

Marsden Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we begin a new school year, it has been wonderful to welcome the children back and see how quickly they have settled into school life. It has equally been wonderful to welcome our new children into school who are starting school or nursery for the very first time. Although they have only been with us for a few days, they are already reconnecting with old friends, making new friends, building positive relationships and beginning to establish their new routines. At Marsden Infant and Nursery School, relationships are at the heart of everything we do, and we know that children thrive when school and home work closely together. Our newsletters contain lots of important information that we would like you to keep and refer back to throughout the year. Your child is at the centre of our partnership, so please do let us know if you have any worries or concerns. By working together, we can ensure that every child feels happy, supported and able to flourish at school.



Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities for us to welcome you into school to share in your child's learning and experiences. Our first event of the year is the Year 1 and Year 2 Welcome Evening next Thursday (17th September) at 6.00pm, for parents, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Please keep an eye on the school calendar for important dates and events, and remember that we will also use Class Dojo to send reminders and updates. We value your involvement and know that by working together, we can give every child the very best start to the year.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Jablonski
Head Teacher



Dates for your diary

Friday 11th September Deadline for School Council and Eco Club application posters

Wednesday 16th September
Individual pupil photographs.

Thursday 17th September KS1
Parents Information Evening

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

Wednesday 30th September
Reception Phonics Parents Workshop

Wednesday 14th October Harvest
Festival – St Bartholomew's
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

☀ Rise & Shine at Our School Breakfast Club! ☀

Start the day the right way with a warm, welcoming breakfast and plenty of fun!

🕒 **Monday – Friday | 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM**

📅 **Enrolling now for Autumn 1 Half Term 2026**

For just £4.00 per day, per child (sibling discount available!), your child can enjoy a relaxed and friendly start to their morning in a safe, supervised setting.

🎯 What we offer:

- 🍽 Nutritious breakfast options
- 😊 Calm activities to get ready for the school day
- 👥 A friendly space to socialise and unwind
- 👤 NEW for September!

Children moving on to Marsden Junior School are now welcome— we'll safely walk them to school ready for an 8:40 AM start!

🔑 Secure your place today!

Simply complete a Registration Form which are available to collect from the school office, or download from the website

💖 Give your child a great start every morning—join our Breakfast Club!



School Breakfast Club

Monday - Friday 7.30 AM to 8.45 AM

Enrolling now for the Autumn 1 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





We're signed up, are you?

School Photograph Day

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that local photographer **Liz Baker** will be visiting school on **Wednesday 16th September** to take our annual pupil photographs.

All children will have an **individual photograph** taken, and we will also arrange **sibling photographs** for brothers and sisters who currently attend our school.

Following the photography session, details of how to view and order photographs will be sent home directly to families.

We look forward to welcoming Liz to school and capturing some wonderful photographs of our pupils.



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



Book Bags These are an important item of school equipment as they allow us to transfer letters, reading books, Learning Logs / Communication Books and home learning to and from school. These will be kept in your child's personal classroom tray during the school and should come home daily. Book bags can be purchased from the school office for £5.00.



Medication A reminder that if your child requires medication in school, this must be brought into school via the school office. This is to ensure we record your instructions to administer this medication and store it safely in school. Please note, we can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a GP with a dosage of 4 times daily (or above) only.

Term Dates 2026-27

Please take a moment to check the term dates for this academic year. These have previously been shared to allow families sufficient time to plan family holidays and visits around school.



Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school counts, and even a short period of absence can mean missed learning, disrupted routines and gaps in progress. This can be particularly challenging for younger children who are developing key skills and establishing positive learning habits.

We kindly ask families to avoid booking holidays during term time. Headteachers may only authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, and family holidays are not normally considered exceptional. Unauthorised absences can have a significant impact on children's learning and their sense of belonging within the school community.

