



**Marton Primary  
Academy and Nursery**  
BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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### **Year 3 and 4 PGL Visit**



As part of our Passport to Learning, all children in Year Three and Year Four are invited to take part in an action packed residential. The children left school on Monday and returned on Tuesday. They experienced a range of outdoor activities, including rock climbing and the zip line. Everyone learnt new skills and had an amazing time. The staff were very impressed with the resilience, perseverance and collaboration the children demonstrated. Huge thanks to all the staff who accompanied the children. Thank you to Mr. Blood, Miss Brooks, Mr Haigh, Mrs Malin, Miss Finnerty, Mrs Crilley, Miss Adamthwaite, Miss Houghton, Miss Varey and Mrs Whitaker.

We will be extending this experience next year for the current year 2 and year 3 children.



**Netball**



Well done to the netball team. They had their first fixture of the season on Monday. All children played really well and we came away with a 7-0 win !

# World Book Day Celebrations

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



At Marton, we actively encourage the children to foster a love of reading. We have lots of exciting activities planned for World Book Day on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character that day.



**New to me**



On Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Mrs Faller will be doing a new to you uniform event. Please enter through the spare year 2 Class doors and help yourself to any extra uniform items you may need.



**Parents Partners in Learning Meeting  
YR – Y6**



**The online booking system is now open**

We will be holding Parents' Evening in March (dates on the booking form) for parents to discuss their child's achievements.

You are invited to bring your child to the meeting to give you both the opportunity to discuss with the class teacher the progress made in reading, writing, maths and attitude (including behaviour, attendance and uniform). New targets for next half term will also be shared with you at the meeting. We believe that by including the children in the discussion, they will have a much clearer understanding of their achievements and what they need to do next to improve, enabling them to take greater ownership of their own learning.

Appointments are booked through the text messaging service. If you have any problems, please contact the office.



**Red Nose Day  
Non-School Uniform Day  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March in aid of Comic Relief**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes for the day on **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March** in return for a **voluntary donation of £1**. All monies raised will be donated to **Comic Relief**.  
Thank you in anticipation of your support.



**Easter Egg of the Day Raffle**

**18<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

To further encourage and reward good attendance and punctuality, we are holding a daily Easter Egg of the Day Raffle in every class starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March and running until the end of this term. Each day your child arrives on time, they will be entered into their class raffle and have a chance to win the Egg of the Day!

Remember boys and girls – you have to be in and on time to win it!

**Battery Re-Cycling**



The school has signed up for the Big Battery Hunt, please can you bring in any batteries that are no longer needed. We are seeing how many batteries we can acquire, and your support would be greatly appreciated. The children will be doing activities in school to support the scheme, so they have a better understanding how batteries that are thrown away impact on the environment. A box will be placed in the foyer, by the office for batteries to be put in.

**SATS Information Evening for Y6 Parents  
Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 5.45 p.m. in the School Hall.**

The purpose of the evening is for you to find out about the SATs tests that your child will be taking in May this year.

We look forward to you joining us at this important meeting.

## Blue Token Scheme



We are now up and running at Tesco. we urgently seek your votes to secure a portion of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund. We are vying for a financial boost through the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme, which offers grant awards of up to £1,500 to local community projects, with a special emphasis on children and young people.

In every community, three groups have been shortlisted for grant awards, and Tesco customers play a crucial role in determining the recipient of the top award in their local Tesco store. Marton Primary proudly stands among the shortlisted groups in Blackpool.

Our project aims to resource our hive area and with your support, we can make a positive impact on our Academy. Voting is open in all Tesco stores from January until the end of March. Customers can cast their votes using a blue token given to them at the check-out each time they shop.

Tesco's Stronger Starts, formerly known as Tesco Community Grants, has already contributed over £110 million to more than 60,000 projects across Britain. This £5 million Stronger Starts grant programme, delivered in collaboration with Groundwork UK, assists schools and children's groups in providing nutritious food and healthy activities that enhance young people's physical health and mental wellbeing. Examples include breakfast clubs or snacks and sports equipment for after-school clubs. Your votes can help us secure this invaluable support for our community.

# Did you know...

Parking on the yellow and zigzag lines in front of school is prohibited? Not only do you risk getting a parking ticket but you are putting the safety of our children at great risk. The Co-op have kindly given permission for parents to park there when collecting children from Marton, so we would ask you to do this, if possible, and thank you!



Park safely,  
park legally



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Please ensure that the children bring a coat to school in this cold weather and that the children wear Marton PE kit for PE. Year Six are allowed to wear their Leavers' hoodies for P.E.

## Can Tabs

Thank you to those parents that have been collecting the tabs.

The children in Year Six are asking all parents if they can collect can tabs. They are collecting these for charity and need to collect around 3000. If you have any tabs, please can you either drop them off at the office or Year Six.



