

# **Marner Newsletter**

## **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026**



**Dear Marner Families,**

**Thank you for your support during another very busy week at Marner. We are already approaching the end of September and it has been lovely to see our children settling into their new classes, routines and learning.**



**🧁 Ready, Steady, Bake!**

**We hope that many of you were able to join us this morning for our special coffee morning in support of cancer care.**

**Whether we raise a little or a lot, coming together as a community to support an important cause is something we can all be proud of. Thank you to everyone who came along, donated baked treats or contributed to the morning in any way.**

**A particular thank you to everyone who baked – we hope there were at least a few crumbs left by the end!**



**💙 We Want to Hear From You – Ofsted Parent View**



**We would really appreciate parents and carers taking a few minutes to complete the Ofsted Parent View and share your views about Marner.**

**Parent View is Ofsted's survey for parents and carers and gives you the opportunity to say what you think about your child's experience at school.**

**We genuinely want to know what you think. Your feedback helps to create a fuller picture of how our families experience Marner and helps us reflect on what is working well and where we can continue to improve for our children.**

**The more families who take part, the more representative that picture will be.**

**You will need an email address to create an account with Ofsted. Your personal details are not shared with the school and your individual responses remain confidential. Ofsted publishes anonymised overall results and considers Parent View responses as part of the inspection process.**

**👉 Please look on ClassDojo for our Parent View post, where you will find the direct link to complete the survey. Thank you for taking the time to share your views and for continuing to work in partnership with us.**

**🍇 EYFS Food Safety – An Important Reminder**

**We need the help of our Nursery and Reception families to make sure that food brought into school is safe for our youngest children.**

**The Early Years Foundation Stage has clear safeguarding requirements around safer eating and the prevention of choking. Young children are particularly vulnerable because their airways are much smaller. Please therefore make sure that small, round foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and strawberries are cut lengthways into quarters before being put into a child's lunchbox. Whole nuts, popcorn, hard sweets and other foods that present a significant choking risk should not be included.**

**This is not simply a preference – it is about keeping children safe.**



**🍷 Please also make sure packed lunches are healthy and balanced. Children need nutritious food to give them the energy they need to concentrate, learn, play and grow throughout a busy school day.**

**A healthy packed lunch might include a sandwich or other starchy food, fruit or vegetables and an appropriate source of protein, alongside water. Please keep sweets, chocolate and highly sugary foods for treats outside school. Thank you for helping us establish healthy habits and, most importantly, keep our children safe.**



**☀️ SHINE School@Marner Starts Next Saturday!**

**Our Saturday SHINE School@Marner begins on Saturday 3rd October.**

**We are really looking forward to welcoming our children for another term of additional learning, confidence building, key skills and enrichment activities in a positive and supportive environment.**

**If you would like your child to attend and have not yet registered, please make sure you sign up through Arbor.**



### Attendance – We're "In It to Win It!"

Next Friday, Peter Gill will be in school taking the photographs for our In It to Win It attendance game!

For families who are new to Marner, *In It to Win It* brings a little bit of fun to our Friday attendance celebrations. Children's photographs whizz through on the screen – sometimes with the addition of a rather fetching wig, hat or pair of glasses! When the reel stops, if the child selected has been in school every day that week, they are "in it to win it" and receive one of our special attendance badges.

It is a fun way of reinforcing a very important message: every day in school matters.

Please make sure your child is in school next Friday so that they can be part of the fun.

 The photographs taken for In It to Win It are for use within school only and are not shared externally.



### Next Week in Assembly

 World Mental Health Day – Looking After Our Wellbeing

Next week, we will be talking to children about World Mental Health Day and the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing.

Just as we look after our physical health, it is important that children learn how to recognise and talk about their feelings, understand when they may need some help and know that asking for support is a strength. We will be reminding pupils about some of the simple things that can help us feel well, such as talking to others, spending time with people who make us feel safe, being active, getting enough rest and recognising the things that help us feel calm and positive.

An important part of our assembly will be making sure every child knows who their trusted adults in school are. We want all of our children to know that there is always someone at Marner they can talk to if they are worried, upset or simply need someone to listen.

Our message to children will be simple: your feelings matter, you do not have to manage worries on your own, and there are adults here who will listen and help.

We hope families will continue these conversations at home too, helping children to understand that looking after our mental health is a normal and important part of looking after ourselves.

### Railway Safety – Staying Safe Around the Railway

Our second assembly focus next week will be railway safety.

This is particularly important for our Marner children because we live and learn in an area surrounded by rail transport, including the District line, DLR and c2c rail routes. Many of our children see or use trains and stations every day.

We want children to enjoy travelling confidently while understanding that railways must always be treated with respect.

We will be reminding children to:

- Stay well away from railway tracks and never trespass onto the railway.
- Behave safely and sensibly on platforms and remain behind safety markings.
- Listen carefully to adults and station staff.
- Never try to retrieve something that has fallen onto railway tracks.
- Put phones and other distractions away when they need to concentrate on their surroundings.
- Stop, look and listen and always obey signs, lights, alarms and barriers at level crossings.
- Remember that just because one train has passed, it does not mean another train is not approaching.



The railway is never a place to play, take shortcuts or take risks. We would really appreciate families reinforcing these messages at home, particularly with children who are beginning to travel more independently.

Thank you once again for all of your support this week and for everything you do in partnership with us. Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Sarah Bowmer

*Sarah Bowmer*

Headteacher



# Superstars of the week...

## 25/09/2026



### Our Praise Card Winners are:

#### Year 1

Explore Class-Elaine and Reina  
Happiness Class-Ayyub and Isa  
Curiosity Class-Saffana and Zuber

#### Year 2

Bravery Class-Aria and Aliza  
Community Class Zayd and Sadiqa  
Friendship Class Arya and Daniyal

#### Year 3

Strength Class-Ayana and Muhammed  
Compassion Class-Khadija and Imtiaz  
Confidence Class-Zaid and Amaiyah

#### Year 4

Determination Class- Arifa and Labin  
Growth Class- Amaya and Isaac  
Motivation Clas-Tahrim and Kaysan

#### Year 5

Empower Class-Rakan and Khadijah  
Justice Class-Mustafa and Aalimah  
Respect Class-Theo and Waqiah

#### Year 6

Aspire Class-Tanzila and Noah  
Achieve Class-Iqra and Danyal  
Leadership Class Amaara and Usaamah

### Attendance Winners

#### Reception-Year 3

1st Place- Year 1 Happiness 99%

2nd Place-Year 1 Curoosity 97.6%

#### Attendance Year 4 - year 6

1st Place-Year 6 Leadership 98.8%

2nd Place- Year 5 Respect 97.7%

