

# Marner Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026



**Dear Marner Families,**

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and joyful holiday season. It's been wonderful to welcome the children back into school for the start of a new term. Classrooms are full of energy, children are reconnecting with friends and teachers, and the learning is already in full swing.

**New Year, New Start** – We started the term with a special New Year assembly celebrating our school ethos and looking ahead to a year of possibilities.

We revisited our six core values: **Respect, Happiness, Growth, Hope, Motivation and Community**, and our school strapline: **Inspire, Empower, Achieve**. These values guide everything we do at Marner. Children were reminded to do their best, to be kind, and to embrace new goals and challenges with a positive mindset. It was a powerful way to begin the year together as one school community.



**What's Coming Up This Term** – Our 'What's On' document will be ready for you on Monday, outlining all the key events and dates for your diary – including class assemblies, performances, workshops, trips, enrichment activities and term dates. Please do take the time to read through it so you don't miss anything.

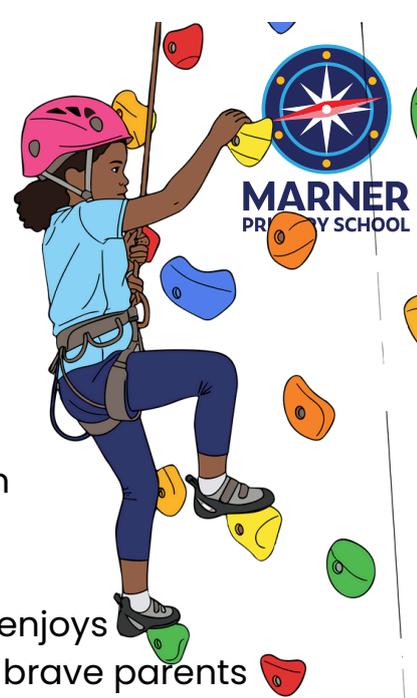
A few key dates in advance:

- **Parent Conference Day** will take place on Wednesday 11th February 2026, from 1:30pm – 6:30pm. This event combines elements of our former Parent Conference Day and traditional Parents' Evening. Children will attend school in the morning and be collected after lunch. You'll then have the opportunity to meet with teachers and attend drop-in workshops celebrating enrichment and home learning. We hope this format works better for families, and we'll be seeking your views via a short survey afterwards.
- With the approach of Ramadan, we're pleased to confirm that our annual **Community Iftar** will be held on Monday 9th March 2026. It is always a special evening and we hope many of you will be able to join us.
- For your longer-term planning, our **October Half Term in 2026** will run from Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October. We'll share full term dates for the next couple of years with you later this half term. If you have any immediate questions about dates not on the website, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.



## A Unique Climbing Opportunity at Marner!

One of Marner's most exciting and unique features is our incredible climbing wall, which runs the full height of the school building! Every child at Marner has the opportunity to learn to climb with expert instructors from Mile End Climbing Wall. We are so proud to offer this exceptional experience as part of our curriculum. Climbing develops strength, dexterity, problem-solving, confidence, and healthy risk-taking – all skills that contribute to your child's resilience and wellbeing. In addition to the main wall, we also have a small climbing wall in our EYFS playground and a mini mountain range in the main playground for children to practise. Huge thanks to Mr Liam for carefully timetabling all classes to take part. We hope your child enjoys this unique opportunity – and who knows, maybe we'll see some brave parents giving it a go on Parents Conference Day! 🧗♀️



Welcome to some familiar Faces in **new roles at Marner.**

We are delighted to welcome *Nazmun Khan, our new Administrative Officer*, who you'll see on the front desk each morning. Also joining her is *Reece Burns, now in post as our Senior Administrative Officer*. Both Nazmun and Reece have already made a brilliant start and we are so lucky to have such kind, professional and helpful front-of-house staff to support parents, visitors and pupils. We will also be welcoming a new Receptionist in February. Thank you for bearing with us in the meantime as we transition into our new admin structure.



**Next Week's Highlights** – We're kicking off assemblies next week with a focus on New Beginnings, Dreams and Goals, led by Ms Bibi in our Monday whole-school assembly. On Wednesday, we'll have our first Class Assembly of 2026 led by Growth Class. Parents are warmly invited – we hope to see you there!

We look forward to sharing a productive, creative and joyful spring term with you and your children.

As we settle into January, the weather has certainly turned colder and wetter. Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves, and a scarf so they're ready to embrace the very best of the British winter. We'll be heading outside for playtimes and outdoor learning whenever we can – so let's keep everyone cosy and comfortable! Wrap up warm!

With warm wishes,

*Mrs Bowmer*  
Headteacher





# Superstars of the Week...



**MARNER**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our Praise Card Winners are:

- Thrive Class – Jibreel and Zayn
- Explore Class – Jibrán & Maryam
- Happiness Class – Yaqub and Salwa
- Curiosity Class – Aizah and Parishay
- Bravery Class – Jake, Alisha and Yasir
- Community Class – Ibrahim & Ismael
- Friendship Class – Ayana H and Tanveer
- Strength Class – Safreen & Mirah
- Compassion Class – Ishaq and Umaimmah
- Confidence Class – Ismail and Fatima
- Motivation Class – Safin and Hatice
- Determination Class – Musa and Hanifah
- Growth Class – Sami and Sofia
- Empower Class – Tameem and Talha
- Justice Class – Taqwa & Yusraa
- Respect Class – Iqra and Ayub
- Aspire Class – Imaan and Yahya
- Achieve Class – Ayaan & Kaia
- Leadership Class – Araf and Eliyeen



## Attendance Winners Years Reception to 3

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Explore Class with 96.3%
- 2nd Place Compassion Class with 96.2%

## Attendance Winners Years 4 to 6

- 1st Place Justice Class 97.6%
- 2nd Place – Respect Class 96%

## In it to Win it Winners

- KS1 Ibrahim – Bravery Class
- KS2 Tayyibah – Empower Class



**UNO cards**  
attendance winners (over 96%)  
Explore, Compassion, Friendship  
Justice, Respect



**Shout outs-**  
Yasir (Bravery),  
Adnan (Strength),  
Khadija (Curiosity),  
Farhan (Growth),  
Ayaan (Inspire)

