

Marsden Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a wonderful start to the year, and our children have already been embracing one of our key British Values: **democracy**. They have enjoyed learning about voting, elections and how everyone has a voice as we selected our new **School Council** members. The excitement around the election process was fantastic to see, and our newly elected councillors are already full of ideas and raring to get started in their important roles.



We have also been spending time thinking about **charity, kindness and helping others**. Our children continue to show such caring and generous hearts, and we are incredibly proud of how readily they want to support those around them. Throughout the year, we will be creating many opportunities for our school community to make a positive difference, both locally and beyond.

As always, we are so grateful for the generosity of our families. Whether you volunteer your time, support school events or contribute to our charitable activities, your kindness helps provide wonderful opportunities for our children and support worthwhile causes.

We hope to see many of you at our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** this Friday. It will be a lovely chance to come together as a community, enjoy some coffee and cake, and raise money for a fantastic cause. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and the values **Belong, Inspire, Nurture and Succeed** that we share.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Jablonski
Head Teacher



Dates for your diary

Thursday 24th September School welcomes cake/bun donations for the MacMillan Coffee morning.

Friday 25th September MacMillan Fundraising Coffee Morning 8.45-9.10am

Tuesday 29th September PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association meeting in school – all welcome! 3.30-5.00pm

Wednesday 30th September Reception Phonics Parents Workshop 9.00-9.45am.

Friday 2nd October School Garden Tidy Up 1.15-3.15pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 14th October Harvest Festival – St Bartholomew's Church 10.30am

Tuesday 20th October KS1 Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings 2-7pm

Wednesday 21st October EYFS Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings 2-7pm

Friday 23rd October School Closed INSET Day

WC 26th October Half Term

Attention Nursery and Year 2 parents.

We know that the school year has only just begun but the application process of applying for your child's school place in Reception or Year 3 for September 2027 is now open.

Year 2 children have received a leaflet which contains details on how and when you need to apply for your child's Y3 place at Junior School.

The application window is now open and closes on 15th January 2027.

And all of our **Nursery** children have also received a leaflet which details the application process for applying for a Reception place for September 2027. Please note, even though your child is attending our school-based Nursery provision, a Reception place must still be applied for using this process.



- ★ **Apply online, apply on time**
- ★ **Name three preferences**
- ★ **Include your catchment school**

- If your child is starting **Secondary School in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 31 October 2026
- If your child is starting **Junior or Middle School in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 15 January 2027
- If your child is starting **Primary School (Reception) in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 15 January 2027
(for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023)

 **quick**  **secure**  **easy**

School Photograph Ordering

We were delighted to welcome local photographer **Liz Baker** into school to take our children's annual school photographs. There were lots of lovely smiles, and we can't wait for you to see the finished pictures!

 **Details of how to view and order prints will be shared with families very soon.**

Thank you to Liz for helping us capture another special moment in our children's school journey. ❤️





Intimate Care

There may be occasions when young children need support with toileting. This could be following a toileting accident or when they require assistance with cleaning themselves after using the toilet.

To enable our staff to provide this support when needed, we ask that parents/carers give consent for intimate care. Please be assured that any intimate care is carried out with sensitivity, dignity, and respect for your child's privacy at all times. We would be grateful if you could complete the consent form below and return it by Friday 25th September 2026. The form can be accessed using the link below;



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/63R9dT1b9K>

Thank you for your support and cooperation. If anyone would like to discuss this request in more detail, please contact the school office.

Marsden Infant & Nursery School
are holding a

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Come along for a cuppa, a slice of cake and help us make a difference!

Friday 25th September
in the school Hall

8.45 – 9.10 am

WE ARE MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

We hope you can make it to help raise money for MacMillan.

We would be very grateful for any cake donations for the event to come into school on **Thursday 24th September.**

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OUR GARDEN NEEDS AN AUTUMN TIDY

CAN YOU HELP?

Grown Ups & Little Helpers welcome!
Your child can join in and help too!

Friday 2nd October **1.15–3.15pm**

Thank you!

We've loved GROWING and HARVESTING our crops this year!
Now it's time to roll up our sleeves and tidy our garden borders ready for Autumn.

Meet our School Council 2026-27



We are very proud to introduce our **School Council for 2026-27**:

★ Violet • Jaiya • Isabella-Rose • Malih • Joe

★ Mia • Mabel • Jasper

A huge **congratulations** to them all! 🎉

Electing our School Council is a fantastic way for our children to experience **democracy in action**. From an early age, children learn that their **voice matters**, that everyone has the right to share their ideas and that we can make decisions together through listening, voting and respecting the views of others.

This supports learning across **EYFS and KS1**, helping children develop confidence, responsibility and an understanding of the wider world and their role within our school community.