Free school Meals

It is so important that you apply for benefit related Free School Meals if you think your child is entitled. The entitlement to Free School Meals also results in additional funding for the school in the form of Pupil Premium. This funding plays a key role in creating an enriched learning environment for our children. Moreover, if you qualify for free school meals, you'll receive £15.00 per week in food vouchers during holidays.

It is important that your child is registered with the benefits agency, in order, for this funding to be released.

Also remember that if your child is now in Year 3 you will have to pay for your school meals if you are not entitled to benefit related FSMs - £2.20 per day.

If you are receiving Universal Credit, Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance (Income based) and feel your child should be entitled to a free school meal contact the benefit office by following the link below or ask at the office for an application form.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Benefits/Forms/Helpwithfreeschoolmeals.aspx>

## Words of the Week

Rec	list	false
Y1	tour	seem
Y2	structure	weird
Y3	distract	starve
Y4	alternative	correspond
Y5	interpret	fascinating
Y6	sever	lavishly

## Make Every Minute Count – Arrive on Time!

Give your child the best possible start to the day by arriving on time!

Good time keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world.

Lateness has a negative effect on your child's learning. If a child is late, they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting vital information and news for the day.



**It's Good to be Green!**



### Class Attendance Figures

**for last week 21<sup>th</sup> February – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Elm	97.1%	0 Lates	Class 2A	96.6%	9 Lates
Willow	100%	0 Lates	Class 3A	90.4%	2 Lates
Beech	98.2%	0 Lates	Class 3B	100%	0 Lates
Maple	77.7%	1 Late	Class 4A	94.8%	5 Lates
RA	97.4%	7 Lates	Class 4B	89.1%	13 Lates
RP	91.6%	0 Lates	Class 5A	91%	3Lates
Class 1A	95.5%	8 Lates	Class 6A	92.4%	4 Lates

**Well done to all the classes who were Green Status.**

**Well done also to Class 3B for having 100% attendance in school and Willow Class for having 100% attendance in the Suite.**



## Good Attendance

A huge well done to Class 3B for achieving the highest attendance last week. We celebrated their success in our assembly on Monday and each child had a sweet treat.

Thank you for your continued support with our attendance.

Percentage Attendance	= to days	How this effects your child's learning
100% Excellent	0 days	Pupils with 100% attendance should achieve the best grades they can.
Above 97% - Very Good	6 days absence	Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can.
95% and above – Good	10 days	Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their target grades. When attendance falls this low a referral to the pupil welfare officer will be made.
90% attendance – Unsatisfactory	19 days	Pupils are missing a month of school per year fall behind in Maths & English. Gaps will start to show in their learning and could lead to poor grades.
85% attendance – Cause for concern	29 days absence	Pupils are missing 6 weeks of school; it will be difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best.
80% attendance – serious concerns	1 day EVERY week	It will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance could be issued with a penalty notice and it could lead to court action. It's not fair on the child and their chances for the future.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	New to you uniform event.
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery visit to the Space Centre
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery visit to the Space Centre
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 SATS meeting.
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Elm Class visit to Ascent.
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Own Clothes
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4A trip to Lancaster Castle
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4B trip to Lancaster Castle
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for half term
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Assembly

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Thank you

**Mrs Alice Coyle**  
**Head of School**



## How to register with Clubbly

### Google Clubbly



Click this picture.

A purple banner with two sections. The left section, 'Getting started', describes the process of finding a school and booking into the club. The right section, 'Find a club', has a search bar with 'Marton Primary' entered and a 'Get the club' button. Below the search bar, it shows 'Marton Primary Academy and Nursery (11-16)' and a link to 'View results for the name'.

Type Marton Primary Academy (The school name will pop up at the bottom)

A purple box titled 'Find a club' with the question 'Who is running the club?'. It shows a search result for 'Marton Primary Academy and Nursery (11-16)'. Below the result are two buttons: 'Try again' and 'Bingo!'. At the bottom, there is a tip: 'Try searching by postcode if there are too many results'.

Click the BINGO box

Alice Coyle	Netball Club - Autumn 1	Fri
	<a href="#">Flyer</a>	
Emma Faller	Football Club Year 5 & 6 Autumn 1	Tue
	<a href="#">Flyer</a>	
Emma Faller	Football Club Year 3 & 4 Autumn 1	Fri
	<a href="#">Flyer</a>	

select the club you wish your child to attend.

Three buttons in a row: a purple 'Book now!' button with a checkmark, a blue 'Flyer' button with a paper plane icon, and a grey 'Other clubs' button with a list icon.

Click Book now.

A registration form with fields for Email, Confirm email, First name, Last name, Contact number (with a note 'use it as emergency contact for your children'), and Password. There are 'Register' and 'Log in' tabs at the top.

You can now register your child.