

MARSHFIELDS

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER
2025

Message from SLT

It has been a lovely, busy term at Marshfields School. Our children have learned so much and brought plenty of smiles along the way. We are very proud of them all.

We took part in Children in Need again this year and raised our highest total yet. Thank you to our children, families, and staff for being so generous. And well done to Mrs Robinson and Mr Pilbeam for joining Mr Graham in the 'Splat a Teacher', bringing in almost £100.

We were also excited to welcome parents to our reward assemblies for the first time. It was wonderful to see families enjoying the celebrations together.

As Christmas approaches, thank you for being part of our school community. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and the memories from our term.

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Reminders

Please ensure all items your child brings to school are clearly labelled.

Spring Term

Dates for your diary

- Monday 5th January, back to school – Spring Term 1
- 9th-13th February PSHE week
- Half term – School Closed
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February
- Parents Evening – Thursday 26 February – 3.30 – 6pm (15 mins per appointment)
- World Book Day – Thursday 5 March



EXPLORERS

With Miss Dighton... What We Learned

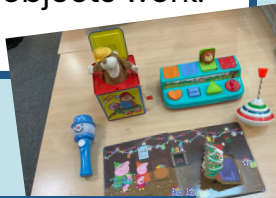
Jays- We read the story 'Little Red Hen' and made our very own little red hens. We have also been exploring different materials to make marks with. The pupils particularly enjoyed oobleck and painting using forks to create owl feathers.

Magpies - In Topic, we have been exploring mark making, we explored making marks with different tools e.g. forks, biscuit cutters, brushes, rollers. We have also been exploring different cause and effect objects and investigating how objects work.



With Miss Creedon... What We Learned

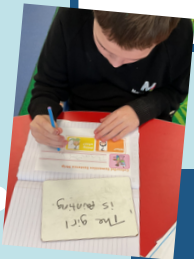
Puffins Class have had so much fun! We have engaged in role play, looking at those who help us in the community, and have also had so much fun party planning for kipper, while also looking into fruit and using words to describe them!



With Mrs Naz... What We Learned

We have been exploring 2D shapes learning to identify how many sides and corners each one has. Students have been spotting shapes in the classroom. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they have been applying their knowledge in creative and hands on ways.

In English, we have been working with colourful semantic to help students write simple sentences and understand what is happening in a picture. Students have been practicing identifying key parts of a scene such as what is the girl doing to build clear sentences. This approach has been helpful for students to develop language and writing skills.



With Miss Lord... What We Learned

In Magpies class we have been exploring cause and effect through sensory activities such as water and sand play as well as operating equipment such as the balloon pump toys. Through let's celebrate autumn topic we have all engaged in art and craft projects. We made a basket of fruits reflecting on Science 'Fruits and Vegetables' using bubble wrap painting.

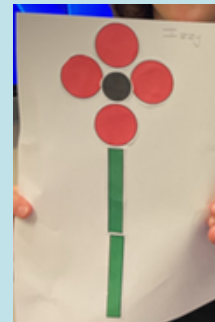


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Key Stage 2

Finches class have been working hard this term. In English they have been working on their letter formation to write names. They have been exploring a range of books and stories recalling parts and characters.

In maths Finches have been looking at numbers to 5 and working on more and less. They have explored shapes and patterns and talked about time to sequence things they do in a day. The topic this term has been 'Let's celebrate', Finches have explored key celebrations that happen at this time of the year including; bonfire night, Diwali, Hanukkah, remembrance day and Christmas.



Key Stage 3

Kingfishers have had a busy and fun term. In English they've been reading and writing reports and learning how characters are described. In maths they've been building their addition and subtraction skills and exploring shapes. In science they've learned about skeletons, movement, nutrition, food waste and rocks. Their topic, 'Gathering', helped them explore festivals and celebrations where people come together.

Swallows and Falcons have been working hard too. In English they have been reading and writing reports and learning about character descriptions. In maths they've been practising addition and subtraction and looking at 2D and 3D shapes and patterns. In science they've grouped and classified living things and explored data and states of matter. Their topic, 'Let's Celebrate', has helped them learn about bonfire night, Diwali, Hanukkah, Remembrance Day and Christmas.



Key Stage 4

Owls and Kites have been working hard towards their qualifications in English, maths and science. All pupils have completed units and gained certificates, well done!

In their Marshfields Baccalaureate they have completed units based on working together to make creative pieces and finding out about and looking after their local area and environment.



ENGAGEMENT

Key Stage 2

In English Robins class have been looking at the texts Jasper's Beanstalk, Each Peach Pear Plum and The Jolly Christmas Postman. The children have retold stories, rewritten parts of the narratives, sequenced stories and read addresses on envelopes as part of their lessons.

Students have developed their phonics knowledge and recognising these sounds within the stories. In Maths, Robins class have started to apply our understanding of addition and the use of mathematical symbols.



Key Stage 3

In Creativity Year 7 Sparrows class have been looking at the theme of Winter. Students have explored the story 'One Snowy Night' using mime and creating a soundscape using percussion instruments to make sound effects to accompany the story. Sparrows have also looked at Winter food, making hot chocolate, Snowman Biscuits with an Igloo container, designing a gingerbread figure and then making gingerbread biscuits at the end of term. Doves and Kestrels students have looked at seasonal food developing their knowledge and understanding as well as, preparing food for cooking by cutting up carrots in a variety of ways and roasting potatoes. Doves have also sewed light up Christmas decorations.



Key Stage 4

KS4 students have been busy this term, building skills in English, Maths and Science, exploring the respiratory system through hands-on models, and working toward MBAC qualifications. Eagles ran a Business Enterprise project creating 3D-printed Christmas items, while Ospreys produced graffiti-inspired art. Art and Design students explored 'Natural Forms' through painting, photography and clay, and Performing Arts students reviewed The Jungle Book and learned about what goes into staging a production.



ENHANCEMENT

Key Stage 2

Wrens have been busy with Christmas-themed writing, building confidence in addition, subtraction and shapes, exploring materials in science, learning how to stay safe, and celebrating festivals with gingerbread baking and stories.



Key Stage 3

Swifts, Starlings and Harriers have explored the theme of celebrating in 'Let's Celebrate' and 'Gather Together' learning through stories, poetry and creative work. They have built their maths skills, learned about the water cycle, and explored safety and support in PSHE. Across subjects they have discovered festivals from around the world, designed cards, studied pantomimes, and created a range of seasonal art pieces.



Key Stage 4

This term Hawks and Buzzards have developed their writing, strengthened real-life maths skills, learned about health and the human body, and practised CPR. They have improved ICT skills, cooked a range of dishes, created work based on natural forms and reviewed a film for Performing Arts.

