



Marown Primary School

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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this last week and to see the enthusiasm and smiles as they settled straight back into their learning.

Spring 2 is always a busy and exciting half term. The children will be building on the excellent progress they have already made, taking part in new topics, enrichment activities, and opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Our staff are looking forward to supporting and challenging every child to do their very best.

We have **Parents' Evenings on 31 March and 1 April**, but should you need to speak to your child's class teacher before then, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We value the strong partnership between home and school and appreciate everything you do to help your children thrive. I look forward to another successful half term working together.

Below is some useful information so do please have a read.

Warm regards,

Mrs A Jackson - Executive Headteacher

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Important Road Safety Reminder:

I would like to remind all parents, carers, and pupils about the importance of road safety around our school. In the past two years the car park markings have been repainted and a barrier has been installed to divide the pathway from the playground to separate the cars parking there at the end of the day. I have requested the DOI to help with the flow of traffic via the traffic lights and the police have also been supportive. Despite all these actions, last week a pupil was involved in an incident where they were clipped by a vehicle who was overtaking a car parked on double yellow lines near the school site. We are pleased to report that the child was not seriously injured; however, it was a worrying incident and serves as an important reminder for us all.

The purpose of early pick up is to enable those parents to leave early and ease the congestion for the parents arriving for the later collection time, we therefore urge those parents to depart as soon as they have collected their child from class. A further suggestion has been to look to further alter the times of the school day, which is not an easy thing to do, so I urge you all to follow these instructions, please:

- Take extra care when driving near the school, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times
- Fill up the spaces as they become free and NOT wait out on the road for the gates to open to select your favourite car park space
- NOT park on the double yellow lines or the zig-zag (these parents will be spoken to and politely ask to move on)
- NOT drive in the exit. This is one way for a reason
- Observe speed limits and parking restrictions
- Be alert to children who may be crossing roads
- Encourage children to use crossings safely and remain vigilant at all times
- Walk to and from school where possible

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility, and I thank you for your continued cooperation in helping to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

Thank you for your support.



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Staffing Updates:

As you are all aware, Miss Halsall will be commencing her maternity at the end of this half term and Mrs Crouch-Blacker will be taking on the role of Acting Head of School whilst Miss Halsall is absent.

I am delighted to share that following a successful recruitment process Miss Redfearn will be taking on Mrs Crouch-Blacker's TLR 2B role, on the school's Senior Leadership Team with a responsibility of leading Teaching and Learning across the school. This means we still have a class teaching vacancy. This is to cover our Y3 class for the remainder of the academic year. The post has been advertised, and we are confident that this will be filled ready for commencement after the Easter Holidays. I will of course inform you of the successful candidate as soon as he / she has been appointed and I am sure you all join me in wishing Miss Halsall all the very best for her impending arrival.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs C Atkinson who was recently appointed as one of our Lunch Time Ancillaries. She commenced her role this week and I know will be an asset to our Marown staff team.

Parent Questionnaire:

Thank you to the families who completed our recent parent questionnaire. We were really pleased to see that the vast majority of parents feel their child is well prepared for the future, experiences respectful relationships with staff, and is supported in their wellbeing. Communication was highlighted as a strength, with almost all parents agreeing that communication between home and school is effective and that feedback is welcomed.

We also carefully considered areas where responses were more mixed. In particular, opportunities to develop interests and talents and clarity around strengths and next steps. As a result, we have introduced our new Friday Enrichment Afternoons to further develop children's interests and talents, and teachers have been provided with a clear guide for Parents' Evenings to ensure strengths and next steps are consistently shared with families. We will continue to review how we communicate expectations and learning goals so that parents feel fully informed and confident in their child's journey at Marown.

School Development and Growth Priorities for this academic year:

I thought it would be informative to share with you our school's priorities for this year.

The draft "Behaviour and Relationships" Policy is currently with our School Governors. Once this is finalised, I will be emailing it to parents and making it available on our website.

Some of the key School Development Priorities for 2025/26 include:

- Teaching & Learning:
 - We are continuing to strengthen how we teach new areas of learning, using engaging approaches that help children learn, understand and become curious. We are also developing pupils' metacognition - supporting them to reflect on how they learn, build independence and confidently improve their work.
 - To develop the Marown Mindsets.
 - Further development of our Early Year provision (both inside and outdoors).
 - Begin the implementation of the new IOM English Entitlement Writing Framework.
 - To embed the use of Coaching across the school, beginning with staff with the plan to introduce it as a tool to develop reflective teachers and learners.
- The development of a new Behaviour and Relationships Policy.
- The development of all leaders across the school.



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World Book Day and the Book Fair:

This year, our focus for World Book Day celebrations is on vocabulary and we are inviting the children to come to school on the day, dressed as a word of their choice.

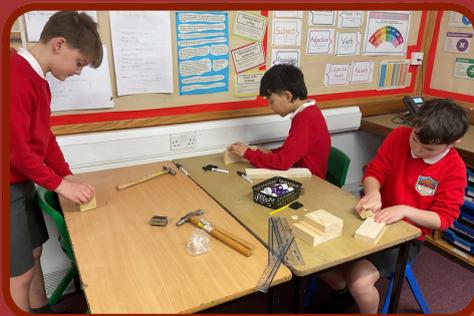
The MSA Book Fair will be held on 5th and 6th March in the school hall from 3:20pm. Each book sold will earn free books for our library from Scholastic.

Marown School Skeet:

We are hoping to improve communication to keep parents informed about the exciting learning going on in school. A short School Skeet with photographs of the goings on in school will be published twice a half term on our School's Facebook Page. I am hoping that in the near future we will also continue to upgrade and update the content of the school's website.

Enrichment Activities:

Our new Enrichment Afternoons launched with a fantastic start last week, offering children the opportunity to explore a wide range of exciting activities beyond the classroom. The offer included Ocean-Themed Sensory & Messy Play, Forest School, Jigsaws & Puzzles, Art & Craft, Musical Theatre, Yoga, Debate, Woodwork and French - ensuring there was something to inspire every interest and talent. The atmosphere across the school was purposeful, creative and full of energy, with children fully immersed in their chosen activities. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity on display, as well as children building new skills and friendships across year groups. Thank you to our staff for leading such engaging sessions and to parents for signing children up so efficiently. We are delighted with how successful the first afternoon was and are excited to see these opportunities continue to flourish.





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Dates for the diary

Thursday 5 March	World Book Day - Vocabulary Dress Down MSA Book Fair
Friday 6 March	MSA Book Fair
Monday 9 - Thursday 12 March	MSA Mother's Day Shop
Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 March	Community Police Visits
Thursday 12 March	STEMFEST - Year 6
Wednesday 18 March	Cross Country Competition - Year 5 & 6
Friday 20 March	Marown's Got Talent
Thursday 2 April	Bunny Run Last Day of Term
Monday 20 April	Return to School



Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a visit from PC Kellie. They learnt all about a Police Officer's role and were lucky enough to see a Police Van with its lights and sirens on!

A note from our Parent Governor - Carly Craine

As I approach eleven months into my second term as Parent Governor, I wanted to take the opportunity to reintroduce myself.

My role as Parent Governor is to bring a parental perspective to the issues being discussed by the Governing Board and to ensure Parents' views are given the attention they deserve.

Please feel free to contact me at carlycraine4@gmail.com and

I will try my best to help in any way I can.