Newsletter

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Diary Dates

30 November from 3.00pm
PSA events Choir performance, Bake Sale and Christmas craft stalls

30 November - 4 December
Last week of school clubs

1 December - 9.30am
Caterpillar Nativity

2 December
Year 6 to the Imperial War Museum

2 December - 9.30am
Year 2 Nativity

2 December - 3.40pm
PSA Magic Show

3 December - 9.30am
Year 1 Nativity

4 December - 9.00am
Class Reps meeting with Ms Brooks

4 December - 3.20pm to 6.30pm
PSA Winter Fair

8 December
Carol Concerts at Holy Trinity Church
Years 5 & 6 at 9.30am
Years 3 & 4 at 11am

8 December - 3.00pm
Boys Football Tournament at Holy Trinity School

9 December - 3.00pm
Boys' Football game v. St Mary's

9 December - 6.30pm
Full Governing Board meeting

11 December
Year 6 Victory in Europe Day

16 December
Year 3 & 4 Choir at the Almshouses

16 December
Christmas lunch and jumper day

17 December
Party Day

Dear families,
As we approach the end of what has been a successful term at Marshgate, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate everything our children have achieved and to share some important reminders as we head into the festive season. Our children have had the opportunity to explore, learn and grow through some fantastic educational visits. From visits to Windsor Castle and Richmond Museum which brought history to life, to outdoor learning experiences that sparked curiosity and wonder, it's been wonderful to see our pupils engaging so enthusiastically with learning beyond the classroom. These experiences are invaluable in broadening horizons and creating memories that will last a lifetime.



I'm also incredibly proud of the children who have represented the school at recent sports fixtures. Whether celebrating victories or learning from challenges, our children have demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience – values that are at the heart of everything we do. Well done to all our athletes and to the staff who have supported them!

Next week promises to be magical as we celebrate the festive season together as a school community. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PSA, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise such special events for our children. PSAs help build a strong school community and foster good relations and ours truly goes above and beyond. The time, energy and creativity they invest in making these moments special for our children is genuinely appreciated by all of us. We hope to see lots of you next week at the various exciting activities which are planned, culminating in next Friday's Winter Fair!

As the temperature continues to drop, please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat every day. Children spend time outside during breaks and lunchtimes, and it's essential they stay warm and comfortable throughout the day.

I'd also like to remind you how important regular attendance is to your child's learning and development. Every day at school counts, and good attendance helps children keep up with their learning, maintain friendships and develop positive routines. If your child is unwell, please do let us know, but otherwise we really value your support in ensuring they're here every day, ready to learn. As ever, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The success of our school depends on working together, and I'm grateful for the positive relationships we have with our families.
Laura Brooks
Interim Headteacher
Marshgate Primary School

Pictured here are the children in **Caterpillar class** enjoying exploring the school grounds on their autumn walk. They enjoyed collecting the many different coloured leaves. The children completed a drawing and writing activity about what they had seen on the walk, and have been doing lots of autumn arts and crafts.







On **Party Day** the children can wear their party clothes (with sensible shoes). They do not wear school uniform.



Please note none of the children have a school meal on Party Day, all children need to bring in a special party packed lunch that day from home. The party food is eaten in the classrooms. Party Day is a fun event for all the children to enjoy (we hold them at the end of the autumn and summer terms).

On **Christmas lunch day** the children who have school meals will be served a Christmas lunch. Children who have packed lunches can bring something special in their lunch box, but please remember the no nuts policy.



Children are also able to wear a Christmas jumper (if they wish to do so) with their school uniform. Thank you to everyone who brought in the Christmas Crackers for the children to enjoy.

Poetry Together

A group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 had a wonderful opportunity to attend the Poetry Together event in Twickenham on 11 November. Throughout the afternoon, the children enjoyed meeting other poets, taking part in creative workshops and writing their very own pieces of poetry.

It was a fantastic opportunity for them to express their creativity, develop their confidence and celebrate a shared love of poetry. Well done to all the children involved. Miss Brewster.



Windsor Castle in the sunshine

Year 2 had a fantastic day exploring Windsor Castle earlier this month, bringing their history learning to life! It was a glorious sunny day and the castle looked magnificent.

The children enjoyed discovering the castle's rich history, exploring its impressive surroundings and spotting features they had learnt about in the classroom. A particular highlight of the day was watching the Changing of the Guard. It was a memorable experience for everyone and a wonderful way to enrich our learning about castles.







Tag Rugby Team Triumph at Richmond Borough Plate!

Our school's tag rugby team enjoyed a fantastic day of sporting success as they were crowned winners of the Richmond Borough Plate competition at St Mary's, Teddington Lock! The team showed incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition. From the first whistle to the final match, the children played with great enthusiasm, demonstrating impressive passing, quick movement and some excellent defending.

There were plenty of exciting moments, with the team working brilliantly together, supporting one another and showing real resilience when faced with challenging opponents. Every player contributed to the success, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and skills develop as the competition progressed.

Their hard work, commitment and positive attitude were rewarded when they secured victory in the Plate competition. The children should be extremely proud of their achievement, not only for bringing home the trophy but also for representing our school so brilliantly.

