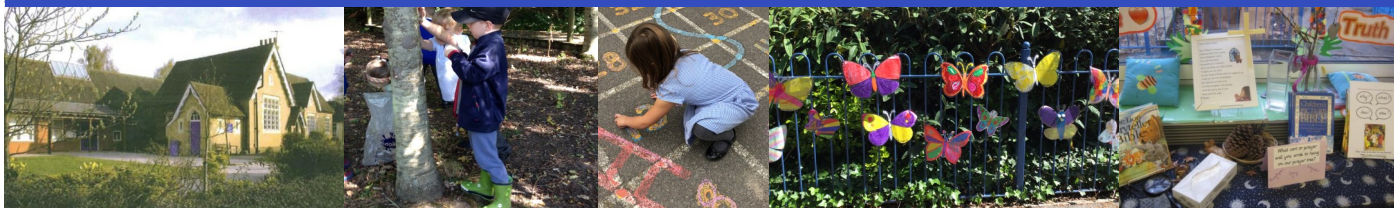


Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

1ST MAY 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

What a fantastic week it has been. The sun has been shining and it was been amazing to watch the children playing with the new equipment at lunch and break times. The dressing up outfits have been a huge success and the children have been building dens, putting on shows and even having rides in the wheelbarrows. My favourite thing every day is seeing who is wearing the giant pineapple outfit! If you have any equipment that you think the children would enjoy playing with outside, e.g. pipes, tubes, dressing up, crates etc, then we would love any donations.

YR have had a very exciting week with lots of different pets making their way into school. The children have seen horses, dogs, tortoises and rabbits. We even had one cheeky bird find its way into the base to delight the children. See pictures on our Facebook page or on our latest news. Thank you to all the parents and staff who gave up their time to bring the animals in.

As you may be aware Twiggs will be expanding their provision in September. As part of this they will be developing their outdoor space. For safeguarding reasons, **from September** we will have to change the way that parents enter the school. To ensure safety of all the children, we will be reducing the amount of traffic movement on site during drop off and pick up time. More information will follow nearer the time.

Unfortunately, we are still having parents using the driveway instead of the pedestrian gates. Please make sure you are keeping children safe by demonstrating the safe way to access school using the pedestrian gates, including collecting from after school clubs.

As the weather is improving, please ensure children have named water bottles and a named sun hat in school. Remember to apply sun cream before school when the weather is sunny. Please also remember that the children will need lightweight raincoats if the weather is changeable, as we try to get them outside, even in drizzle.

Have a fantastic weekend. And don't forget that Monday is a bank holiday so enjoy your lie in!

Sally Atkins

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Diary Dates

May

- **MONDAY 4TH**
MAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- **MONDAY 11TH**
GARDENING CLUB
- **WEDNESDAY 13TH**
SEP 26 - NEW PARENTS MEETING 6-7PM (ADULTS ONLY)
- **FRIDAY 15TH**
GREEN MILE
SCHOOL CHARITY FUNDRAISING DAY
- **THURSDAY 21ST**
HOLLY CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 2.45PM
- **MONDAY 18TH - FRIDAY 22ND**
WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
- **MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH**
HALF TERM BREAK

June

- **MONDAY 1ST**
GARDENING CLUB
- **MONDAY 15TH**
GARDENING CLUB
- **MONDAY 15TH**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON
GROUP A 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **MONDAY 15TH**
Y2 INDUCTION MEETING AT MJS 6-7PM
- **TUESDAY 16TH**
Y1 TRIP TO HAROLD HILLIER ARBORETUM
- **THURSDAY 18TH**
SPORTS DAY 9.30AM
- **FRIDAY 19TH**
FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON 1.30-2.30PM (NO SIBLINGS)
- **MONDAY 22ND**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON
GROUP B 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **TUESDAY 23RD**
M&M THEATRE -WIZARD OF OZ
- **FRIDAY 26TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
- **MONDAY 29TH**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON
GROUP A 1.30PM -2.30PM

Bible Verse for the Week

Psalm 16:8

"I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With Him at my right hand, I will not
be shaken."

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School Charity Day - The Green Mile

On Friday 15th May 2026, we will be holding a 'Green Day' in school to support our chosen school Charity 'Oakhaven Hospice'.



On this day we will be asking the children to come to school dressed in 'green' and will be holding a sponsored walk using our new field path. To support Oakhaven in this, each class will be given half an hour to walk around the track at least 9 times! (Hopefully lots more!) 9 laps of the track is 1 mile! As a school we are hoping to complete 26 miles altogether which would be AMAZING!

We will track your child's progress and let you know, with a special certificate, how many laps your child has completed! Copies of the sponsor form can be found on the Letters page of our website.

If you would like to take part in Oakhaven's event itself you can click the link here: <https://www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/oakhaven-walk/>

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Gant
School Charity Lead



Gardening Club

This week we took up the last of our spring flowers and processed the bulbs ready to use for next year. We turned the soil and then began planting some new plants - in our white beds we have planted our first little herb garden with more to be added next session. We also planted some young sweet pea plants in the tyres to start growing as well as some courgette plants too. We gave everything a good tidy and watering! We have also been given some snake plants from Felix's mum, so these will be donated to each class. Thank you so much!

