

CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS 2024

What a busy festive month we have had with Christmas performances, a Carol concert at St Mary's in Marshchapel, tree festival decoration and visits, as well as Christmas jumper day with a fabulous lunch cooked by Mrs Gibson. Santa appeared on his tractor, his second time at school following his time at the Christmas Fair! Have a look at our picture round-up.



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The Great Christmas Bake-Off was judged again by Mrs Bell and Mrs Drinkel, governors across our federation. All the cakes were eaten during the Christmas fair. Santa helped make the day a special one.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE AT GRAINTHORPE



Marshchapel children travelled to Grainthorpe to watch the dress rehearsal of the Junior play, *A Christmas Truce*. Skylarks used the visit to write a review of the drama - a great learning opportunity. The Year 2 children's reports provide a great precis of the show.

Emilia set the scene for us.

Robson thought the singing and dancing made the play more entertaining. Evie was impressed that everyone had learned their lines!

Freddie liked the message we got from the play about being friends.

We had a packed village hall for the play and we hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did!



Grandma's Beth and Mary gave me
pics to carol singers. As they
sang we went back in time to
1914 to meet Grandma's
son. He was a soldier in World
War I. On Christmas Eve
the soldiers played foot ball. There was
a message with all the important
things that we missed out on
in the war. I thought the singing
was great because I already knew
some of the songs. The
dancers worked very hard
on there dances. Emilia

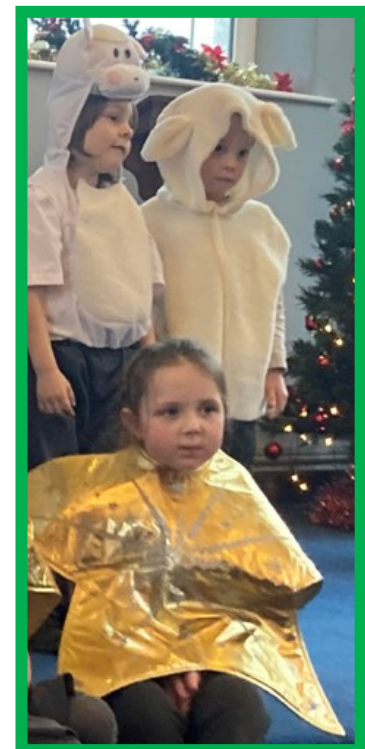
The play showed us that it is better
when everyone works together instead
of fighting. Freddie

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE AT MARSHCHAPEL



It was a whole school performance as Marshchapel performed “Mary’s Knitting” this year. *Mary’s Knitting* is a wonderful school nativity play about a busy mother who is knitting away as she waits for her son, the baby Jesus, to be born. Our two year old nursery children joined in with the production too.

The singing raised the chapel roof, the acting was slick and the narration clear. Well done everyone for reminding us of the reason why we celebrate Christmas!





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SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you have any safeguarding concerns to do with children please let us know. Our Federation has a designated safeguarding lead professional (DSL), Mrs Turner and deputy DSLs, Mrs Manders and Mrs Clifford.

Please telephone school on 01472 869075 (M) or 01472 869035 (G).

If you have a safeguarding issue to discuss, you can contact Children's Services directly on 01522 782111.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Well done to everyone for attending school punctually. We know children sometimes are ill and this is a part of life; please let us know as soon as you can if your child will be absent.

Attendance is monitored by me and I share this with the local authority every term.

At the start of next term, your child will receive their attendance certificates for the Autumn Term.

To encourage good attendance, we do offer termly rewards. Terrific tickets are given weekly if your child attends for five days so the more full weeks, the higher the chance of winning the prizes! This term, we have decided to repeat the prize of a family ticket to the cinema. The winning children are Robson at Marshchapel and William at Grainthorpe. Do let us know which movie you decide to see.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**





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There is still time to apply for a school place for your child starting school in September 2025. The closing date for applications is 15th January. If you would like to visit our schools, please contact us and we will be happy to show you round at a time to suit you. Do share how good we are with your friends and neighbours!



Marshchapel Infant School and
Grainthorpe Junior School

STAY AND PLAY!

Free!

At Grainthorpe Junior School



Wednesdays
(term time)
9:00 to 10:30
From 8 January

Lots of messy play.
Coffee, tea and chat.
Come and join in the fun!

Babies and little
people welcome!

STAY AND PLAY starts again on 8th
January 2025

Please let us know if the day and time is
convenient for you. We want this to be
your event and can be flexible with the
day so please tell us what works for
you:

info@marshchapel.lincs.sch.uk

Well done to Phoebe at Grainthorpe whose Christmas design has been chosen by our local MP to adorn her card this year! Congratulations, Phoebe!



Phoebe with her prizes!



Congratulations also go to Zella who has been a real star at the Grimsby Harriers Athletics Club. Well done for your determination, hard work and perseverance with all things sporty.



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DIARY DATES - WHAT'S COMING UP in TERMS 3 and 4 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 Children return to school

Monday 13th January 2025 - Mrs Turner starts Junior Online Safety Officer Training with three Year 5 children

Wednesday 8th January 2025 swimming begins again for Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 8th January 2025 Year 3 swimming in Louth

Friday 17th January 2025 Rhubarb Theatre working with Grainthorpe children as part of the Lincolnshire Cultural Education Project

Monday 20th January 2025 Library Bus visits both schools

Tuesday 21st January 2025 Rhubarb Theatre working with Marshchapel children as part of the Lincolnshire Cultural Education Project

Friday 24th January 2025 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend begins

Wednesday 29th January 2025 Chinese New Year - parents/carers invited to Marshchapel for an open afternoon

Friday 31st January 2025 Grainthorpe hosts a Science and Design Technology Day. Marshchapel Skylarks will join the science workshops provided by Junior Stem Robotics. Parents/carers invited during the afternoon.

Friday 7th February 2025 Number Day - come to school dressed as your favourite number!

Tuesday 11th February 2025 Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February 2025 Last day of Term 3!

Monday 24th February 2025 Term 4 begins

Thursday 6th March World Book Day

Friday 7th March Science Week begins

Friday 21st March Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th March 2025 Kestrels residential trip to Kingswood

Thursday 3rd April Easter Celebrations - more details to follow

Friday 4th April Last day of Term 4!

Everyone at the Fenland Federation of Marshchapel and Grainthorpe Schools wishes you a very Merry Christmas and we hope you have a great family time. Thank you for your generous gifts and cards. Have a Happy New Year and we will see you in 2025!