

# Marsden Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we move through another busy week, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generosity in supporting our recent charity appeal. Your kindness and willingness to help others make a real difference, and we are incredibly proud of the caring values our school community continues to demonstrate. Thank you also to those who give their time to support events and activities. Your involvement helps make our school such a warm and welcoming place for our children to learn and grow.



A gentle reminder that being on time to school is key to ensuring every child has the best possible start to their day. We are asking everyone to aim to be ready a little earlier each morning so that children can arrive promptly and not miss the important start of the school day. Those first few minutes help to set a positive tone for learning and allow children to settle confidently into their routines.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival next Wednesday. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see and hear what the children have been learning about, as well as join together in celebration and sign our heart's out. We hope you can join us for this special occasion.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Jablonski  
Head Teacher

**PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association)** Our PTFA are meeting tonight at The New Inn (8.00-9.00pm) to discuss upcoming fundraising ideas for our school. Following last week's AGM, we are very proud and immensely grateful to share that **our PTFA raised an amazing £5,200** last year to support school. Our last Newsletter featured some of the amazing resources and experiences funded by our PTFA.

If you want to become part of something special, pop along to tonight's meeting.



## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** PTFA Meeting at The New Inn 8.00-9.00pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2026** Open Day for Reception and Nursery prospective families. See poster for full details.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** Deadline for ordering school photos.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** Harvest donations gratefully received in school.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** Harvest Festival – St Bartholomew's Church 10.30am – families welcome.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Final day for Breakfast Club bookings for the Autumn 2 half term.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** KS1 Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings 2-7pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** EYFS Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings 2-7pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** Pyjama Day in exchange for a bottle for our Christmas Tombola.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** School Closed

## 💚 A Huge Thank You! 💚

A huge **thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning**. It was wonderful to welcome so many of our families into school and see our community come together in support of such a worthy cause.



Cancer has touched the lives of many within our school community, making this a cause that is particularly close to the hearts of so many of our families. 💚

We were absolutely delighted by the fantastic turnout and, thanks to your incredible generosity, **together we raised an amazing £332.88!**



Events like this also provide valuable learning opportunities for our children. Across **EYFS and KS1**, we help children to understand the importance of **kindness, compassion, helping others and being part of a community**. Experiences such as our Coffee Morning bring these values to life, supporting children's **Personal, Social and Emotional Development in EYFS** and their wider **PSHE and citizenship learning in KS1**.

**Thank you for helping us show our children just what can be achieved when a community comes together.** 💚





### Meet Our 2026–27 Eco Warriors!

We are delighted to introduce our **Eco Warriors for 2026–27!**

A huge **thank you and well done** to all the children who applied for this important role. We were incredibly impressed by the **wonderfully insightful and informative posters** they created, sharing their ideas about how we can look after our school environment and make a positive difference to our planet. 🌱♻️

Our Eco Warriors will be our **young environmental champions**, helping us to think carefully about how we can make our Infant and Nursery School greener and more sustainable. They will help to encourage everyone to **reduce waste, recycle, save energy, care for our school grounds and protect the natural world**, as well as sharing their own ideas for future eco projects.

Their work will complement learning across **EYFS and KS1**, particularly within Science and Geography, as children learn about **plants, animals and habitats, seasonal change, the local environment and how our everyday choices can affect the world around us**. It will also give our Eco Warriors opportunities to develop their **confidence, communication, teamwork and sense of responsibility**.

We are very proud of everyone who put themselves forward and can't wait to see our **2026–27 Eco Warriors in action!** 🌍🌱🐛 **Small actions can make a BIG difference!** ❤️



**FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**3:30 - 6:30 | BAR OPEN**  
[WWW.MARSDENMECHANICS.CO.UK/EVENTS](http://WWW.MARSDENMECHANICS.CO.UK/EVENTS)

**FREE**  


Following her recent visit to photograph our children, every child has now brought home their own **personalised Photo Order Form**.