Parents should also be aware that, under the Department for Education's national attendance framework, a penalty notice may be considered when a child has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period. For a first offence, the fine is £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our children attend school every day and make the most of the valuable learning opportunities available to them.

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub](#)

Anyone wishing to request term time leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances should do so using the Request Term Time Absence form which can be obtained from the school office.

Marsden Infant and Nursery School

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term - 2026			Spring Term - 2027			Summer Term - 2027		
First day	Half Term	Last day	First day	Half Term	Last day	First day	Half Term	Last day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	Monday 4 th January 2027	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027 (Friday – Good Friday)	Monday 12 th April 2027	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027	Friday 16 th July 2027

Marsden Infants and Nursery will be closed to students on the following days:

Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Friday 23 rd October 2026
Monday 19 th July 2027
Tuesday 20 th July 2027
Wednesday 21 st July 2027



Class Dojo is our school communication App which your child's Class Teacher, Mrs Jablonski and the school office will use to convey important day to day information between home and school. It also has a useful calendar within the app which ensure you keep up to date with school events. If you have not yet done so, or need to add a 'second parent' to your child's Class, please speak to either the school office or your child's class teacher.

IMPORTANT REMINDER We are a Nut Free School and do have children within our school who have severe allergies to nuts.

As you know, coming into contact with nuts can be life threatening for individuals with severe nut allergies, so we do insist that nut-based products are not brought into school.

Please be mindful of this when making packed lunches, bringing in cakes or buns for fundraising events, when bringing in treats for children's birthdays and even when providing boxes and cardboard for crafting.

Thank you.

OTHER ALLERGENS In addition to nuts, we also have children in school with severe allergies to the following:

Peas, Sesame Seeds, Chick Peas, Lentils and Wheat & Oat.

Please be mindful when preparing packed lunches and home-bakes for school events.



Wonderful Water At Marsden Infant and Nursery School, we realise the importance of staying hydrated. All children are asked to bring their own water bottle to school which will be accessible throughout the school day. Children are encouraged and reminded to drink regularly. At lunchtime children have fresh water to accompany their school lunch. Please ensure water bottles contain water only; no juices. Thank you.

Choking Hazards For young children, food can be a choking hazard, especially when they cannot chew their food well or they try to swallow it whole.

Choking can happen with any foods, but 'firm foods', bones and small round foods that easily get stuck in the throat present a higher risk.

Please ensure any fruits or vegetables included within packed lunches are cut/chopped as per this guidance. For example cut grapes in half, carrots into narrow batons etc. Thank you.



Early years choking hazards food safety advice

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For babies and young children, food can be a choking hazard, especially when they do not chew their food well or they try to swallow it whole.

Choking can happen with any foods, but 'firm foods', bones and small round foods that can easily get stuck in the throat present a higher risk. Therefore, care givers should follow these five essential steps:

- 1** Make sure food is **suitably prepared and served** for babies and children under 5 years old. For suitable foods, see <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/> Introduce babies to solid foods from around 6 months of age.
- 2** **Think about size, shape and texture of food.** Cut food into narrow batons, avoid round shapes and firm foods. Firm fruit & vegetables can be softened by cooking.
- 3** Ensure that babies and young children are **alert and seated safely upright** in a highchair or appropriately sized low chair whilst eating.
- 4** **Babies and young children should be supervised at all times** while eating. You will be able to identify the early signs of choking and prevent harm.
- 5** **Encourage babies and young children to chew food well.** Teach children how to chew and swallow food properly, and ensure they take their time during meals. This will reduce their risk of choking.

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 11th 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.





UNIFORM EXCHANGE

**NEED HELP WITH
SCHOOL UNIFORM?**

Uniform Exchange is the Kirklees charity for **FREE** reused school uniform. We provide local children and families with good-quality, pre-loved school uniform.