Mr Warren

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Ava-Lee G and Promise F

Oak Class

Malakai F and Shelby S

Elm Class

Nana Ai and Rosie R

Rowan Class

Eleanor T and Benjamin W

Beech Class

Felix P and Excel U

Sycamore Class

Sherry A and Isaac T

If your child is receiving an award, you will be invited to celebrate with them on Friday at 2.30pm. Invitations will be sent on a Wednesday.

Parents of children with birthdays or certificates outside of school are also welcome to attend.

If your child is away, you may join us the following week.



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Cross Country Club

The children were fantastic in Cross Country Club this week. We talked about the London Marathon that happened on Sunday 26th. It was great to hear that so many children had watched some of it on TV. Felix's dad took part in the virtual London Marathon and Felix proudly told us about this.

The children really pushed themselves to run a little bit further for longer and we talked about strategies to help us with this. Mrs Waterhouse felt that the children were really starting to build their resilience when completing circuits with her too! Well-done everyone! We're very proud of you.

We have a KS1 Cross Country Competition on the afternoon of **Tuesday 2nd June**. Keep this afternoon free if you'd like your child to have the opportunity to run competitively whilst representing their school.

Mrs Jerome and Mrs Waterhouse



Kids With Bricks

Kids With Bricks Club started again this week on Tuesday after school.

The theme for this half term is **World Records**.

This week the children created models of a fast animal. They were amazing!

The children learnt about the fastest animals on land, in the sea and in the air. The fastest animal on earth is the cheetah. It can sprint up to 75 miles per hour, but only for short bursts, whilst chasing its prey. In the sea, the fastest creature is the sailfish, swimming up to 68 miles per hour, using its dorsal fin like a sail which helps it glide through the water with almost no resistance. The fastest creature of all is the peregrine falcon reaching up to 240 miles per hour by tucking in its wings to swoop after its prey. The children also discovered that baby cheetahs are born with fluffy manes to help them blend into the tall grass and they learn to sprint when they are a few months old.

When everyone had finished their model, the best one was voted for and a photo was uploaded to the competition page of the Kids With Bricks website. At the end of the term the results from the leader board are looked at. For the school that has gained the most points that term, prizes are sent to all the children in the club!

Anyone can vote online for the best model, so have a look. **Votes are now made on their Facebook page.**

From Sunday each week, after all schools have uploaded their photos, there is a 'competition post' and all you have to do is give our school's build a like. The school with the most likes wins.



Please use the link below which will take you to the website, click on VOTE NOW

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>

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Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-24WHD533> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by May 4th, 2026.



WORSHIP LEADER

We are looking for a worship leader!

WE WANT TO LAUNCH A NEW SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MARCHWOOD - GOD IS MOVING HERE, AND WE BELIEVE NOW IS THE TIME TO START A CONTEMPORARY SERVICE. BUT... WE NEED A TEAM, AND A KEY PERSON IS A WORSHIP LEADER.

LET US KNOW IF THIS IS YOU! WE KNOW GOD IS CALLING PEOPLE TO COME JOIN US HERE AND WE ARE EXCITED TO MEET YOU!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING THIS VOLUNTEER (POSSIBLE PAID ROLE IN THE FUTURE) ROLE OR BEING ON THE TEAM FOR THE 11AM SERVICE DM US OR EMAIL US: INFO@MARCHWOODANDELINGPARISH.ORG



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Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is supporting good attendance and punctuality. Each week we will be celebrating the class with the highest level of attendance and they will win Stella, our attendance star in their class for the following week.



Attendance for 27th April - 1st May 2026

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
99.09%	95.91%	93.57%	94.83%	95%	96.3%



"ASK ME ABOUT..."

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about people who have faith.

Year R: Ask me about what animals we have had in this week and how we can look after them?

Year 1: Ask me about the places I would like to show Beegu, in Marchwood?

Year 2: Ask me about counting back in tens from any 2 digit number to 100.



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WHERE?

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WHEN?

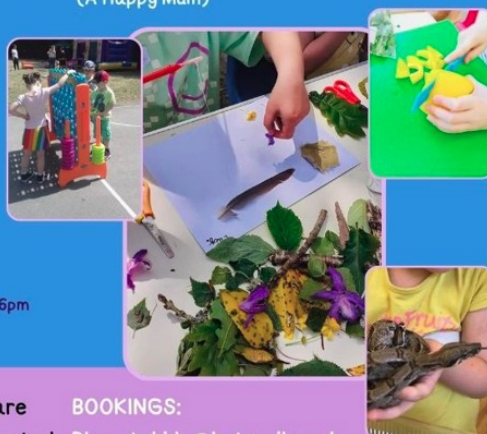
Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

TIMES:

Full Day - 7:45am - 6pm

Half Days - 7:45am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm

School Days - 8:30am - 3:30pm



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Big Mouth Theatre drama clubs will take place every **Monday** from 3:15pm - 4:15pm at Marchwood Infant School commencing 20th April. Subscriptions are payable half termly, in advance - that's just £26 for the 4 sessions, taking us up to the half term holidays.

If, after the 1st session, your child does not choose to join us on a weekly basis, simply let us know and we'll refund your payment!

It could not be easier to book a place on our clubs. Simply head to www.bigmouththeatre.com and click 'Join us Today!' Alternatively, just scan the QR Code...

Numbers are limited, so stay a happy camper and book your place today!
See you soon...
From the Big Mouth Camp Leaders!



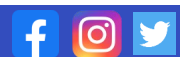
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