

Marland Primary School

SPRING



2026



NEWSLETTER



A welcome from the Headteacher...

Happy Easter and Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter!

We've had a great term, but will definitely be pleased to see warmer weather coming our way.

This term we have got involved with many charity and community activities, including World Book Day, Red Nose Day and many more.

World Book Day delivered some excellent costumes yet again, with our staff and keen pupils dressing up as their favourite character from a book.

Learning has continued at a fast pace. **Please look at the 'Classes' pages on our website for further details about what they have been doing and also at the 'Latest News' section where you can see recent whole school events and achievements!**

If you need to contact us please get in touch with your child's class teacher as the first point of call, via your usual contact method. The best way to do this is by Class Dojo, giving instant access to ask questions, get feedback about their day, or see a picture of excellent work and achievements. If you are not sure how to set up Class Dojo, please give us a call and we will help.

I hope you enjoy seeing all of our hard work (and fun) and look forward to seeing you for the Summer Term!



Ross Davage

Primary Headteacher





Important Information

Term Dates: Summer Term

Start of Summer Term	Monday 20th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Last day before the May 1/2 Term	Friday 22nd May 2026
Pupils return to school	Monday 1st June 2026
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday 22nd July 2026
Staff training days	Thursday 23rd July 2026 Friday 24th July 2026

Times of School Day

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

School starts	09:00a.m.
Break	10:50 - 11:10 a.m.
Lunch	12:40 p.m. - 01:10 p.m.
School ends	03:10 p.m.

Wednesday only

School starts	09:00 a.m.
Break	10: 50 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
Lunch	12:10 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.
School ends	12:40 p.m.



REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS & CARERS

If you move house, change telephone number or your personal circumstances change, please let us know as soon as you are able so that our records are up to date.

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Important Information continued...

Reminder: Kit List



Where possible please provide the following for your child:

- ◆ Swimming trunks
- ◆ Swimming goggles
- ◆ Swimming towel
- ◆ Wellies or outdoor shoes
- ◆ Waterproof jacket/rain mac
- ◆ Spare set of underwear
- ◆ 2 lots of spare socks
- ◆ Spare trousers/shorts
- ◆ Spare t-shirt
- ◆ Spare jumper/hoodie



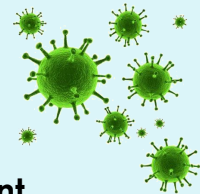
PLEASE LABEL EACH ITEM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS!

Due to the flexible nature of our teaching programme, these items will remain in school. They will be washed after each use, and relabelled when needed.

Is my child too ill for school?

PLEASE keep your child off school for the following illnesses:

- ◆ Sickness and/or diarrhoea—for 48 hours AFTER the last instance
- ◆ Chicken Pox - until the spots have crusted over
- ◆ Fever/Temperature (over 37.8C) - until the fever is no longer present



If you suspect your child has any infectious illness other than a cold, please call for advice in addition to seeking advice from your GP.

If you suspect your child is coming down with an illness or feeling under the weather, and you have sent them to school, please let us know so we can monitor the situation and contact you if necessary.

If in doubt, please call for advice.

More information can be found on the NHS website.



Please check our website regularly for News, Information,
and advice that you may find useful!
marland-school.co.uk

Medical Information

If there are any changes in your child's medication/dose, please let us know. Even if your child does not need medication at school, this information is extremely important in case of a medical emergency as it enables us to give a clear picture to emergency services.

Absence

It is very important that you get in touch with school via email, phone or class dojo as soon as you know your child will not be attending school. There have been times when we have had to delay class activities because we are waiting for a child to arrive and as you will understand, this can cause a lot of stress for the children.

School Dinners

If you pay for school meals, we ask that you please pay IN ADVANCE. Meals cost £2.50 per day and there are a variety of options available. We offer a choice between 2 main dinners or jacket potatoes with various fillings, and we always offer fruit, yoghurt or a 'pudding'. We accept payment by cash or cheque (made payable to Devon County Council, handed in to the school office).

