**Autumn Term – Newsletter 6 – 26th November 2026**

# Marsden Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers



As we begin another busy and exciting few weeks in school, I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA, our families and our dedicated staff who generously give their time to organise and support fundraising events. Your commitment and enthusiasm help us raise valuable funds to purchase resources and experiences that enrich our children's learning. We are incredibly grateful for all that you do for our school community.

Please take a moment to make a note of the many important dates and events coming up over the next few weeks as we head towards the end of 2026. We know there is a lot to remember at this time of year, so please make use of Class Dojo, where important updates will be shared regularly. There is a calendar within Class Dojo which can also help you keep track.

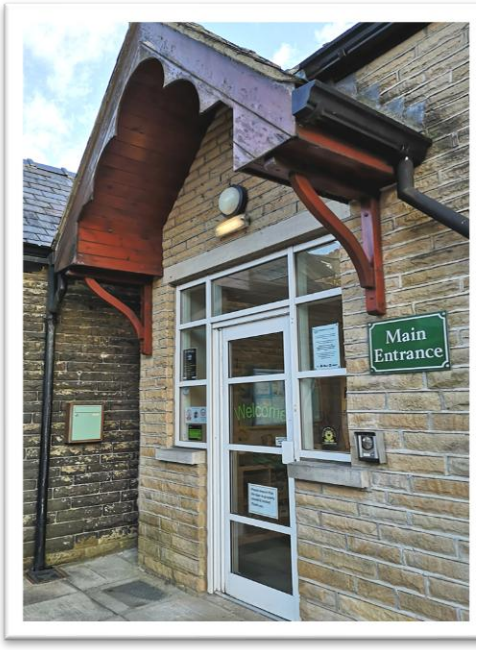
We would also like to wish Mrs Marsh and her family all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for her as they prepare to welcome a new addition to the family and know you will join us in sending your warmest wishes for this very special time.

As the weather becomes colder and often wetter, please ensure that children come to school with suitable clothing, including warm coats and appropriate footwear. We would also be grateful if you could name as many items of clothing as possible, as this helps us to quickly reunite lost belongings with their owners.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we make our school a happy, caring and successful place for every child to thrive.

Have a wonderful week.

**Kind regards,**
**Mrs N Jablonski, Head Teacher**




## Dates for your diary

**Friday 27th November** Non Uniform Day in exchange for a Raffle/Tombola prize

**Wednesday 2nd December** Reception Class Christmas Crafternoon 1.30-3.00pm

**Monday 7th December** Dance Afterschool Club showcase 3.45pm

**Monday 7th December** Christmas Performance Tickets go on sale. £1.50 per person.

**Wednesday 9th December** Nursery Class Christmas Crafternoon 1.30-3.00pm

**Thursday 10th December** Christmas Jumper Day & Reindeer Run for Kirkwood Hospice

**WC 14th December** No after school clubs this week.

**Monday 14th December** KS1 Christmas Performances - 10.15am and 2.15pm.

**Tuesday 15th December** EYFS Christmas Performance – 2.15pm

**Thursday 17th December** Christmas Countdown 3.15-3.45pm

## Nursery Enrolment Now Open for January 2027

We are now taking applications for Nursery places starting in **January or Easter 2027**. Please share this information with friends and family who have children aged 3 and 4 years.

If your child already attends our Nursery and you would like to increase their attendance from January, please contact **Caroline in the school office** to discuss the options available.

Our Nursery offers excellent value, with sessions priced at **£15.00 per session** (morning or afternoon, each lasting three hours). **Full-day places are also available.**

To support working families, additional childcare can be arranged from **7.30am** through our on-site **Breakfast Club**, and until **6.00pm** through **Marsden Kids Club**, our on-site after-school childcare provider.

For further information or to discuss availability, please contact the school office.




## PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) Fundraiser

We'd like to say a huge thank you to those who made our Neon Disco possible for our children. We'd like to thank our PTFA volunteers, staff and of course our parents for putting plans in place to allow the children to attend.

