



Marlborough Primary Academy

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



Today was the first day of the B-Bucks 'shop'. Pupil Parliament were very excited to open the shop, and invite the pupils in to spend the 'bucks' they have earned. After launching the idea on Monday, we gave out some B-Buck vouchers to staff and parliament representatives, and I was so excited to see a queue at my door on Thursday with a request for 'more Bucks!' This tells me pupils are really keen to earn them, and staff and parliament have been doing a great job at giving them out! Sadly, I haven't been on site at Marlborough today to see the opening of the shop, but Mr Dore assures me there was much excitement.

There was also lots of excitement from the Y5 pupils who went to the Aquarium on Thursday as part of their 'Widening Horizons' work. This work continues throughout the year, and the Y5 pupils will visit lots of local businesses to find out about jobs and industry around Plymouth. Also out and about this week were the Y3/4 class who went to the Devonport Markethall as part of their 'Devonport Footprints' project. Getting out on visits, or having people visit us, are really important parts of enriching the curriculum for our pupils and we are keen to do as much as possible with all year groups over the course of the year.

I wish you the best of weekends –
Steph Macdonald



Recognition Award



This week's attendance winner
are: Hawthorn 95.3%

Whole school: 91.5%
this is below the
national average

ACHIEVER
OF THE
WEEK

Maple - Bradley
Sycamore - Mohammed
Hawthorn - Colin
Beech - Jack



Willows

Willows have been busy continuing to explore 'The Three Little Pigs'.

They have built houses using bundles of straw, sticks and bricks. It was very tricky to build a house of sticks we found.

They have made collaborative art pieces of the three little pigs and made the Big Bad Wolf from paper plates!

As ever, Willows continue to impress with their growing knowledge in phonics and have been building words linked to our story.

We had a great time exploring the outside area during forest school and making bracelets from natural materials.



Maple

On Monday Maple went camping in the classroom! We turned our classroom into a tent and reviewed our knowledge of camping. We enjoyed a scavenger hunt and bingo before settling down to a story with some popcorn!

On Wednesday we started to design and make our homes for our DT unit. We began by experimenting with hinges, this was a tricky skill but with perseverance and a little help from friends and adults every child made a working hinge! We are so excited to see how our homes will come together over the next few weeks!



Little Oaks

This week, we have been learning all about London. We have looked at virtual tours of the London Eye, Buckingham Palace and the Houses Of Parliament and written our own fact files about each. We even got to make our own paper models of London, which was great fun!

We continued our topic about different materials and tested out heating and cooling chocolate and a candle, to see what happened.

Our clay Diya lamps were painted bright gold and red this week which made them look even more spectacular! We also coloured some rangoli patterns.

We enjoyed dancing to some samba rhythms and made our own samba headbands. They were very sparkly!



Sycamore

This week we had a fantastic morning at the Immersive Dome in Market Hall, the children behaved very well, and it was great to see the work we had been doing turned into a short film along with 3 other local schools.

The parents were also invited to watch it on Saturday. We hope they enjoy it as much as we did.

We have been learning all about deserts in Geography and the children had a great practical lesson where we tried to form our own sand dunes.

We used salt to simulate the sand as it has small particles and blew through straws to represent the wind to make the different patterns. We had to learn not to blow too hard.

Hawthorn

This week we continue to focus on Windrush and what that was like for people arriving in Britain. As part of this we have been looking at adverbs and modal verbs and the impact of these in our writing.

We are coming to the end of our fraction unit, and the children are doing really well with converting, adding and subtracting fractions.

The year 5 children have also visited the aquarium to talk to members of staff about their jobs and some have come away inspired to work within the aquarium. The children also had the opportunity to dissect and learn more about squid, which everyone enjoyed!



Beech

In English, we have started writing an informational report about the Amazon. So far, the children have taken ownership of finding their own facts as part of their research lesson.

In math, we are continuing to learn how to add and subtract fractions, including mixed number fractions. To support this, the children can log onto SATs bootcamp to practice and BBC bitesize has some good videos: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9n4k7h#z4y97v4>

In science, we are continuing our learning about forces. This week, we focused on water resistance!

We conducted an enquiry using plasticine of different shapes, and cylinders of water to time how long the shapes took to sink. In their conclusions, the children realised that cones produce the least resistance so sank the fastest.

This week we have also started using 'renaissance reading'. During our reading for pleasure time, we listened to some calming music and enjoyed biscuits very kindly brought in by Henry.

Homework: Adding and subtracting fractions, and 'Adverbs and Adverbials' on SATs bootcamp.

Competitions: certificates, raffle tickets and dojos for use of Edshed, TTRS, SATS bootcamp and for reading at home!



Free KS2 learning and 11+ preparation

We work in partnership with Atom Learning, the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide Years 3 - 6 students who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts. Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year.

Atom Home allows children to access KS2 learning resources, they'll also be able to get familiar with the type of questions they may see on the 11+, and build exam technique and confidence.

If your child is between 7 - 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below.

[<<Access free KS2 learning>>](#)

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available:

<https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>



Absence

If your child is off school please call the school number 01752 567681 and press 2 to report the absence. Can this be done first thing in the morning.

Payments

We have a number of outstanding payments due for school clubs/dinner money and trips. Can you please make sure these are paid promptly via the

Teachers2Parents app, by phoning or coming in to the main office. We are happy to arrange a payment plan if you are unable to pay in full straight away.

For outstanding club payments - we will be unable to book further sessions until payments are up to date .

For outstanding lunch payments - you will be asked to provide your child a packed lunch until payments are up to date



Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniform.

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named.

Lost property is help behind reception if you are missing any uniform.



Clubs

Breakfast club - starts at 7:45am and cost £2 session, please use main reception to access the club.

After school club - Monday to Friday 3:15pm to 5pm, spaces are booked and paid for on School money. Session are £5 per children or £4 each for siblings.

FSM

If you think you should be receiving free schools meal and not yet applied please use the following link;

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Contact

If you need to contact

Phone number:

01752 567681

Website address:

www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk

Email address:

marlborough.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk



Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th December - Christmas Jumper day
 Christmas Fayre (To be confirmed)

Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Nativity

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - Last Day of term (No afterschool club)

Tuesday 7th January - Back to School



MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2024-2025

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					Dec-24				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
	Jan-25					Feb-25					Mar-25					Apr-25				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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	May-25					Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25				
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Public Holiday School Holiday School Inset Day