



5th September 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your children have enjoyed the first week back. They certainly returned with energy and enthusiasm. Well done to our year 3 pupils who have settled in exceptionally well and are already modelling our Marvel values.

At the end of the last academic year, we asked parents and carers to complete a parent survey and I wanted to pass on our thanks to those of you who took the time to complete it and share your thoughts and opinions. The results were overwhelmingly positive and I have shared some of the headlines along with some parent comments below.

96% of parents report that their child is happy at school, feels safe at school, school makes sure children are well behaved, their child does well at this school and would recommend the school to another parent.

97% believe the school has high expectations for their child.

Marsden Junior School is a happy, fulfilling, school where my daughter thrives. The teaching is of high quality and leadership is clearly sound. I am very pleased with all aspects of the school and would not hesitate in recommending it to another parent or potential parent.

Fantastic school. The sports opportunities are brilliant. I like that children aren't overwhelmed with homework. Great teachers helping the children become well rounded individuals and they all seem very happy.


I just wanted to say as new parents to the school it's nice to see all the staff have good communication and you can see all the hard work and effort going in each week so thank you so much for that. X

I think the teaching is great, but more importantly, the holistic approach to the overall care and wellbeing of the children is excellent. I feel that my child associates school with feelings of positivity, which is very important to me. I don't have any negative feedback or concerns about the school. Thank you for all that you do.

My daughter loves school, she's proud to be a part of MJS and is really excited to come in every day. She particularly loves the extra-curricular activities and events that are offered and really looks forward to them, as well as the wide range of activities that take place regularly in the classroom. Thank you!!

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We have also taken onboard areas for development highlighted in the survey, mainly around communication and parents understanding what their child is learning. Our primary platform for communication remains to be **Seesaw**. On this platform, teachers will share an overview of the class learning each half term. There will be daily pictures and posts to show the different activities children have been completing in class. Teachers will also use seesaw to share any key, upcoming dates specific to your child's class. Any letters home will also be shared via seesaw as well as email. If you are having problems accessing seesaw, then please contact the office.

Some parents have asked for more frequent communication. As such, I will endeavour to send a fortnightly letter sharing events in school as well as details on any upcoming events or dates for your diary. We are busy finalising some key events, such as Harvest collection and performance and the Halloween disco, once finalised a list of key dates will be shared with you all.

I wanted to take the opportunity to share the three aims from our Academy Development Plan, which all schools in the trust produce at the start of each academic year. This year staff in school will be working hard to achieve the three targets below.

- 1. Teaching and learning strategies are expertly deployed to make a positive difference to the school's most vulnerable pupils.**
- 2. Raise the independence and motivation of all children across the curriculum.**
- 3. Embed consistent speaking, listening and oracy teaching approaches to support personal and academic development, and to develop 'a joy in language'.**

These targets will be at the core of everything we do this year and have been chosen with the aim of providing the children with the best education while they are here and also equipping them with the tools to be successful once they leave.

Our excellent PTA will also be working hard throughout the year to raise funds for school projects. They are always on the look out for new members. If you feel you could spare some time or help in any way, then please share your interest with a member of staff and we can pass on your details.

I look forward to working closely with you all this year and have real optimism and excitement for the year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr. Andrews
Head of school