

Welcome to Marnel Infant School 2026

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Marnel
Infant School





Here tonight...

- **Year R Class Teachers:**

- Miss Ellen Spalding– Year R Lead Assistant Headteacher
- Ms Rachael Stockwell – Year R Teacher
- Mr Tom Williams – Year R Teacher
- Miss Mia Scannelli – Year R Teacher



What will you find out today?

- Understanding of the induction activities.
- The answers to your questions around uniform, things your child will need and when they will need them.
- The confidence that you and your child will be ready for school in September.



How will I find out what I need to know before September...?

- Our communication with you will be via e-mail; the fact that you are here means that you will have received the information about this meeting! Currently we will be using the e-mail address you made your application from – this can be updated in September from the forms you completed.
- After Thursday's virtual session there will be a section on our website:
 - Key Information – Joining our School – New Starters 2026 link
- I would also encourage you to link into our social media  marnel_infant_school



How will I find out what I need to know post September...?

- You will have received the Teachers 2 Parents forms which means you will get text and email communication from us.
- Letters will also be uploaded to the website and if you receive a text to say a letter has been e-mailed but you haven't received it you will be able to read it on the website.
- Seesaw



How can you help your child be 'school ready'?



Uniform



P.E. Kit



Forest School Kit

- All children do Forest School activities once a week, for the first half term this will be within the school grounds. Your child's Forest School day will **Thursday afternoons** – your child's class teacher will let you know when this is starting.
- The children will need long sleeved tops and full length trousers throughout the year. In the winter or when it is wet! They will need welly boots and a waterproof coat...or all in one.



Please help us by...

- Naming **all** items of clothing !
- No back packs please
- No toys
- Your child will receive a water bottle and book bag during the induction session after the summer break.



Homework

- Phonics
- Words
- Numbers
- Reading
- Spelling – when your child is ready within Year R
- Curriculum Evenings



School Rules

- 4 Simple Rules –
 - We are kind.
 - We listen.
 - We look after our school.
 - We always try our best.



Rewards

- Star cards
- Stickers
- Star sticker
- Star of the Day
- Child of the day (Twiggle)
- Celebration assembly



Rewards and Sanctions

- We believe that all children want to be good!
- Star system:
 - Warning - name off the star
 - Name onto the timer = 5 minutes off the next free choice session
 - Continue = time out in another classroom
 - Persistent issues = meeting with parents



Progress

- Teacher/parent after school – ‘open door policy’
- Outcomes
- Parents’ evenings – hybrid model
- End of year reports



What we need to know from you...

You should by now have had completed and returned all the forms that we need. If you haven't we will have hopefully caught up with you this evening or via e-mail 😊



Others...

- Deefur and Olive



- THRIVE



Which class?

- Talk to pre-schools
- Use taster sessions
- Boys, girls, ages
- Survey monkey will come out Monday 15th June (please check your junk mail) and it will need to be in by Friday 26th June.
- When will you know? You will receive this via e-mail Tuesday 7th July by 5pm - this will include a map and photographs.
- Meet the teachers and class mates at the story time. Parents will then be invited in at the end to see the classroom and meet the classroom team.
- [Transition booklet](#) over the summer.
- One to one meeting with teacher in school or via zoom.



Taster Sessions



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- Familiarisation with the classrooms and playgrounds
- Friday 19th June Summer Fayre – 5.30pm – 7.30pm
- Thursday 25th June – Open evening - 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Monday 29th June - Forest School open afternoon 1.30 – 2.30pm – parents must attend.
- Monday 13th July – Storytime with their new class/ class teacher 10am – 10.30am and ‘Meet the teacher’ – names on class list. If you do not wish for your child’s name to appear on the class list please let a member of the team know this evening or contact the school office.



First Days



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- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – One to one meet the teachers. They will get their book bag and water bottle.
- Thursday 3rd September – Stay and play 9.30am – 1.15pm (without parents) This will include lunch.
- Friday 4th September – Stay and play (without parents) – 9am – 2.30pm. This will include lunch.
- Monday 7th September – all children full-time – 8.30am – 3.10pm



Lunchtimes

- School dinners!
- Menu
- Packed lunches
- Zones

Wrap Around Care



Morning Snacks

- Milk

- Fruit



And now for the legal bits . . .

- Illness and notifying school
- Medicines in school
- **Leave of Absence in Term Time** – vital you ask before you book. You will get these dates with your new class letters.
- Special medical or dietary requirements
- Head lice
- What to do if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the school day.
- General support



Governance!

- We are looking to recruit some new governors to our board!
- Help to set the strategic vision for the school and monitor progress against the school improvement plan.
- This can be a parent but also, grandparent, relatives or friends!
- E-mail me s.giles-cox@marnel-inf.hants.sch.uk



And finally . . .

- We'll see you soon...
- If you haven't returned your forms please do this as soon as you can 😊
- Any questions or things you would like to share the staff are armed with clipboards!
- Thank you!

