



Marsh Baldon CE Primary School

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'I came to bring you life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Autumn Term 1 Value: Integrity

Friday 19th September 2025

Are we really at the end of week 3 already? Time flies when you are engaged, learning lots and having fun!

Playtimes

Playtime is a very important time for everybody at Marsh Baldon! It is a time for children to socialise, be active or simply relax and recharge. With this in mind, we have introduced some new outdoor resources. The tyres have been a big hit, sparking lots of imaginative construction and role-play. Our sheltered space has also become popular, especially with the addition of a cosy 'home corner' complete with pans, bowls, and scarves. Of course, football, basketball and table tennis remain firm favourites too. One area we're still working on is tidying up, but we're confident that once our play leaders are appointed, they will help set routines and rules to support this.



Our outdoor play provision is constantly evolving - watch this (play)space!

Leadership

This week the children have been thinking about whether they would like to take a leadership role within the school community. This may be as a school council or eco-team representative, a play leader, a librarian or ambassador of peace (a new programme we are taking part in). Application forms are being completed and manifestos and presentations being shared!

Choir

Mrs Hanwell is starting a choir/singing club on Friday lunchtimes. A lot of children have signed up to join and we are looking forward to our first session this week.

Our Curriculum

Thank you to all the parents who attended the teacher briefings and phonics meetings over the past week. We hope you found them informative and that they offered a valuable insight into the themes and learning that will take place throughout the year.

Behind the scenes, teachers have been working hard to update our curriculum so that it not only aligns with our new class structure, but is also purposeful, aspirational, and knowledge-rich—reflecting our school community as global citizens in the 21st century. Our website will soon be updated with the newly developed curriculum overviews and plans.

Safety on our roads

As you are all aware, the start and end of the school day are busy times and it is imperative that we all drive and manoeuvre our cars safely. Here is a reminder of the parking and driving guidelines that can be found on our website, alongside a link to the letter that was shared by our Chair of Governors last year. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

[Parking at school](#)

[Letter from Chair of Governors](#)

Also, we are very fortunate to be able to see horses using the track outside our school. However, please remind your children not to get too close to them or follow them. While the horses are a lovely sight, they can become startled if children enter their space. Stay safe!

****New dates have been added to our school calendar, including our Harvest Festival, which will take place on Tuesday 14th October, and FoMB events this term. Please take a look at the dates on the following pages.****

Best wishes,
From Mrs Hanwell and staff

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Thursday 2nd October	Red Kites visit Bletchley Park
Tuesday 7th October	Swallows visit The Story Museum
Thursday 9th October	FoMB Meeting - The Seven Stars Curry Night
Monday 13th - 17th October	Donations for the Food Bank
Tuesday 14th October, 9:30am	Harvest Festival, St Peters Church
Wednesday 15th October	IMPS - Year 6
Friday 17th October, 3;10 - 4:15pm	FoMB Stay & play (for Reception - Year 6 children)
Thursday 23rd October, 3.10pm	End of term
Friday 24th October	INSET (no children in school)
Saturday 8th November	Baldons Bonfire Night (FoMB will have a stall)
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 9th December, 2pm	Woodpeckers Nativity
Wednesday 10th December, 9:15 am	Woodpeckers Nativity
Friday 12th December, 2pm	Carol Concert - whole school
Friday 12th December	Bake Sale and Christmas Raffle Draw
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Treat
Thursday 18th December	FoMB Festive Silent Disco
Friday 19th December, 1:15pm	End of Autumn Term 2

Information to follow about dates this term:

Dates TBC	School tours for prospective families
Week beg. 13th October	Parents Consultations and SEND reviews
Dates TBC	Online Safety & Smart Phones
Date TBC	Coffee morning

Other important dates for the academic year:

Date	Event
Monday 5th January	INSET (No children in school)
Tuesday 6th January	Start of Spring Term 1
TBC	Parents Consultations and SEN Reviews
Friday 13th February	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 23rd February	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Woodpeckers' Breakfast (parents invited)
23rd - 27th March	Eco-School - Great Big School Clean
TBC	Easter Service
Friday 27th March, 1:15pm	End of Spring Term 2
Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday 22nd April	Swallows Breakfast (Parents invited)
Thursday 30th April	School Photographs
Friday 1st May	Maypole Event
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday
11th - 14th May	SATS - Year 6
18th - 22nd May	Kilvrough residential - Years 5 and 6
Friday 22nd May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 1st June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 5th June	Whole School Exhibition
Mon 8th & Tues 9th June	Bikeability - Years 5 and 6
Friday 19th June	Red Kites Breakfast (Parents invited)
Thursday 9th July, 6pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Woodpeckers
Friday 10th July, 2pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Woodpeckers
Friday 10th July	End of Year written reports to parents
Monday 13th July, AM	Sports Day
Friday 17th July, 1:15pm	End of Summer Term

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
SCHOOL-AGE UPWARDS**



HAVE FUN ~ MAKE FRIENDS ~ LOVE RUGBY

- **GIRLS' AND BOYS' RUGBY**
- **EVERY SUNDAY FROM 10AM**
- **INCLUSIVE TEAM – WOLVES**

**3 FREE
TASTER
SESSIONS**



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