 **Your child's form includes their own personal access code**, which allows you to securely view **your child's image only**. To view your child's photograph and place an order, simply follow the instructions on the form and order directly through **Liz Baker Photography** at:

 [www.lizbakerphotos.gotphoto.co.uk](http://www.lizbakerphotos.gotphoto.co.uk)

 **Order deadline: Friday 9th October**

Prints will be delivered to school and handed out via children's Book Bags. We hope you love your child's school photograph! 📷 ✨

### **Once Upon a Time in Nursery...**

Our Nursery children have been completely immersed in the traditional tale of **The Three Little Pigs**!

 They have listened to **different versions of the story**, joining in with familiar phrases, talking about the characters and beginning to retell events in sequence.

 Through **dressing up and role play**, the children have become the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf, using their imaginations, developing their vocabulary and bringing the story to life.

 Using **small-world figures and props**, the children have recreated the story, developing their storytelling skills and using what they know to create their own play.

 Our budding artists have also **painted characters and scenes from the story**, exploring colour and discovering which colours can be mixed together to make **pink**!

It has been wonderful to see how one much-loved story has inspired so much learning across our Nursery. ☀️

Through **stories, talk, imaginative play, creativity and exploration**, our children are building the important knowledge, language and skills that provide the foundations for their future learning.

**Who knew three little pigs could inspire so much learning?**



## Working Together: Our Home-School-Child Agreement

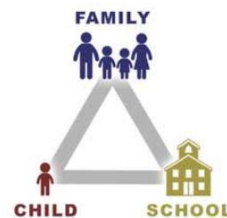
Last week, we **shared our Home-School-Child Agreement with families via Class Dojo**, reinforcing the important partnership between **school, home and our children**.

The agreement set out the shared commitments we make to help every child feel **safe, happy, valued and ready to learn**, alongside expectations around learning, behaviour, attendance, communication and working together.

Our children also spent time exploring and signing the agreement in school, with a particular focus on the **'Child's Agreement'**. This helped them to understand, in an age-appropriate way, their own responsibilities and the positive part they play in our school community.

We encouraged all parents and carers to **read the agreement thoroughly**. Printed copies will be available at our upcoming **Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings during the week commencing 19 October 2026** for parents to sign alongside their child's signature.

♥ **Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to provide the very best possible experience for all our children.**



## **Meet Our Reading Ambassadors!**

We are delighted to introduce our **Reading Ambassadors for this school year!**

These children have been specially selected by their class teachers in recognition of their **love of books and stories, fantastic effort in phonics and reading**, and for being wonderful role models to others.

Our Reading Ambassadors will help us to **celebrate reading across school**, share their enthusiasm for books and encourage others to discover the joy that reading can bring.

A huge **well done** to all of our Reading Ambassadors. We are very proud of you and know you will do a fantastic job! 📖 ♥





A huge **thank you to everyone who joined our Reception Phonics and Reading Workshop last Wednesday**. It was lovely to share how we teach phonics through **Little Wandle** and demonstrate how children learn to hear, say, recognise and write sounds.

For families unable to attend, the parent presentation has been shared via **Class Dojo**.

### **Supporting learning at home**

Your child has brought home a reading pack containing:

- information about their Autumn Term reading journey
- a **Phase 2 grapheme sheet**
- **phonics cards** to practise sounds at home

Please practise **little and often**. Just a few minutes regularly can make a real difference.