We cannot wait to hear the children's ideas and see the positive difference our new School Council will make this year! ☀️ 📅 💬



❤️ Could YOU be part of our PTFA? ❤️

Our wonderful **PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association)** plays such an important part in school life. They work incredibly hard to raise much-needed funds and help us provide opportunities, experiences and resources that we simply could not offer without their support.

Our PTFA has funded:

- 🚲 **Balance bikes** for our Early Years children
- 🏠 **A new sandpit and playhouse** for Early Years
- ⚽ **Football goals and a netball trainer** for our KS1 children
- 🔤 **Phonics flashcards** for Early Years children to take home and practise the skills they are learning in school
- 🎄 **Christmas crackers** to make our school Christmas lunch go with a bang!

But it doesn't end there!

🚗 The PTFA has also provided **financial support towards our school visits to Skipton Castle, Tropical World and Yorkshire Wildlife Park**, helping to keep the cost of these fantastic experiences down and making them more accessible for all our families.

🧪 During **British Science Week**, they funded an amazing **hands-on Science Day**, giving our children a fantastic opportunity to explore, investigate and enjoy science in an exciting and memorable way.

Quite simply, **we really couldn't do without them!** ❤️

🙋 Could you lend a hand?

At the moment, our PTFA is made up of a **small but dedicated group of parents and staff**. As with any volunteer group, a few more helping hands would make a huge difference.

Joining the PTFA doesn't have to mean making a big commitment. **Your involvement can be as big or as small as you are able to manage.** Whether you can help at an event, attend an occasional meeting, share ideas, support fundraising or simply lend a hand every now and again, every contribution is valued.

📅 Come along to our AGM

Our PTFA **AGM will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 3.30pm.**

We would love to welcome some **new faces** as we get together to share ideas and start planning some exciting future events for our children.

Or join our Whatsapp group using this QR code.

❤️ **More people mean more ideas, more helping hands and, ultimately, even more opportunities for our children. Why not come along and find out a little more? There is absolutely no pressure to commit to anything. We'd simply love to see you!**

INFO
WhatsApp group





Thank you to our KS1 parents and carers! ❤️

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Introduction to KS1 evening on Thursday 17th September. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

THANK YOU
for joining us!

We hope you found the evening useful and that it gave you a better understanding of what your child will be learning this year and how we will support them with their learning and development.

We have shared via Class Dojo an information booklet outlining the end-of-year expectations for children in Year 1 and Year 2 at Marsden Infant and Nursery School. We hope this will be a useful reference throughout the year.

We are looking forward to having the opportunity to talk to you individually at our KS1 Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings on Tuesday 20th October. Information about how to book your appointment will be shared with you soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning together!
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Our after-school clubs are now in full swing and it's lovely to see so many children enjoying the extra-

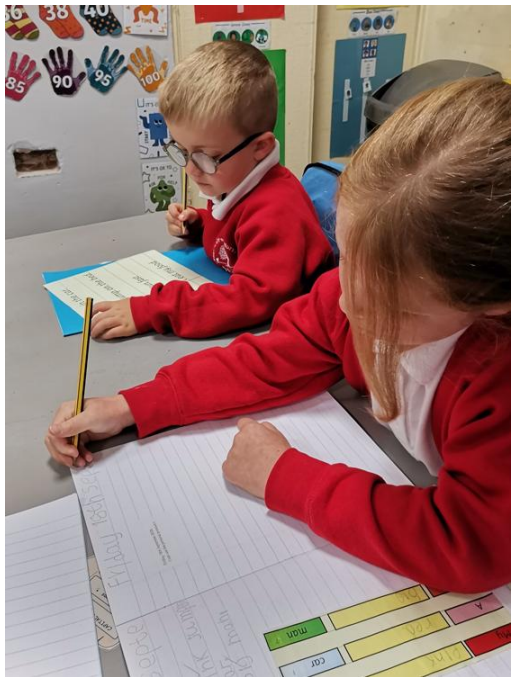
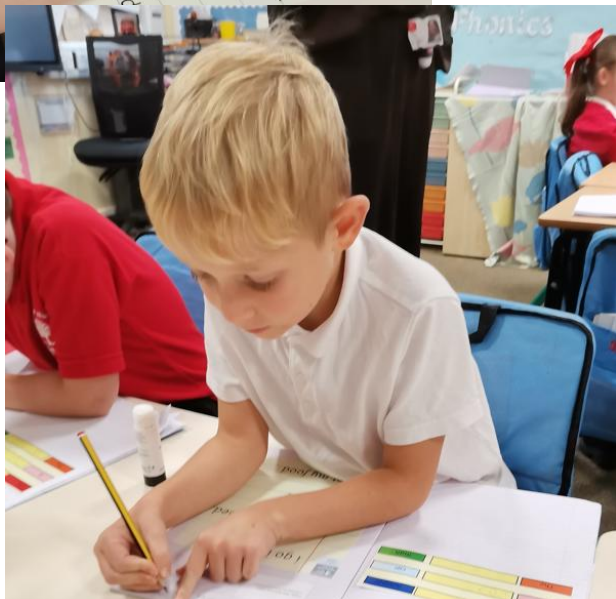
curricular activities that we have available.

