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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.

3 & 4 September	School closed - staff training days
7 September	Children back to school
7 September	Home visits start for the new Reception children
9 September	Orchestra trial session with Tesia Harrison
10 September	First group of Reception children start
10 September 9.00am	Year 1 Curriculum Information Session
10 September pm	Year 5 swimming lessons start
10 September from 9.00pm	School club registration until Sunday at 9.00pm
11 September 9.00am	Year 4 Curriculum Information Session
11 September From 2.45pm	Nearly new uniform sale in the hall
14 September 9.00am	Year 2 Curriculum Information Session
14 September	Second group of Reception children start
15 September 9.15am	School tour for prospective parents and carers
16 September	Third group of Reception children start
16 September 9.00am	Year 3 Curriculum Information Session
17 September 9.00am	Year 5 Curriculum Information Session
18 September	Year 6 Curriculum Information Session
23 September pm	Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music lessons start
24 September	Reception children full time from today
25 September 9.00am	Reception Curriculum Information session



Dear Families,

What a year it has been! Our children have truly excelled, and we couldn't be prouder of them. From the phenomenal mountain climbing challenges Year 5 conquered to the wonderful school trips and residential that created lasting memories, every experience has enriched their learning journey.

Our performances throughout the year have been nothing short of spectacular – showcasing the incredible talent, confidence and creativity of our pupils.

The fundraising efforts across the school have been outstanding, demonstrating the compassion and community spirit that defines Marshgate. And of course, our SATs results were exceptional, reflecting the hard work of our Year 6 pupils and the dedication of our staff in supporting them.

These achievements are a testament to the quality of education and care that continues at Marshgate Primary School.

I know that this year has brought uncertainty for our community. I want to acknowledge those feelings whilst also celebrating what these fantastic achievements demonstrate – that Marshgate continues to thrive. Our children are flourishing, our staff remain committed to excellence, and our school community stays strong.

I want to be absolutely clear about my unwavering commitment to this school. I am proud to be part of the Marshgate community, and I will continue to work alongside our exceptional staff team to ensure every child receives the very best education and support.

None of this would be possible without you – our wonderful parents, carers, governors, and the entire school community. Thank you for your continued support, not just for me, but for our whole team. Your partnership makes everything we do possible.

And with governors in mind, I want to say a huge thankyou to **Dr Ryan Buckingham**, our Chair of Governors, who is stepping down after completing his four-year term. He has had significant input around curriculum and progress measures and his support and professional challenge has ensured that the outcomes for children have remained exceptional. Once Ryan officially leaves his post, we will recruit a new Chair.

As we head into the summer break, I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable time with your families, making more wonderful memories together.

Laura Brooks, Interim Headteacher

Curriculum Information sessions

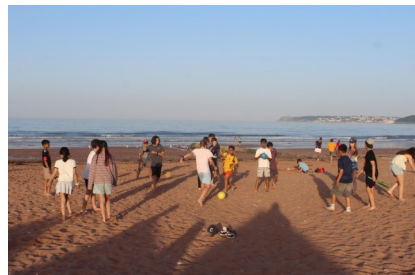
These are held at the beginning of the school year, please make a note of the dates for your child's year group from the diary dates section here.

They are an opportunity for parents and carers to find out about what the children will be learning about that school year. The sessions are presented by the teachers and are held in the school hall at 9.00am.

Leon Marsh from the PSA will be present at the Reception Information Session to talk to the new parents and carers about the activities and fundraising carried out over the year.

Barton Hall round up by Arya E

On Monday, 22nd June 2026, both Year 6 classes went on a four day and five nights residential trip to Devon, Barton Hall PGL. It was amazing! For the first two days, we enjoyed activities on the site such as rock climbing: Jacob's ladder; orienteering, swimming and many fun games at night.



