



ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL FROM MARSWORTH CE INFANT SCHOOL 2026

Through our values of Respect, Courage, Compassion and Curiosity, Marsworth CE Infant School provides a unique nurturing environment to inspire a love of learning in our children.

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.' Proverbs 22:6

We care for each child as an individual to support their education, social, spiritual and moral growth. Learn, Live and Remember!

Personnel:

As of September, I returned to working full time. Mrs Scott continues to work alongside me in KS1 and works three full days. We also welcomed Mrs Lacey who teaches on a Friday in KS1. Mrs Karen Holdsworth works three full days in EYFS alongside Mrs Emma Williams who works two days a week.

Miss Lisa Driscoll continues to full fill her role as our School Business and Office Manager. We currently have 18 children on roll and 8 in our Nursery, who we hope will join us in Reception come September. We have an additional staff member who supports a child with additional needs in the morning and in the afternoon in KS1, she also supports the other children in KS1. Our two long standing members of the support team continue their roles supporting pupils in EYFS and in KS1.

Group Membership:

The school continues to be a member of the following groups:

- Network Learning Community of Schools (Liaison Group)
- Federation of Small Schools Group (FOSS)
- Side by Side group from the Local Authority for both EYFS and KS1
- SEN liaison support group
- PIP group for EYFS

Refurbishment/Maintenance

Just recently we have installed a new internal door to the entrance and secure access on several doors around the school. This has helped improve the safety of the school site.

The EYFS team has worked hard rearranging the environment to accommodate our new 3-year-old nursery pupils. As some of you may be aware, we now offer the 15 hours funding and extended 15 hours of funding.

We continue to work hard on our rebranding with new a new school logo. This is now on all paper documents, the school uniform, displays around the school along with staff jackets and lanyards. We have a new platform for our school website. I hope you agree it truly reflects life at Marsworth School. In addition to the website, a school Facebook page has gone live where staff, parents and family members have been encouraged to follow to find out about what has been going on at school. If you haven't already, please do take a look and click follow!

Curriculum

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum. Swimming continues – with a donation from Marsworth Parish Council - for all Reception and KS1 children on a weekly basis and is thoroughly enjoyed by the children. We have had visits from the Medical Detection Dogs charity, Sports clubs, Mr Chang, who spoke to the children about Chinese New Year and just recently Mr Stephen Thompson who led a fossil and dinosaur workshop for KS1. The pupils learnt about Remembrance and Rev. James met us over at the monument for a two-minute silence and then we made our wreaths to lay at the memorial. We held our annual Harvest service at the Church.

To enhance the curriculum, both EYFS and KS1 went on school trips to Wendover Woods. KS1 have a trip booked to the National History Museum and will be taking part in a fossil discovery workshop.

We have just recently taken part in World Book Day where parents were invited in to read a story to the children. The children came dressed up as a book character. The day consisted of storytelling using sensory stories and puppets, sharing books, making paper bag puppets and designing new characters.

We held a spirituality day, with a focus on justice and fairness. The children were encouraged to think what fairness meant to them. (Mirror moment) we then read the book 'We Can' by Alexandra Strick and thought about what a fair would look

like. (Window moment) in the afternoon we read the story If I were PM, the children were encouraged to think about changes they would make if they were Prime Minister. The same week saw a visit from Laura Kyrke-Smith who is a member of Parliament. She was very impressed with the questions from the children and how well behaved and engaged they were.

KS1 have been learning about the Great Fire of London in history and read the text 'Vlad and the Great Fire' in English. In DT they made their own models of a Tudor house.

In EYFS they have been focusing on a different text each week and doing some lovely work to go with it. Some of the texts have been linked to the topic British Wildlife. Some of the texts were, 'One Snowy Night' and 'Follow the Swallow'. I'm sure they will be reading even more as the term goes on! The pupils have been learning a rhyme each week and as part of EYFS Bucks Communication Week, they have been watching some online videos by some authors.

We continue to welcome volunteers into school who have been supporting the children with their phonics, reading, handwriting and fine motor skills. We are very grateful to them for giving up their time and the children lovely seeing them every week.

Coming up in the Summer Term, the children will be taking part in Our Diverse World topic where we will be learning about different countries and cultures.

Life at Marsworth School, as you can see, continues to be varied and enjoyable. We are an inclusive school where children learn to respect each other, show compassion to others and develop a sense of curiosity with their learning and the World they live in. This is embedded not only throughout the values and vision, but also through our curriculum.

I would also like to add our thanks to the whole village for their valued support of our school – it is much appreciated.

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Headteacher