A huge well done to Mihail, Philly, Billie, Riley, Maxim, Sasha, Theodore from Year 6 and Ava and Bertie from Year 5. all the players for their outstanding effort and fantastic achievement. We would also like to thank the staff and everyone who supported the team on the day, Miss Gray and Coach Johnny.



Girls' Football report

Our Year 6 and 5 girls' football team made us proud at the borough tournament, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout. They worked hard in every match, supported one another, and represented our school brilliantly. The team lost just one game, which came in the knockout stages, an achievement they should all be proud of.

Well done to **Rosie, Ha-Yoon, Riley, Billie, Bertie, Ava, Philly, Imogen and Eva** for their effort, enthusiasm, and positive attitude! Mr Harrison



Well done to Salim, Otto, Mihail, Theodore, Liam, Sasha, Maxim and Felipe.

Boys' Football Team Reach Cup Semi-Final!

Our boys' football team enjoyed an exciting cup campaign, showing tremendous determination, skill and team spirit as they battled their way through to the Richmond Borough Cup semi-final.

The team demonstrated real quality throughout the competition, combining some excellent football with hard work, commitment and a fantastic attitude. Every player played their part, showing great teamwork, supporting one another and giving their all in every match.

The semi-final proved to be a thrilling and closely fought encounter. The boys showed plenty of character, battling hard from the first whistle and refusing to give up. Despite their best efforts, the match could not be decided in normal play and the outcome came down to the dreaded penalty shoot-out.

Unfortunately, luck was not on our side, and the boys were cruelly beaten on penalties by St Mary's St Peter's, bringing their cup journey to an end. Although the result was heartbreaking, they can hold their heads high after such an impressive run in the competition.

Reaching a borough cup semi-final is a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of the team's hard work and dedication.

A huge well done to all the players for representing our school with such pride. We are incredibly proud of you all!

Thank you to Mr Harrison and Miss Rule for looking after the team and Coach Johnny for the excellent coaching each Wednesday morning.

Get Ready for A Very Merry Marshgate Next Week!

We are thrilled to kick off A Very Merry Marshgate next week—a week full of festive music, magic, and community spirit! Here is what we have lined up:

- Monday 30 November: Join us for a wonderful Y3 & Y4 Choir Performance, a Bake Sale, and the Year 6 Christmas Craft Stall.
- Wednesday 2 December: After-School Magic Show!
- Friday 4 December (3:20pm – 5:30pm): We wrap up the week with our Winter Fair! Expect live music from Rock Bandz & Orchestra, Snow Globe Bouncy Castles, Tinsel Tombola, Arts & Crafts, Cakes & Bar, and the ultimate crowd-pleaser: Throw a 'Snowball' at the Teacher (featuring Mr Banks, Miss Brewster, Miss Kaur, Coach Johnny, Mr Harrison, Mr Jeffrey, and Miss May!)

🎟️ **Mega Raffle Tickets**

Be in it to win it! Tickets are £5 per strip (5 tickets) and will be on sale in the playground at next week's events, and at the Winter Fair.

We have incredible prizes up for grabs—from dining vouchers at Brindisa Tapas and The White Swan to panto tickets at Richmond Theatre, Pilates classes, and family days out. Winners will be announced at 5:00pm on Fair Day (and you don't need to be there to win!)

🧁 **How You Can Help**

Please keep an eye out for messages from your Class Reps regarding how you can get involved and contribute bake sale donations for both Monday and Friday.

Thank you as always for supporting our school—we can't wait to celebrate with you all!






MARSHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Be in it to win it!
A VERY MERRY MARSHGATE
MEGA RAFFLE
Your chance to win some festive magic!
£5 per strip 5 tickets
GET YOUR TICKETS
At Very Merry Marshgate events before the fair, in the playground at morning drop-off on 27 November, and at the Winter Fair itself.
Support our school
WONDERFUL PRIZES TO BE WON
Experiences & Dining
Brindisa Tapas
£100 dining voucher
Haven Bar & Grill
Meal for two voucher
The White Swan
A bottle of wine and a two-course dinner for two
The Dysart
A bottle of wine
Family Fun
Sandown Racecourse
4 tickets
Snakes & Ladders
Entry for 2 adults and 2 children
Kidabulous
1 adult and 1 child ticket
Hobbledown Heath
2 day tickets
Chiswick House & Gardens
One-year family membership
Entertainment
Richmond Theatre
Jack and the Beanstalk panto
4 stalls tickets for 5 December
Rose Theatre
Mog the Forgetful Cat
4 tickets during February half-term
Wellness & Lifestyle
50 Hill Rise
25-minute facial
AnthroContrology Pilates
5-class package worth £135, plus a free pair of grip socks
Sertsari Studio
• 10 individual private sessions for 10 different adult winners
• Complimentary group boxing session for 10 children
GOOD LUCK!
Gifts & Vouchers
Lick Paint
Paint voucher
Zylo Padel
£50 gift voucher
Tap Tavern
£50 bar tab
Edward James Hair Salon
Blow-dry and hair treatment
Gents of Richmond
A haircut and 10 premium hair products
RAFFLE
WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 5PM ON FAIR DAY
You don't need to be at the fair to win.