For the next two days we went to Paignton Zoo, Kents Cavern (a real cave) and Paignton Beach. We also had a disco which was super fun where everyone dressed up and had the time of their lives. It was a great trip as our friendships grew and shone. Thank you to all the staff who made this possible and came along with us to Devon:

Miss Gray, Mr Healy, Mrs Freedman, Mrs Duckworth and Mrs Giles



The **Marshgate Year 5 Mountaineers** made it to the top of Snowdon during the weekend of 11 and 12 July. This is a parent/carer led expedition and children in Year 5 have been enjoying the opportunity to climb Snowdon for years at Marshgate. We are grateful to the parents for running and organising this.

The weather was kind to them, the climbers made it to the top and raised money for the **Marshgate PSA and the charity Momentum**. This is an organisation that provides support for families facing childhood cancer, serious illness and bereavement in London and the South East of England.

Well done to everyone involved.



In the last newsletter of the school year we publish the statistics of where the Year 6 children are moving on to. We wish the children all the very best with the next stage of their education.

These are the children who when they joined in Reception moved to home education due to the Pandemic. It certainly wasn't the most usual of starts to school, but they adapted brilliantly thanks to the excellent teaching.

Their parents and carers were treated to a wonderful Leavers' Assembly this week. Tears were shed and happy memories shared on a special video. Thank you to all the members of staff who have worked with them over the years, in particular thanks to **Miss Gray, Mr Healy and Mrs Freedman** for making their last year at Marshgate so special.



Secondary School	Number of pupils	Community	Independent
Christ's School	15	Community	
Grey Court School	8	Community	
Gumley House School	2	Community	
Hampton High School	1	Community	
Kingston Academy	2	Community	
Orleans Park School	7	Community	
Richmond Park Academy	2	Community	
Richmond Upon Thames School	1	Community	
St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School	2	Community	
St Thomas More Language School	1	Community	
Sutton Grammar School	1	Community	
The Tiffin Girls' School	1	Community	
Tiffin School	3	Community	
Waldegrave School	7	Community	
Epsom College	1		Independent
Hampton Boys	1		Independent
Lady Eleanor Holles	1		Independent
Latymer Upper School	2		Independent
Putney High School	1		Independent
St Helens School in Northwood	1		Independent

"Great Science Share" news from Mr Farrelly

Our Marshgate Great Science Share was a fantastic success, with children proudly showcasing their superb science projects and investigations.

It was wonderful to see so many pupils exploring questions and ideas that genuinely interested them, demonstrating their curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for science. The quality and variety of the projects on display was outstanding, and it was clear how much time, effort and thought had gone into each one. A huge thank you to all the children who took part and embraced the opportunity to investigate and discover something new. Thanks for everyone who attended and for helping make this a memorable and successful celebration of science at Marshgate.



Football news from Mr Healy

Our boys' and girls' football teams recently travelled to face Deer Park School in two highly competitive fixtures, with both teams representing the school superbly through their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The boys produced an excellent performance, securing a deserved 1-0 victory. They defended resolutely throughout the match, worked tirelessly for one another, and showed great determination to protect their lead. Their disciplined display and positive attitude were rewarded with a well-earned win, giving the team plenty of confidence for future fixtures.

The girls faced a strong Deer Park side and battled valiantly in a closely contested match, narrowly missing out on victory. Despite the result, there were many positives to take away. For many of the girls, this was their first opportunity to represent the school in an organised football match. They demonstrated courage, resilience, and enthusiasm from the first whistle to the last, gaining valuable experience that will undoubtedly benefit them next year.

Both teams should be extremely proud of their performances and the way they represented the school. Their commitment, teamwork, and excellent behaviour reflected our school values, and we look forward to seeing their continued progress throughout the coming season.

Girls Team

Elena, Benita, Nala, Nakshatra, Philly, Lola, Inci and Avni

Boys Team

Ahmed, Mert, Felipe, Salim, Jir, Alex and Jacob



Nealy new uniform sales

Our nearly new uniform sales continue to go from strength to strength. Thank you to **Meryl and Zaina** who organise these for the school. These sales mean parents and carers have an additional means to buy low cost, very good quality school uniform for the children. It is also good for the planet as parents and carers can donate uniform their children have grown out of and it makes money too! A win win situation!