It was wonderful to see them enjoy dressing to impress, dancing and being creative in the chill-out zone.

The Neon Disco raised an amazing **£273.00** for school funds, which, as always, will be spent directly on the children.





## Odd Socks Day Celebrates Our Differences!




On **Monday 16th November**, children and staff will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** as part of **Anti-Bullying Week**. By wearing odd socks, we will be celebrating the message that **we are all different, and that is something to be proud of**.

We had a colourful day of odd socks as we celebrated individuality and continue to promote a school culture where everyone feels valued, respected and proud to be themselves.








**Non-Uniform Day**

On Friday 27th November, we invite children to attend school wearing clothes other than school uniform.

In exchange, we are kindly asking for donations of Raffle or Tombola prizes for our school's Christmas Raffle and Tombola.

Christmas Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. The Christmas Draw will take place on Christmas Dinner Day in school on Wednesday 16th December). We will notify the winners before we close for Christmas on Friday 18th December.

## Dance Club Showcase




Parents and carers of children who attend our **After School Dance Club** are warmly invited to join us for a special **Dance Club Showcase** on **Monday 7th December at 3.45pm**.

Throughout the term, the children have worked hard to learn and practise a variety of dance routines, developing their confidence, coordination and performance skills along the way. We would love for families to come and celebrate their achievements as they perform the dances, they have been learning each week.

The showcase will last approximately **30 minutes** and will be a wonderful opportunity to see the children's enthusiasm, progress and talent on display.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing their fantastic performances!

## Christmas Countdown

Join us for our **Christmas Countdown**, our final festive get-together before we break up for the Christmas holidays!

**Thursday 17th December**
**3:15pm - 3:45pm**

Come along and enjoy:

🎟️ **Christmas Tombola** with lots of festive prizes to be won
🎁 **Christmas treats and gifts** available to purchase
🏆 **Christmas Raffle prize collection** for our lucky winners
🎄 A chance to come together as a school community and celebrate the season

This event is organised by our **PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association)** and all funds raised will help support the children and school.

We hope you can join us for some festive fun as we count down to Christmas together!






**Tickets go on sale on Monday 7th December 2026**

Our performances are held at Marsden Mechanics to allow more family and friends to attend and enjoy our children's performances. The ticket sales contribute towards the cost of hiring the hall and are kept as low as possible. Tickets are charged at £1.50 each and are available to purchase from **Monday 7th December**.



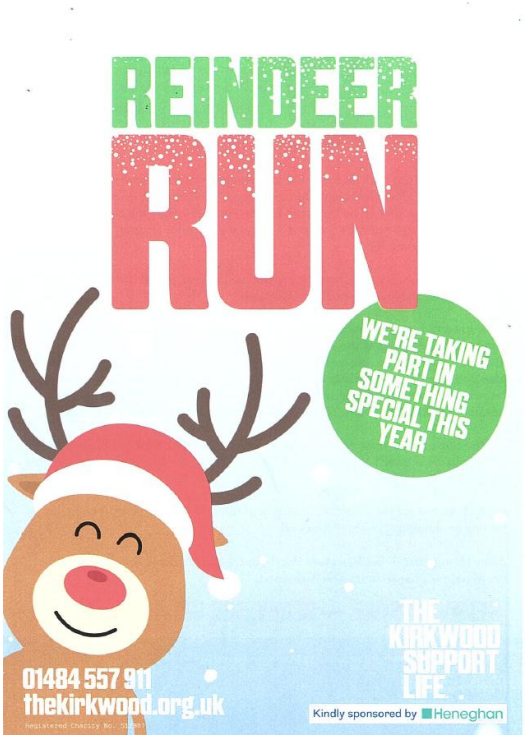

**Kirkwood Hospice Reindeer Run – Thursday 10th December**

We are delighted that the children will be taking part in a **Reindeer Run** during the school day to raise money for our local charity, **The Kirkwood**. This is a new event for our school, and a wonderful opportunity for the children to support an important cause in our community.

