their class work
- Achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Be made to feel special when they do well
- Meet and help people in the community

As a parent or carer you can help by:

- Telling your child how important school is
- Praising your child's achievements and celebrating their success
- Arranging non-urgent medical appoints outside school hours
- Establishing clear routines at bedtimes and breakfast times - early bedtimes make for early mornings and a better start to the school day
- Encouraging healthy eating and exercise
- Encouraging your child to organise their school bag the night before school
- Ensuring your child completes their homework
- Taking time to talk to your child about what they have learnt and enjoyed at school
- Provide a nutritious breakfast to give your child the energy they need for the rest of the day.

We were delighted to see lots of new parents and carers at the PSA Coffee morning last week. The PSA team are busy organizing a calendar of events, including a

Quiz Night

The Winter Fair

Bingo Night

Costume sale

Thank you to everyone involved.



Marshgate PSA presents

COSTUME SALE

All proceeds go towards future Marshgate projects

**Friday 17th October
3 PM**

School Hall

Donations needed! Please drop your second-hand costumes at the school office by **Tuesday 14th Oct.** All sizes welcome!

**Spooky Surprise
bags £4 each**

Thank you for your support!

Pictured here are some of the children who are taking part in the new **Weaving and Crochet club**. This is run by Ata Mostame who also provides the Art Club. They are producing some lovely pieces of work.