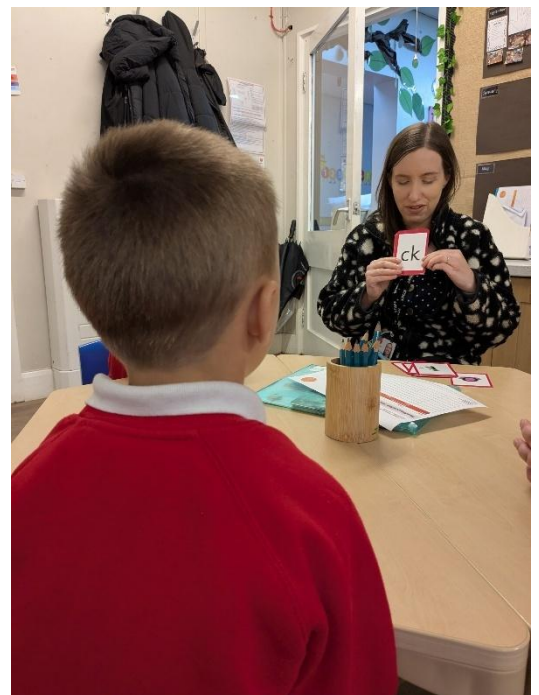
So far, we have taught: **s a t p i n m d g o c**

Miss Moulson will share the new phonemes each week so that you can practise these at home.

 Children are also learning to **segment and blend sounds** to read simple words, for example **m-a-t = mat**. This directly supports the **EYFS Word Reading Early Learning Goal**, as well as developing children's listening, vocabulary and communication skills.

 Children will continue to bring home **wordless books until half term**, helping them develop storytelling, vocabulary and comprehension. After half term, books will begin to include simple words and sentences so children can apply their growing phonic knowledge.

 **Little Wandle support and phoneme pronunciation videos:**  
<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



## Cheering on an Inspirational Role Model!

This week, our **School Council** proudly represented our school community as they **cheered on Sir Kevin Sinfield during his incredible 7 in 7: The Grand Finale challenge.**

Kevin and his team are completing **seven ultra-marathons in seven consecutive days**, raising vital funds and awareness for the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) community. His 2026 challenge is particularly special as it is his seventh and final annual 7 in 7 challenge, inspired by his great friend and former teammate Rob Burrow CBE.

Our School Councillors were incredibly proud to represent all of our children and give Kevin some very enthusiastic encouragement! It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see first-hand how **determination, friendship, kindness and perseverance can inspire others and make a positive difference.**

The experience also supported our **KS1 curriculum**, helping children to consider the qualities of **significant and inspirational individuals**, their achievements and the impact people can have on their communities and wider society.

☀️ **What an inspirational person and a fantastic example to our children that one person's determination and kindness really can make a difference!**





Let's end the half term in style with a Pyjama Day!

Children are invited to come to school in their cosiest PJs and enjoy a fun end to the half term.

In return, we're asking families to kindly donate a bottle for our Christmas Bottle Tombola.

We can't wait to see everyone looking cosy!

Musica Kirklees visit our school each week to deliver instrumental or vocal lesson to our children. These lessons are booked and paid for by families via the Musica Kirklees website.

Please refer to their website for information about booking and charges.



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## GARDEN AUTUMN TIDY

A huge **thank you to all our wonderful volunteers** who gave their time to help with our Autumn Garden Tidy Up. It was lovely to see our school community come together, with parents and grandparents all warmly welcomed and working alongside one another to help care for our school

grounds. Your hard work has made a real difference, helping to keep our school grounds tidy, welcoming and ready for the changing season.

Our outdoor spaces are an important part of the children's learning too. Caring for our school environment supports links to the **KS1 Science curriculum**, as children observe seasonal changes, explore plants and living things, and develop an understanding of the world around them.

It also promotes important **social and citizenship skills**, showing our children the value of teamwork, volunteering, taking responsibility and working together to care for our shared environment.

Thank you for being such fantastic supporters of our school. **Many hands really do make light work!** 🌱 ❤️





### Breakfast Club Bookings now being taken.

Breakfast Club bookings now being taken for the Autumn 2 half term. W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> November to w/e 18<sup>th</sup> December (7 week half term).

If you require this service, please complete a Booking Form. These can be collected from the School Office or downloaded from Class Dojo or the school website.

