

# MARLCLIFFE MAIL



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## CHRISTMAS AT MARLCLIFFE

It has been wonderful celebrating Christmas at Marlcliffe over the past few weeks. Our Christmas Fair was a great success despite the weather. Our Reception nativity, KS1 Christmas play and KS2 concerts have been an absolute delight to watch. It was such a pleasure to see our children perform with huge smiles on their faces. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at any of our Christmas events. It has also been lovely to see the adventures our Reading Elves have been on as they have visited your homes to spread the love of reading and Christmas cheer. The children also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Santa Dash as well as Christingle services with our friends at Wadsley Church. On behalf of the whole staff team, we would like to wish all of our Marlcliffe families a fun-filled Christmas and best wishes for 2025!



### KS1 HISTORY WORKSHOP

As part of their history learning this half term, KS1 had an exciting visit from the 'One Day Creative Drama Company'. The children took part in a Florence Nightingale drama workshop.

This developed their understanding of Florence Nightingale's life and the events that led her to join the Crimean War as a nurse. The children really enjoyed the experience.



### KS1 CHRISTINGLE

Wadsley Church visited us to help us understand what Christingle means and how it is celebrated. All of the children made their own Christingle and were able to take this home with them. A huge thank you to Wadsley Church for this experience



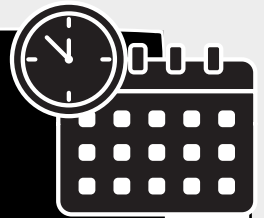
# ATTENDANCE NEWS

UP TO 13.12.24

96%  
School  
Target

RECEPTION	94.6%
YEAR 1	97.3%
YEAR 2	97.2%
YEAR 3	96.4%
YEAR 4	97.6%
YEAR 5	95.6%
YEAR 6	96.4%
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.4%

## COMING SOON ....



MONDAY 6TH JANUARY- INSET DAY

TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY- CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY- CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## LIBRARY UPDATE

The fundraising for furniture for the school library has been a great success. We had some amazing donations and would like to thank everyone who contributed or signposted our campaign to companies to contribute to. It is truly appreciated. The furniture has arrived and the children are very much enjoying being in the library. The library is used every day now with children been given the opportunity to enjoy reading and to borrow books. We are now waiting the arrival of a storytelling chair and then the library will be complete. Thank you again for all of your support in improving this space for our Marcliffe Learners. We LOVE reading at Marcliffe.



## SPORTS UPDATE

We have had lots of sporting success recently. The Year 5/6 Athletics team have made it through to the Arches Finals with great determination. After qualifying and attending the second round of the Y4 Basketball competition. Marcliffe finished 4th overall showing great encouragement and pride throughout. Finally, on Friday 6th December, some of our Marcliffe children attended the 'Happily Ever After' Ice show at Ice Sheffield. It was a magical event throughout and all children represented school perfectly.





# HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD

Since the last edition of the Marcliffie Mail, I have held Hot Chocolate with the Head sessions with children from KS1 and held my first Hot Chocolate with the Head event with some of our Reception learners. The most recent attendees have included:

Y1/2- Emerson, Grayson, Isla and Robin

Reception- Penny, Reggie, Maddie, Eli, Felix and Izzy

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FROM THE  
INSIDE



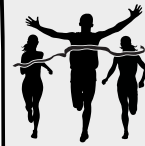
# CROSS COUNTRY

It has been wonderful to see children from across KS2 getting out on Saturday mornings to take part in the Sheffield Primary School Cross Country League. We have now completed 5 of the 8 races for this season. Each event has been fantastic and I have been really proud of the enthusiasm, commitment and perseverance that the children have displayed. We have also had some great mascots - young and older- cheering children on as they have run around the courses.

The atmosphere of the events is incredibly positive and encouraging; they are events where everyone simply wants to see all the children having a good time and achieving their individual best. It is heart-warming how Marcliffie children get to be a part of a fantastic and inclusive larger primary school community. The races are an opportunity for all children to have a go and get that enormous sense of achievement at the end (and a chocolate bar!)

It is not too late to join a race. The next one is at Brunswick Primary School on Saturday 18th January. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Cooper



# SEND UPDATE

Thank you so much to parents of children with additional needs for the useful information you shared with us as part of the parent questionnaires. The feedback was very positive with lots of parents commenting on how safe their children feel at school and that school staff really care about the children they work with. There were a couple of suggestions for things that might be helpful in the future. Some parents mentioned that home learning can sometimes be difficult to manage: something we can work on moving forward. A couple of parents also mentioned that more information about SEND at Marcliffe would be useful. As a result, we will be updating the SEND report on our website very soon.

A letter will be sent out regarding family learning events for families of children with SEND in January.

Mrs Stacey (SENCO)



## NeurodiverCity Sheffield Drop-in

- Do you have a child or young person who is living with ADHD or Autism?
- Is your child waiting for a diagnosis of neurodivergence?
- Do you need advice or support around behaviours in your child or young person which might be indicative of neurodivergence?

Delivered by Family Action and supported by Sheffield Parent Hub, Sheffield Family Hubs and Sheffield City Council.

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Come along for help, support, advice and information... you will be in good hands.

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0114 2412733 or 07816 408019  
NeurodiverCity Sheffield  
Sharrow Community Forum, South View Road, Sheffield, S7 1DB

At Sharrow Community Forum:  
Wednesday 23rd April, 9.30am-12.00pm  
Thursday 12th June, 9.30am-12.00pm

**No diagnosis or booking required!**

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At Scotia Works:  
Friday 28th March, 9.30am-12.00pm  
Thursday 19th June, 4.30pm-7.30pm

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## ADHD Drop-in Information session

Come along to our Information session to learn more about how to support your child with ADHD.

In our information sessions, we discuss the basics of ADHD and provide advice for managing ADHD. Following the session, materials will be provided as well as signposting to other services.

Please arrive on time for the session and note that children cannot attend.

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Friday 10th January, 10.00am - 11.30am  
Friday 16th May, 10.00am - 11.30am

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