Meryl, Zaina, Ms Brooks and Mr Gentry would like to thanks the amazing team of parent helpers who help sort through the uniform and help out on the days of the sales: **Zoe, Claudia, Mandana, Cynthia, Sam, Paria, Nilo, Emily, Simona, Linda, Nilo, Merve, Simi, Chisaki, Semher, Lisette, Maya, Nish, Mine, Kat and Anna.** Thank you!

Richmond Alms Houses makes donation for music at Marshgate

We are pleased to let you know that Revd. Derrick Thompson, the Chaplain from the Richmond Charities, informed the school earlier this term they are kindly making a donation of £500 to the school.



This is a thank you to Mrs Valero and the Year 3 and 4 Choir for all their work with the residents at the Alms Houses this year. The residents have thoroughly enjoyed the children going over to the Alms Houses to sing with them. Also this is for supporting their Thanksgiving and Celebration Service on the 8th July. This donation has been made specifically for **music education** at Marshgate. Thank you!



Reception Farm visit

On a warm and sunny day in July the children in Butterfly and Caterpillar class enjoyed an outing to Bocketts Farm.

The children loved looking at the animals, enjoyed a tractor ride and watched the pig race. Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to help on the day.

Miss Cox and Miss Filby

Footballing alumni of Marshgate Primary School

For those of you who are enjoying the World Cup you may be interested to know an interesting fact. We are proud that England players **Reece James and Lauren James** are both former pupils here at Marshgate. Their dad, Nigel James, ran the after school football club here for many, many years.

So it is always a moment of pride when we see both Reece and Lauren on the pitch playing for England. We hope that is an inspiration to young budding footballers to know they too learnt at Marshgate and played football in the playgrounds here!

The children who take part in the after school **Cooking club with Cynthia** have enjoyed cooking lots of delicious food this term. The smells from the Cooking room have been very nice as the children create tasty dishes. Information about autumn term clubs will be sent via Parent Mail in September.



Our Year 1 pupils had a fantastic day at London Zoo, where they enjoyed an exciting opportunity to put their knowledge of animals into practice. During the visit, we explored a variety of animal habitats and saw many fascinating creatures, including lions, penguins, giraffes and monkeys.

The children were full of curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and sharing interesting facts they had learned in class. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged throughout the day. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us on the trip!

Miss Fitzmaurice and Miss Bennett



Years 1, 3 and 5 had a fantastic time at the London's School Literacy Festival at Richmond Theatre. The children met different authors, participated in quizzes and activities themed with the authors books. Some even managed to get their books signed!

Thank you to **Miss Brewster** for organising this wonderful opportunity.






READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



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On 27th June we held our annual Summer Fair, the biggest and arguably best event on the PSA's calendar! The weather didn't disappoint and it was a fabulous day with over twenty-five stalls including bouncy castles, an Animal Experience, Ice Cream Stall, the legendary Marshgate DJ, performances from Marshgate Choir and Orchestra, Rock Bandz and Studio K, and lots of games and prizes!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in the run up to and on the day of the event; we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to everyone who came along to support the fair, all proceeds of which go directly to the school for the enrichment of our children.

We would also like to thank our 'Premium Sponsor' of the Summer Fair, **Rinto Fitness**, and all other sponsors and partners who contributed to the success of the day. Thank you also to **Hamptons**, our 'Principal Annual Sponsor', for their continued support and long-standing partnership with the school.

Thank you to Mrs Valero and the two choirs for their wonderful performances at the Fair. Also thank you to Tesia Harrison and Kaia Vieira and their musicians for their fantastic performances. It certainly got the Fair off with a swing. For more photos please take a look at the **Photo Gallery on the Marshgate website**.



Anyone for an ice-cream?



Mr Gentry is pictured here after presenting flowers to **Leon Marsh** and **Helen Lancaster**. Thank you for all their sterling work organising the Fair.



Thanks as always to the BBQ dads!