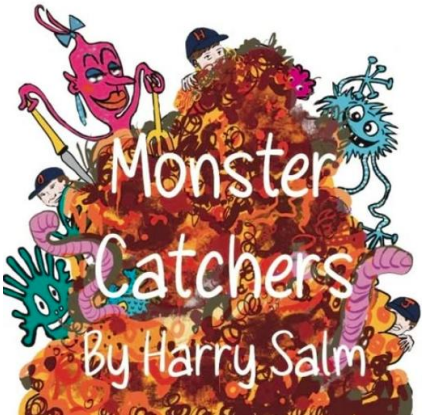
Sponsor forms and donation envelopes will be coming home with children during the week commencing **30th November**. We hope the children will enjoy having fun whilst raising funds to help **The Kirkwood** continue to care for people in our local community.

On the day, each child will receive a set of reindeer antlers to wear and will follow a route through school and the playgrounds, taking part, having fun and raising money at the same time. Best of all, the antlers will be theirs to keep!

Please return all sponsorship money by **Wednesday 16th December**. Thank you for your support and generosity in helping us support this wonderful local charity.



## *Monster Catchers* Inspires Our Young Readers




We are delighted to share the inspiring story behind the book *Monster Catchers*, written by Harry Salm, a courageous and imaginative young boy from Huddersfield. Harry was just nine years old when he created this magical adventure about three friends who set out to catch monsters, encountering excitement, surprises and fun along the way.

Sadly, Harry passed away following a battle with a brain tumour, but his creativity, determination and love of storytelling continue to inspire others through his book. *Monster Catchers* is being sold in Harry's memory, with proceeds supporting Candlelighters and Brain Tumour Research. https://thegreatbritishbookshop.co.uk/




Sharing Harry's story with our children has provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate imagination, resilience and the joy that books can bring. It also helps children understand how creativity can leave a lasting legacy and make a positive difference to others.

We are very grateful to Adele Wood (our neighbour and friend of Harry's family) for sharing this special book with our school community and helping us remember the remarkable legacy of Harry Salm




## Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 16th December

We'll enjoy our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December. Children who would normally bring a packed lunch would be welcome to enjoy a school lunch. This can be chosen on the day at registration time.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper on this day if they wish.

If your child ordinarily brings a packed lunch, and would like to enjoy the Christmas Dinner with us, and has a special dietary requirement, please let Caroline know no later than Friday 4th December.

Children who already have a special diet plan in place, will have a menu sheet sent home aligned to your child's dietary need. Once you receive this, please return it ASAP.

Thank you.

## A Wonderful New Addition to Our Playground!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our fantastic **PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association)** for funding the wonderful new **Trim Trail** for our Key Stage 1 playground.

The Trim Trail is already proving to be a popular addition, providing children with exciting opportunities to develop their balance, coordination and physical confidence through active play. As the equipment is portable, it can also be enjoyed by our Early Years children, meaning even more pupils can benefit from this fantastic resource.

This is a wonderful example of how the PTFA's hard work and dedication directly enhances our children's experiences in school. By organising fundraising events and activities throughout the year, the PTFA helps us purchase those valuable extras that are often beyond the scope of normal school budgets, enriching school life and creating additional opportunities for our children.

We are incredibly grateful to the PTFA team for their time, energy and commitment to our school. We would also like to thank our wider school community whose continued support of PTFA fundraising events makes projects like this possible.

**Thank you for helping to make our school an even better place for our children to learn, play and thrive.**











## Shapes All Around Us!

This week, our KS1 children have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes, learning about faces, edges and vertices, and investigating which shapes can roll, stack, do both or do neither.

They then discovered how 2D shapes can be found on the faces of 3D shapes by using wax crayons to create shape rubbings. The children also used craft straws to make a variety of 2D shapes, discussing their properties and comparing squares, rectangles and other polygons. We finished the week with some fantastic shape investigations and plenty of mathematical discussions as the children confidently identified and named different shapes.