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REQUEST UNIFORM
OR FIND DONATION INFORMATION**



WE CAN PROVIDE:

- ✓ Polo / Cotton Shirts
- ✓ Jumpers / Cardigans
- ✓ Blazers
- ✓ Trousers / Shorts
- ✓ Skirts / Pinafores
- ✓ Summer Dresses
- ✓ PE / Sports Kits
- ✓ Shoes / Trainers
- ✓ Socks / Tights
- ✓ Bags and Coats

(some items are limited)

CAN YOU DONATE OUTGROWN UNIFORM?
Please donate clean, good-quality school uniform, PE kit, shoes, trainers, bags and coats. Find your local collection point or hand donations in at school.



**www.uniform-exchange.org**
Charity No. 1177750

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are excited to launch applications for our **School Council** this year!

The School Council gives children the opportunity to share ideas, represent their classmates and help make positive changes within our school. School Councillors work together to discuss issues that are important to pupils, promote new initiatives and help ensure that every child's voice is heard.

Being a member of the School Council helps children develop confidence, communication skills, leadership and teamwork. It is an important role that requires responsibility, kindness and a commitment to improving our school community.

To apply, create a **poster** explaining:

- ☒ Why you would like to be a member of the School Council
- ☒ Why you would be a good representative for your class
- ☒ What is important to you in our school
- ☒ Any ideas you have for making our school even better

You may wish to include things such as:

- Making sure children's voices are heard
- Helping others
- Improving playtimes and lunchtimes
- Raising money for good causes
- Supporting wellbeing and friendship
- Organising school events
- Looking after our school environment

Make your poster bright, creative and informative. You can include drawings, photographs or slogans to help explain your ideas.

We would also like each applicant to have a candidate speech – this only needs to be short. It would be lovely if this could be a video via Class Dojo which can be shared in class or they can deliver their speech live to their class. Once their classmates have voted the School Council will be appointed. I am looking forward listening to the children and seeing their fantastic posters.

 **Please return your completed poster to your class teacher by Friday 11th September**

We look forward to seeing your fantastic applications and finding out how you could help make a difference to our school! ★



Eco Club Is Coming!

We are delighted to launch our **Eco Club** this term!

Eco Club is a fantastic opportunity for children to work together to help make our school and community a greener, cleaner and more sustainable place. Members will share ideas, take part in exciting projects and become environmental champions for our school.



Being part of an Eco Club helps children develop teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills, while learning how small actions can make a big difference to our planet. Eco Clubs often help schools reduce waste, encourage recycling, protect wildlife and promote caring for the environment.

Would you like to join?

To apply for a place in KS1 Eco Club, pupils should create a **colourful poster** explaining:

- ☒ Why they would like to be a member of Eco Club
- ☒ Why caring for the environment is important to them
- ☒ Some of the things they care about, such as:

- Recycling
- Looking after animals and wildlife
- Reducing litter
- Saving energy and water
- Growing plants and flowers
- Keeping our school grounds beautiful

Children should make their posters eye-catching and include pictures as well as writing.

 **Please return completed posters to your class teacher by Friday 11th September.**

Reading Ambassadors Coming Soon!

We are excited to be launching our new **Reading Ambassadors** programme this term!

Reading Ambassadors will play an important role in promoting a love of reading across the school. They will help to recommend books, organise reading events, support younger readers and encourage everyone to discover the joy of getting lost in a good book.



Information about how children can apply to become a Reading Ambassador will be shared soon. We are looking for enthusiastic readers who enjoy books and are keen to inspire others.

Keep an eye out for further details. We can't wait to see our Reading Ambassadors helping to make reading even more exciting at our school!  