Toys/Gadgets/Tech

Whilst we appreciate that many of our pupils have long journeys to and from school and we have no problem with them bringing in toys, gadgets or tech to keep them occupied, please be advised that these items are brought to school at your own risk. We will also ask our pupils to hand these items to Reception or their Class teacher during the day.

School Drop-off/Collection

We have been experiencing some issues with traffic congestion at the entrance to Marland Primary School. To address this issue, we are asking all parents and operatives to treat the road in front of the school as ONE WAY. This involves continuing down Chanters Road, entering the Cattle Market Car Park, and approaching the school from that direction. Parents escorting children can park along the fence, passing the taxi line and facing the main road.

As school users account for approximately 70% of traffic during pick-up and drop-off times, we hope this change will improve traffic flow and enhance safety for children. While this may result in delays near St Mary's School, we believe this is the best solution at present.

Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny at the school.

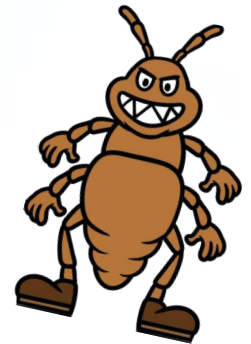


Polite requests!

We want to ensure the comfort and hygiene of all our pupils and the following information helps us to achieve this. We really value your support.

Nits

This term NITS have, once again, made an appearance in our classrooms. Please remember to regularly check your child's hair and if necessary, please treat the **whole family** and change any bedding etc. Treatments can be requested from your GP on prescription as repeated treatments can get costly.



Personal items/clothes

Please make sure any clothes your child wears or brings to school are clearly labelled with their name. It helps us reunite misplaced items quickly! Please ensure that your child has at least one spare change of clothes in school, so please replace as necessary.

Spare Clothes (stock)

We always like to keep a stock of spare clothes for our pupils in case of 'accidents', messy play or mud! We have a particular shortage of pants socks and trousers so if you have any old clothes that you would be happy to donate we would be extremely grateful.

Fancy Dress items

If you have any old fancy dress items of any gender that you no longer need we would love to receive them. Dressing up is a wonderful source of enrichment, particularly for our younger pupils, as well as being great fun!



SAFEGUARDING

Here at Marland Primary School, we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of our pupils. We strive to create a warm and safe environment where our pupils are respected and valued. If you ever need to discuss anything related to safeguarding with a member of staff, your child's teacher and/or our safeguarding team are always here to listen.

Devon Parent Carer Forum:

<https://www.parentcarerforumdevon.org/>

Parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) within Devon local authority. Our aim is to make sure that services provided by education, health and care meet the needs of children with SEND and their families.

We aim, to:

- Build understanding
- Build parent power
- Get together



**Devon
Family**

**Advice Line:
0800 5385 458
(Mon-Fri 10am-4pm)**

Help and support for you and your family

Family Hubs are a new way of bringing together all the support a family may need. They offer a welcoming environment and serve as a central point of access for all families, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) up to age 25.

<https://service.actionforchildren.org.uk/devon-family-hubs/>

Resources for parents around online safety for children:

Swiggle.org.uk - Child Friendly Search Engine for Kids

[Smartie the Penguin | Childnet](#)

[Digiduck Stories | Childnet](#)

[Jessie & Friends](#)

[Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

[Education for a Connected World - GOV.UK](#)

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command)

CEOP stands for Child Exploitation and Online Protection. It's a part of the National Crime Agency in the UK, dedicated to keeping children and young people safe from online sexual abuse and grooming. CEOP works with various organizations, including the police, internet companies, and schools, to provide a safe online environment. They offer helpful resources, education programs, and an online reporting tool for anyone concerned about online safety. CEOP's goal is to protect children by educating them and their families about online risks and how to stay safe online.

[CEOP Safety Centre](#)



**HAPPY
EASTER
from
EVERYONE
at
Marland Primary
School**

***We look forward to seeing you for the
Summer Term on Monday 20th April!***