**Owl Babies**

This week, our Nursery children have continued to enjoy our work around the story *Owl Babies*. The children have been sequencing events from the story and have become increasingly confident at retelling it, talking about the characters and recalling key phrases from the text.

They have also been developing their fine motor skills and we have been incredibly impressed with the children's progress; just look at the artwork they have created and their use of scissors!  Their confidence and control have improved so much in just one week. Well done, Seedlings!






As part of our learning around the story ***Owl Babies***, we have been exploring nocturnal animals. The children enjoyed identifying animals that are awake at night and were able to name lots of different nocturnal creatures. They also sorted pictures into day- and night-time groups, with some of the animals providing a real challenge and prompting lots of thoughtful discussion!






**Rise & Shine at Our School Breakfast Club!**

Start the day the right way with a warm, welcoming breakfast and plenty of fun!

🕖 **Monday – Friday | 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM**

📅 **Enrolling now for Spring 1 Half Term 2027**

For just £4.00 per day, per child (sibling discount available!), your child can enjoy a relaxed and friendly start to their morning in a safe, supervised setting.

✨ **What we offer:**

🍳 Nutritious breakfast options

🎨 Calm activities to get ready for the school day

👫 A friendly space to socialise and unwind

🚶 NEW for September!

Children moving on to Marsden Junior School are now welcome— we'll safely walk them to school ready for an 8:40 AM start!

📌 **Secure your place today!**

Simply complete a Registration Form which are available to collect from the school office, or download from the website. Give your child a great start every morning—join our Breakfast Club!

## Spring Term After-School Clubs

Bookings are now open for our **Spring Term After-School Clubs**, which begin in the week commencing **4th January 2027**.

Our clubs this term are:

- **Monday: Dance Club with Bernadette Heys School of Dance - £21**
- **Tuesday: Arty Explorers - £33**
- **Thursday: Sports Stars with Legacy Sport - £21**

Children who are eligible for **means-tested Free School Meals** can access **one club per half term free of charge**.

As clubs start immediately after we return in January, please ensure places are booked **before we close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 17th December**. We look forward to another exciting term of after-school activities!


JOIN US FOR A
YULETIDE
NOVEMBER 28TH
FROM 10 AM TO 4PM
MARKET
Enjoy a magical family day out at our festive local Art Market!
Enjoy free entry, live music, delicious treats from the bake stall and cafe, and a special visit from Santa—plus get creative in our FREE drop-in workshops for any age, making clay hanging decorations and solstice candles to take home. Hop aboard a canal boat from Lock 42 to arrive outside the door. (Departs every 30 min from 11-4PM : Small donation appreciated)
MARSDEN :
NORTH OF ENGLAND CENTRE FOR MUSIC & ARTS,
STANDEDGE TUNNEL, MARSDEN, HD7 6NQ


Rooted
Friday Club
Join us in welcoming winter with some Christmas crafts and sensory play.
Street food from Picante.
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
3:30 - 6:30 | BAR OPEN
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LEGACY SPORT
SOUTH KIRKLEES
CHRISTMAS
ACTIVETY PROGRAMME
21/12 MULTISPORTS
22/12 NERF GAMES
23/12 CHRISTMAS FUN DAY PARTY
FUN DAY
£20 PER SESSION
NERF
EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8:30AM,
LATE PICK UP TILL 4PM
£2.50 ADDITION PER 30 MINUTES
@Meltham Sports Complex | 9am till 3pm
5 to 11 year olds
Contact Kirk to book:
07525370437 | kirk@legacysport.co.uk


MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
Macmillan Coffee Morning
This certificate is presented to
Marsden Infant & Nursery School
and friends.
In 2026, you fundraised £332.88
Congratulations on your fundraising.
Your kind support helps Macmillan provide better cancer care for everyone, whoever and wherever they are.
Thank you.