

Marner Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Marner Families,

Community Iftar – A Wonderful Evening Together

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Community Iftar on Monday evening. This was our second Iftar event and it was beautifully orchestrated by Ms Sarika Khatun and her team of staff and parent volunteers. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make the evening such a special occasion for our community. The event began with an introduction from Miss Shamira and Miss Jenkinson, who spoke about the shared values of Ramadan and Lent, reminding us of the importance of reflection, generosity and community. Guests were then treated to beautiful Qur'an recitations and nasheeds performed by Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. One particularly special moment was hearing a former Marner pupil perform the call to prayer, announcing it was time to break the fast before leading a group of parents in prayer. There was plenty of delicious food and desserts for everyone to enjoy, lovingly prepared by our wonderful parent volunteers. Hearing our children confidently recite prayers and share their culture was truly spectacular and a reminder of the richness of our community. We have added photographs on Page 3.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. We welcome any feedback so that we can continue to grow this into a well-established annual celebration at Marner.

Science Oracy Week

We have had a fantastic Science Oracy Week led by Ms Davey. It has been wonderful to see pupils using their voices confidently to explain their thinking and share their scientific understanding.

This week we were also delighted to host neighbouring schools at Ms Alex's assembly, showcasing the incredible work happening at Marner around oracy and pupil voice. Opportunities like this allow us to share practice and celebrate what makes our school so special.

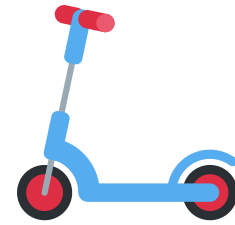
A big thank you as well to **Bravery Class**, who delivered a brilliant assembly on Wednesday. The children spoke clearly and confidently and made us all very proud.

Next week we will be launching **The Big Walk and Wheel Challenge**, with an assembly led by Ms Doherty.

This national initiative is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It encourages pupils to make active journeys to school and helps improve air quality in our neighbourhood.

Community Iftar





We would love as many pupils as possible to take part by walking, cycling, scooting or wheeling to school where it is safe and possible to do so. More information will follow next week.

On Tuesday we will be recognising **World Down Syndrome Day**, which officially falls on Saturday 21 March. To mark the occasion we invite everyone to wear their boldest, brightest, most eye-catching socks – odd or matching, it's up to you! At Marner we are incredibly proud of our inclusive culture, where every child is valued, supported and celebrated for who they are. Days like this remind us of the importance of kindness, understanding and belonging.



Eid al-Fitr – Important Information

We are aware that Eid al-Fitr is approaching and many families will be preparing to celebrate.

Eid al-Fitr 2026 is expected to fall on either Thursday 19 March or Friday 20 March, depending on the sighting of the moon.

Unlike the Gregorian calendar we commonly use, the Islamic calendar follows the lunar cycle, meaning significant dates move approximately 11 days earlier each year. The exact day of Eid is therefore confirmed once the moon has been sighted, marking the end of Ramadan.

As previously communicated, school will be closed on Friday 20 March. This date was carefully selected to ensure that the school calendar still provides the correct number of education days for pupils across the year. We understand that some families have asked whether the school could also close on Thursday 19 March. Unfortunately, this is not possible on this occasion. As many families have already made arrangements, school will remain open on Thursday 19 March and closed on Friday 20 March.

As always, we will continue to work positively and supportively with families around the celebration of Eid.



Coming Soon – Easter Bonnet Parade

Look out for further information next week about our Easter Bonnet Parade, which will take place on Thursday 26 March.

We would love this to be the best bonnet parade ever, so start thinking about your creative designs!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Miss Gowler

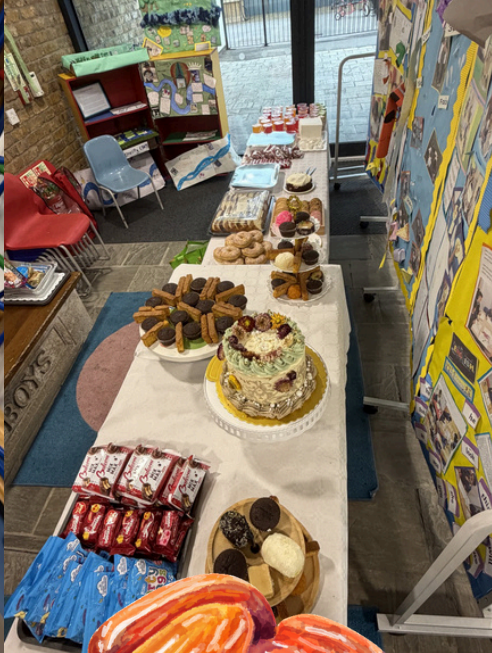
Headteacher



Our Community Iftar - Thank you



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Friends of Marner Charitable Trust Notices.



Friends of Marner Charitable Trust supports Marner Primary School through fundraising, community events and opportunities that enrich the experiences of our pupils.



Friends of Marner Charitable Trust

We are pleased to be relaunching the Friends of Marner Charitable Trust, a parent and community charity that supports Marner Primary School and helps enhance opportunities for our pupils.

This group is separate from our wider parent engagement activities at the school. The Friends of Marner Charitable Trust will operate as a formal charitable organisation with its own Trust Board, responsible for organising fundraising initiatives and managing a dedicated bank account to support projects that benefit the school community.

Funds raised through the Trust will help enhance experiences for pupils, support additional activities and contribute towards improvements that enrich school life.

A small group of parents have recently come together to help shape the next phase of Friends of Marner and we are very grateful for their enthusiasm and support.

Over the coming weeks we will begin to establish the Trust Board and will be looking for volunteers to take on key roles including Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer.

If this is something you may be interested in supporting as a service to the school community, we will be sharing more information about how to get involved in future newsletters.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful school community.





Superstars of the Week...



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Our Praise Card Winners are:

- Thrive Class - Rumaisa and Imam**
- Explore Class - Fareeq and Amelia**
- Happiness Class - Andy and Sakhawat**
- Curiosity Class - Amira and Nushrat**
- Bravery Class - Inaya, Deen and bravery class**
- Community Class - Aden and Elyas**
- Friendship Class - Hana and Friendship class**
- Strength Class - Kaysan Amaanah no photos**
- Compassion Class - Whole Class, Saeed and Amina**
- Confidence Class - Tasnim and Richard**
- Motivation Class - Aribah and Mohammed**
- Determination Class - Nihla and Ibrahim**
- Growth Class - Aaliyah and Zayyan**
- Empower Class - Kerrie and Isra**
- Justice Class - Madyan and Lilly-Mae**
- Respect Class - Sienna and Kayden**
- Aspire Class - Tanisha and Retaj**
- Achieve Class - Musa and Ihsan**
- Leadership Class - Ismail and Nasif**



Shine School

**Ibrahim (Determination) Ayesha (Determination)
Jason (Growth)**

Attendance Winners Years Reception to 3

1st Place - Compassion 99.1%
2nd Place - Friendship - 98.6%



Attendance Winners Years 4 to 6

1st Place - Aspire and Respect - 96.6%
2nd Place - Justice 96%

In it to Win it Winners

KS1 - Khadija (Curiosity Class)
KS2 - Sofia (Growth Class)

Well Done Luqman!