WYNES Workshop - Offer



Workshop 1 - Sleep challenges

Understand how to support neurodivergent children and young people who have difficulty sleeping

Workshop 2 - Food sensitivities

Understand how to support neurodivergent children and young people who have sensitivities with food

Workshop 3 - Managing behaviour and emotions

Understand how to support neurodivergent children and young people who have difficulty regulating their emotions and behaviour

Workshop 4 - Support in education

Understand what support is available to neurodivergent children and young people in school

Workshop 5 - Parent Welbeing

Understand how to look after yourself whilst caring for a neurodivergent child or young person

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Neurodevelopmental
Early Support Service

• Empowering Children & Families



Book your workshop here

<https://forms.office.com/e/brdFAPhKmt>



WYNES workshops offer an informative introduction to understand some of challenges our children, young people and families experience, Our Workshops are informal and are built on lived experience, offering information and strategies to support families. **Please note** we are not trained Therapists or Medical professionals. Support to access services is provided in the content of each Workshop.

Journey Together

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS IN SEND PARENTING

Learn strategies for supporting your child with SEND, how to advocate for their needs, and connect with a community of like-minded parents and carers.



- Understanding SEND and what it means for your child
- Practical strategies to help with daily routines
- Support with Speech, Language and Communication
- Navigating the education system and accessing support
- Building resilience and self-care for parents and carers

Course Details:

5 WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2026

10AM-1PM CONTINUING 29/9, 6/10, 13/10 & 20/10

SENSORY WORLD PLAY CENTRE AND CAFE
OLD WESTGATE, DEWSBURY, WF13 1NB



COURSE CODE
FL2526001

Contact us or scan the QR code to book your place

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Kirklees Success Centre

FREE Training to Prepare to Work or Volunteer in Schools



Ready to Make a Difference?

Are you considering a career in education? Have you thought about volunteering to gain valuable classroom experience to boost your application? Or maybe you have some spare time and want to make a positive impact in your community. Whatever your motivation, our free 6-week course is designed to give you a comprehensive overview of how schools work and will boost your confidence in the classroom.

What You'll Learn:

Safeguarding - Supporting pupils with SEND - Classroom Activities for volunteers or support assistants - Questioning & Feedback Techniques - How to boost your chances of employment in a school

Course starts: Tuesday 15th September 2026 10-1pm (6 weeks)

Location: Co-op Academy Smithies Moor, Heckmondwike, WF16 9BB

To book your place scan the QR code (Course code: FL2627019) or get in touch on the details below



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COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING IN A SCHOOL TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S READING?



AS A READING FRIEND YOU WILL:

- ✓ VOLUNTEER 1 HOUR OR MORE A WEEK
- ✓ HELP BOOST CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE AND ENJOYMENT OF BOOKS
- ✓ SHARE YOUR LOVE OF READING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
- ✓ SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY, INCREASE YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE
- ✓ ACCESS FREE TRAINING COVERING SAFEGUARDING IN SCHOOL, STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSION, PHONICS AND GIVING EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK

TRAINING - IN HUDDERSFIELD OR BATLEY

BIRKBY JUNIOR SCHOOL
HD1 6HE

9.30-12.30PM
ON MONDAYS 14TH, 21ST, 28TH
SEPTEMBER AND 5TH, 12TH
OCTOBER 2026

PLEASE ATTEND ALL 5 SESSIONS.
COURSE CODE: FL2627009

DEWSBURY LIBRARY
WF12 8EE

10-1PM
ON MONDAYS 14TH, 21ST, 28TH
SEPTEMBER AND 5TH, 12TH
OCTOBER 2026

PLEASE ATTEND ALL 5 SESSIONS.
COURSE CODE: FL2627018

TO BOOK

Scan the QR code to enrol or
call/email us.



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Rise and Redefine



FULLY FUNDED SELF-DEVELOPMENT COURSE

This course will help you to:

- Break free from old patterns
- Overcome past challenges
- Build confidence step by step
- Empower you to create the life you want



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DEWSBURY TOWN
HALL

Starts Thursday 17th
September 10-2pm
Session 2 - 24th September
Session 3 - 1st October

HUDDERSFIELD
TOWN HALL

Starts Thursday 5th
November 10-2pm
Session 2 - 12th November
Session 3 - 19th November

To enrol

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