

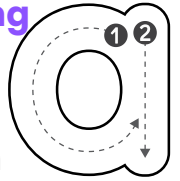
# Marner

# Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Marner Families,

This half term, we are placing a strong focus across the school on **handwriting and correct letter formation**. Handwriting is an important part of learning because it supports children to write more fluently, present their work clearly and develop confidence in recording their ideas across the curriculum. When letter formation is secure, children can focus more fully on spelling, sentence writing and the content of what they want to say.



This development begins very early in Nursery and Reception, where children build the foundations for handwriting through gross motor movement, strength and control. Before children can write well on paper, they need to develop the muscles in their shoulders, arms, wrists and hands, as well as coordination and control. This is why early activities such as climbing, balancing, painting, drawing, mark-making and movement play are so important.

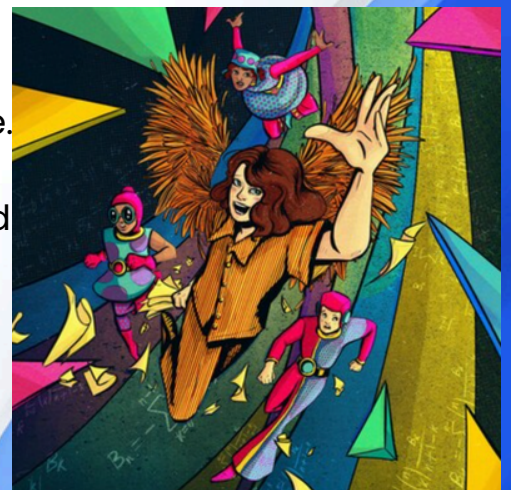
You can really help at home by encouraging activities such as:

- using scissors
- drawing, colouring and painting
- playdough, threading and construction toys
- tracing, copying patterns and mark-making
- practising correct pencil grip and letter formation

Please do ask your child about what they are learning in school. Small, regular practice at home can make a big difference and helps children develop the strength, control and confidence they need to become successful writers.

## English Touring Opera

A huge well done to all involved in Monday's performance. Our visitors commented on how polite, engaged and impressive our pupils were – something we are very proud of. Children thoroughly enjoyed Ada and the Code Crusaders, a fun and interactive opera where the Mathematical superheroes travel through time to meet Ada Lovelace, widely recognised as the world's first computer programmer. It was a fantastic way to bring together maths, history and creativity, and to inspire curiosity in STEM.



Class Assembly

**Well done to Friendship Class (Year 2) for their fantastic assembly.** You spoke confidently and represented the school beautifully. Next Wednesday we have Happiness Class...





## History of Marner

We are pleased to share that a History of Marner presentation is now available on the school website (Our School section).

Pupils from Shine School researched and created this, showcasing the journey of our school since it was first built in 1872, alongside key historical events. We hope you enjoy exploring our rich history.



## Book Sale & Lost Property

Mr Ruhul and Mr Lilon have been will be selling new and second-hand books after school- thank you for supporting the school. We raised 110 pounds!

We have a large amount of lost property each day and always try to return items to children. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named to support us with this. Thank you.



## SEND Communication

A message from our SENDCo, Ms Hoai Nguyen-Khuu:

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to share your questions, updates and requests. We really value this communication and working closely together to support your children.

Ms Nazmun Khan, our Professional Administrative Assistant, supports the SEND team and processes many of these enquiries. If you receive a response from Ms Khan, please be assured that this has been discussed with the SEND team and should be treated as a full response.

We work closely as a team to ensure all communication is handled efficiently and consistently, and we appreciate your understanding and support with this.

## Key Reminders – Please Check Dojo

Year 6 SATs: Week beginning 11th May

Year 6 boosters (Tuesdays & Thursdays) – attendance is essential

SATs Breakfast available daily from 8am during SATs week

Year 2 Coffee Morning – Friday 1st May

(Information about upcoming assessments and how to support your child at home)

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo and Coffee Morning updates, particularly for year group-specific information.

A reminder that our **Felix Food delivery takes place every Friday**. Please do come along and help yourself – all are welcome.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

*Ms Gowmer*

Headteacher





# Superstars of the Week...



MARNER  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Our Praise Card Winners are:**

**Thrive Class - Cyprece and Rumaisa**

**Explore Class - Naira & Abid**

**Happiness Class - Whole Class & Arshan**

**Curiosity Class - Morgan and Safwan**

**Bravery Class - Aasiyah & Kaisan**

**Community Class - Ahyan & Aisha**

**Friendship Class - Whole Class**

**Strength Class - Sumayyah & Lyon**

**Compassion Class - Zabiyah & Umaimah**

**Confidence Class - Umarah & Tamer**

**Motivation Class - George Abu Bakr**

**Determination Class - Umar and Suraiya**

**Growth Class - Ibrahim and Khadijah**

**Empower Class - Inaya and Amaara**

**Justice Class - Edward and Sofia**

**Respect Class - Freya and Yusuf**

**Aspire Class - Turab & Imaan**

**Achieve Class - Musa & Al-Abideen**

**Leadership Class - Samir and Amaya**



**Attendance Winners Years Reception to 3**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Happiness 98.8%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Friendship - 97.8%**



**Attendance Winners Years 4 to 6**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Aspire - 99.6%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Achieve 97.1%**



**In it to Win it Winners**

**KS1 - Nusayba - Explore**

**KS2 - Tanisha - Respect**