Breakfast Club is growing in popularity, so if you require this service please book as soon as possible. The final day for bookings will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to allow us time to plan staffing.

Thank you.





## School Breakfast Club

**Monday - Friday 7.30 AM to 8.45 AM**

**Enrolling now for the Autumn 2 half term 2026.**

**£4.00 per day, per child. Sibling discount available.**

**Book your place using the Registration Forms available from the school office or the website.**

**New for September; Breakfast Club is open to children moving on to Marsden Junior School. These children will be walked to school for 8.40am.**

**Breakfast Options**

- Toast
- Fruit
- Juice, milk or water
- Cereal
- Yoghurts





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**We're signed up, are you?**

## Harvest Celebration & Harvest Appeal

We are delighted to invite families to join us for our **Harvest Celebration at St Bartholomew's Church, Marsden, on Wednesday 14th October at 10.30am.**

Harvest is a special opportunity for our children to come together, reflect on the food and resources we have, and think about how we can **show kindness and help others**, both within our local community and further afield.



As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are launching our annual **Harvest Appeal** and warmly invite families to donate **dry and non-perishable food items and toiletries**. This year, your generous donations will support two important charities:

 **The Welcome Centre, Huddersfield**, which provides food and practical support to individuals and families experiencing food crisis across Huddersfield and the surrounding area.

 **CART (Christian African Relief Trust)**, a Huddersfield-based charity which sends donated goods to communities in Africa and supports sustainable projects, education, training and poverty relief.

To help the children understand **why we give at Harvest**, **Rev. Graeme Blackwell** will be visiting school next Monday to talk to them about giving, sharing and helping others, making a meaningful connection between our Harvest celebrations and the donations we collect.

**Harvest donations are welcome in school from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.**

## Learning Through Harvest

Our Harvest activities also support learning across both **EYFS and Key Stage 1**. For our youngest children, they provide opportunities to develop an understanding of **people, communities and the natural world**, as well as encouraging kindness, empathy and an awareness of the needs of others.

For our **KS1 children**, Harvest provides meaningful links across the curriculum, including **RE, Science and Geography**, helping children explore where food comes from, seasonal change, the importance of plants and farming, and how people and communities can care for and support one another.

We would be incredibly grateful for any donations our families are able to contribute. **Every item, however small, is an opportunity to make a difference.**

 **Families are also warmly invited to join us at St Bartholomew's Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 14th October to share in our Harvest Celebration.** We hope to see lots of you there!



## After School Clubs – Autumn 2 Half Term



Our After School Clubs for the Autumn 2 half term are now available to book. There is a small charge for attending these extra-curricular clubs and our providers keep these costs as low as they can to make them accessible for as many children as possible.

**Children eligible for means tested Free School Meals (both Targeted and Expanded) can access 1 after school club free of charge per half term.**

Registration forms are now available to collect from the school office.

Our extra-curricular offer for Autumn 2 is as follows:

**Monday – Dance with Bernadette Heys School of Dance (£3.50 per session).**

**Tuesday – Arty Explorers (£5.00 per session).**

**Thursday – Sports Stars (£3.50 per session).**

Clubs will run from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, for 6-weeks, up to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026. Please note, there are no after school clubs on the last week of term ((w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December).

The poster for Marsden Infant & Nursery School's School Open Day features a collage of photographs showing children in various school activities. A large red banner on the left contains the text 'SCHOOL OPEN DAY' in white, followed by the date 'Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October' and three time slots: '9.15 am', '10.30 am', and '1.30 pm'. Below this, a section titled 'Enrolling now for....' lists three bullet points: 'September 2027 Reception places', 'Nursery places available for immediate start', and 'Places available in other year groups'. At the bottom, a yellow banner says 'WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!'. The school's logo, a circular emblem with a tree and the text 'Marsden Infant and Nursery School' and 'Learning Together, Learning for Life', is positioned in the bottom right. The website 'www.marsdeniandnschool.co.uk' is also listed.

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**SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

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