Below are some images of our Mini Professor Scientists, our Arty Explorers, our Dancers and our Sports Stars.



Wonderful Learning Across School

Since returning from the summer break, it has been wonderful to see our children settling back into school life and engaging so positively with their learning. Across school, children have been demonstrating **fantastic focus, enthusiasm and positive learning behaviours**. Here are just a few snapshots of our children **engaged, focused and enjoying their learning**. We are so proud of the brilliant start they have made!





RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

Little Wandle phonics & early reading



Come and learn with us!

See exactly how we teach phonics and early reading in Reception
and discover simple ways to support your child at home.

WHEN

Wednesday 30th September

TIME

9.00am - 9.45am

WHAT YOU'LL SEE



-  **Hear it** How we say, recognise and practise sounds.
-  **Blend it** How children blend sounds together to read words.
-  **Segment it** How children segment words into sounds for spelling.
-  **Try it** Easy ideas to practise together at home.



FREE GIFT!

Little Wandle Phonics at Home flashcards

Every family attending can take home a pack to use together.

Reception families, we would love to see you there!

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Learning Together, Learning for Life



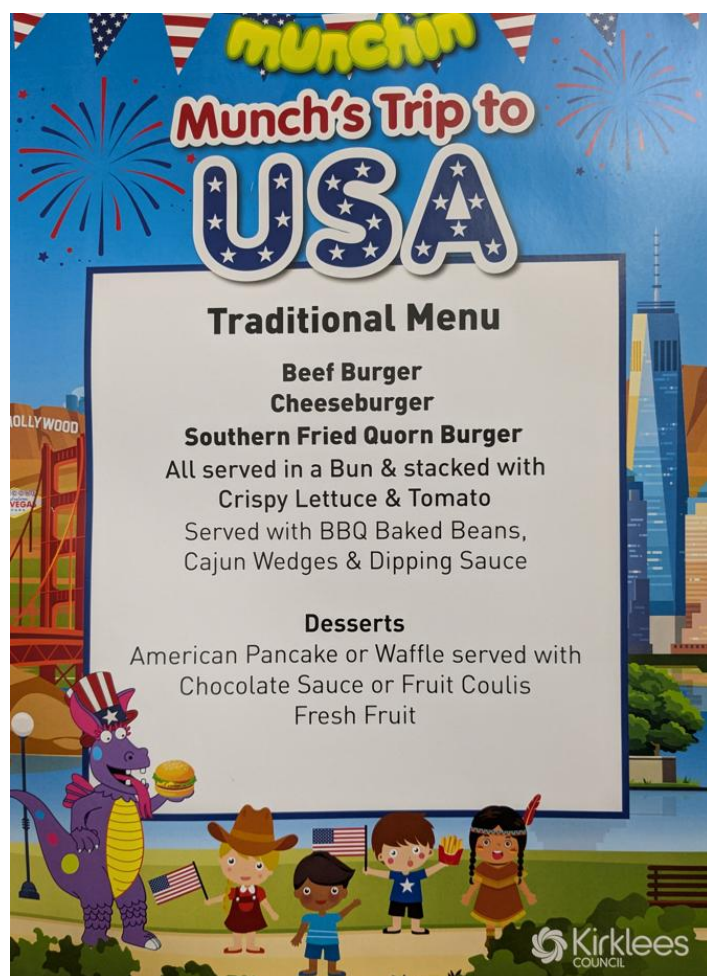
Thursday 1st October 2026



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
3:30 - 6:30 | BAR OPEN
FREE

WWW.MARSDENMECHANICS.CO.UK/EVENTS

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WINTER COAT

DONATION APPEAL

HELP US KEEP OUR CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER!

As the colder weather approaches, we are asking our wonderful school community to help us make sure that **every child** has access to a warm winter coat.



– CAN YOU HELP? –

We would love donations of:

- Children's winter coats
- All sizes welcome
- Clean and in good condition
- Warm and ready to wear

Has your child outgrown their winter coat?

If it still has plenty of life left in it, please consider donating it to school.

Your pre-loved coat could help keep another little one **warm and cosy** this winter!



DONATE ♥ REUSE ♥ KEEP WARM

Please bring your donations to the school office.

All donated coats will be made available to families in our school community completely **FREE** of charge.

FREE of charge!

Thank you for helping us look after one another.

Together we can help keep our little ones **warm this winter!**

