



# Newsletter

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Our Christian Value of the  
Month is:

**Perseverance**

*"I can do all things through  
him who strengthens me".*

*Philippians 4.13*

## Perseverance Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
When I feel worried about  
facing a new challenge,  
help me to persevere.  
When I feel like giving up,  
help me to persevere.

Amen

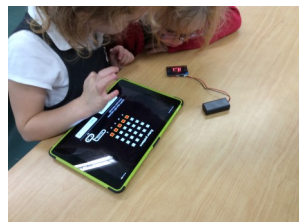


As we reach the end of a very busy and productive first half term here at Much Marcle C of E Primary School, your children have worked so hard and strived for success in so many areas of school life. The school is a vibrant, lively and dynamic place where all children are given a chance to learn, grow and understand their world. They have had a wonderful first term settling into their new classes, getting to know their teachers and working with friends old and new.

### Class 1



### Class 2



### Class 3



### Class 4





## An Exciting New Blue Peter Badge

Blue Peter has introduced an amazing new Book Badge, beautifully designed by Sir Quentin Blake, along with a dedicated monthly book club. This badge will be awarded to children aged five to fifteen who share their thoughts on a book, create character illustrations, and express their love for other books and authors. This is an exciting badge to earn especially knowing that reading is a superpower that can ignite children's imaginations. To apply click on the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-bookbadge>



## Reading Bookmark

Research shows that children who enjoy reading, do better at school in all subjects. Reading with your child can be fun and very rewarding, even if your child is a confident reader.



Our expectation is that your child reads their levelled book at home to an adult AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK, in addition to reading that they do daily, in school.

To encourage reading for pleasure the children can choose to read any extra books that appeal to them, for example stories or information books on hobbies or interests e.g. football.

They do not have to just read school books; newspapers, magazines, recipes, games instructions can be read together and still be part of the process of learning to read for enjoyment.

We are now introducing a 'Reading Bookmark' as a reward for children who consistently read at least 3 times a week. Each week they will earn a sticker and at the end of the term if they have received a sticker for each week during that term they will be given a special reading reward.



## Online Safety

Does your child watch live streams?

### What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

### Who is watching livestreaming?

Research from Ofcom reported that 57% of 3 – 17 year olds have watched live streams and the most used platforms to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok. The research also showed that the percentage watching content on livestreaming app/sites increased by age. A third of 3-4 year olds were watching live content with this number growing to eight in ten of 16-17 year olds. This is reported in Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022 (ofcom.org.uk).

### What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

### How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an **age rating of 13**.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information visit <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>







## Home School Partnership

We would like to thank parents/carers for your continued support in ensuring our children are upholding our school values and learning powers.

We have now created a homework reminder which has been stuck into the back page of your child's reading record so that both you and your child can check what homework needs to be completed and when it is due in.

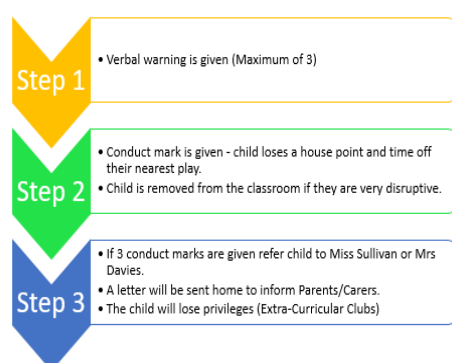
## Our Behaviour Policy

At Much Marcle, we aim to create an environment in which all children feel safe and happy, enabling them to learn and achieve in all areas of the curriculum whilst developing skills and attitudes, based upon mutual respect and trust. This in turn enables the children to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of the school community.

We have a legal responsibility to promote good behaviour and discipline in school and it is our expectation that at all times the behaviour of our pupils is excellent, they are safe and protected from harm.

Our Behaviour Policy can be found on our school website. Here is our flowchart which we use in school.

### Much Marcle C of E Primary School Behaviour Management Flow Chart



We believe that praise and positive reinforcement is most effective and therefore we promote and reward positive behaviour with house points, Headteacher awards and our newly added Praise Postcards.

## Wellbeing

Spend time in Nature! Why not make the most of what autumn has to offer? Colours, smells, sounds... everything changes at autumn time! The golds, reds, purples, russets and oranges that provide a burst of joy before the winter months are particularly vivid this year. Spending time in nature outdoors can help improve your mood and reduce feelings of stress and anger. Try to pay attention to your surroundings and find things to see, hear, taste, smell and touch.



## After School Clubs

The children have really enjoyed Autumn Term 1's after school clubs. Here is a reminder of clubs that are starting when we return from half term.

Autumn Term 2		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023		
Club	Day	Staff
Young Voices KS2	Monday	Miss Sullivan
Cooking Club (KS1)	Tuesday (5weeks)	Mrs Price
KS2 Football	Tuesday	Mr Rudd
KS2 Netball	Thursday	Mr Rudd

## Eco Council

Meet our Eco Council



This year we are working towards gaining the Eco-Schools Green Flag award. Our first job is to complete an environmental review to identify the good things that our school is already doing for the environment. It will also help us to find things that our school could work on to improve. We will then choose three areas we want to target and create an action plan.





## Key Dates

**HALF TERM**  
(30th October—3rd November)

### Nov 6th

Back to school  
Multi-Cultural Day  
Poppies will be on sale  
in school this week —  
50p a poppy

### Nov 13th

National Anti-Bullying  
Week

### Nov 17th

Children in Need

## Harvest Celebration

Harvest assembly is one of the key markers in every school calendar. It's our opportunity to celebrate and learn about where our food comes from. Our Harvest assembly was a delight and we were extremely impressed with how quickly the children learned their songs and words. It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying the assembly too. We would like to thank you for your generous contributions for Ledbury Foodbank.

## Friends of Much Marcle School

This year we are fundraising for new iPads and playground equipment for the children to use. We have lots of great fundraising events planned for this academic year.

We have now introduced a fundraising tracker to our newsletter to keep you updated on how much we have raised.

GOAL
£8000
£7000
£6000
£5000
£4000
£3000
£2000
£1000
START ★

Please help us to reach our fundraising goal of **£8000** by supporting our events. Thank you!

## Labelled uniform

A polite reminder to label your child's clothing with his/ her name. We always do our best to return all your child's belongings at the end of the day, but sadly, this can be very difficult if the belongings are not labelled. Please help us and your children to look after their belongings by labelling everything.



## Coats and Wellies

Please ensure your child brings a coat and a pair of wellies to school. Even if it is raining we will still try to take the children outside at playtimes.

## Attendance

At Much Marcle outstanding attendance and punctuality is our aim for every one of our pupils. Excellent attendance maximises the learning opportunities and parents/carers have a vital role in promoting positive attitudes to good attendance.

Your efforts, working in partnership with school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work. It will also enable your child to:

- access the lessons needed to achieve their expected progress
- maintain friendships and develop new ones
- have access to social and sporting events offered by the school
- develop work habits such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the world of employment

# ATTENDANCE

**Our target is 96%**

Class 1	<b>96.86%</b>
Class 2	<b>93.76%</b>
Class 3	<b>95.83%</b>
Class 4	<b>96.73%</b>

**Red** = Below Target

**Green** = Achieved Target

**Blue** = Above Target

Well done to Class 1 who have won the attendance cup for best attendance in Autumn Term 1.

## House Points Update

<b>Pearmain</b>	<b>Pippin</b>
<b>466</b>	<b>456</b>
<b>Pomeroy</b>	<b>Russet</b>
<b>304</b>	<b>458</b>

We would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a wonderful half term.

