



Marlborough Primary Academy

# ★ ★ Newsletter ★ ★

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



It has been Parliament week this week, and schools around the country have been looking at what Parliament is, and how it runs. On Monday Mr Dore led a special assembly to share with children the role of our MPs and to look at how rules and laws are made. Then, yesterday, Mr Dore and I met with the Parliament representatives for MPA and we discussed ideas for things we can do to make our school even better. There were lots of good ideas; Jackson and Brian mentioned how sometimes behaviour in the toilets was not what we would expect so we created toilet monitor roles. All representatives agreed that behaviour could be better at MPA so we agreed that we would launch a new 'recognition' system so reward pupils for behaving well even when they think no one is watching! Parliament reps and adults in the school will have five special raffle tickets to give out each day - pupils can 'save or spend' the tickets each Friday in the special prize shop. This will be launched over the next couple of weeks - I wonder who will win the first ever ticket!?

Have the best of weekends - Steph Macdonald



# Recognition

# Award



This week's attendance winner  
are: Hawthorn 95.9%

Whole school: 93.4%  
this is below the  
national average

We raised £81  
for Children in  
Need  
Thank you so  
much

ACHIEVER  
OF THE  
WEEK

Maple - Isla-Mae  
Sycamore - Ruby  
Hawthorn - Archie  
Beech - Delia



## Willows

Willows have had another busy week. We have continued to explore the story of 'The Three Little Pigs', including finding out about real pigs!

The children have made bird feeders from clay, which will be filled with bird seed and hung from the trees in the forest school area.

In Maths, the children have been exploring 4-sided shapes and learning how to sort them from other 2-D shapes.

The children have also started to learn the songs for the upcoming nativity play and will soon be told which part they will play.



## Maple

We have been looking at homes this week and thinking about different types of homes. We had a go at drawing our home and comparing a room in our modern home to a room in a much older home.

We also had lots of fun making our clay pinch pots on Monday. We used air drying clay, and we will be painting them soon!

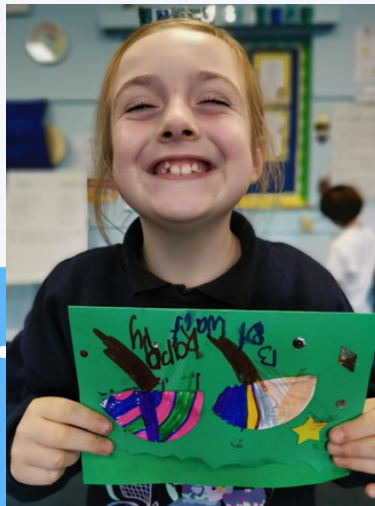
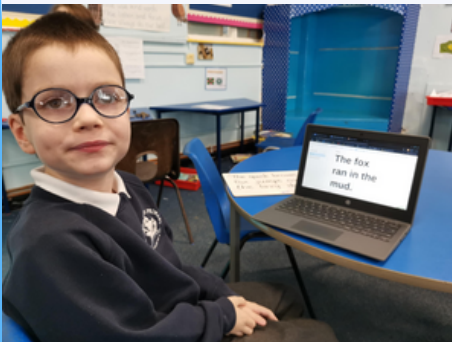




## Little Oaks

This week we have been looking at Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children really enjoyed making their own Diwali cards.

We have been working hard in Math's to practice our number bonds and in English to use our phonics knowledge to write sentences. We then used this knowledge to practice typing sentences in Computing!



## Sycamore

Last week, we had a visit from the Royal Navy who told us about electrical engineers who work on ships. We used electricity circuit kits to make all kinds of different things: alarms, music and (everyone's favourite) helicopters that span right up to the ceiling!



# Hawthorn

This week, in English, we have continued to focus on the Windrush and have completed diary entries from the perspective of a child coming over to England at the end of World War Two. The children have worked really hard on these.

In maths, we've been looking at fractions, changing improper fractions into mixed number fractions, and then adding and subtracting these.

In science, we have made parachutes and tested their aerodynamic, which all of the children enjoyed.

In design and technology, we have been constructing bridges with arches and testing them out to see how much they can hold.

Next week, we're looking forward to our year 5 trip to the aquarium!

Please can I remind you that homework is set on a Friday and due on the following Wednesday.



# Beech

In English, we are at the end of our topic on the Windrush and the children have nearly finished their diary entries! This week, we will be editing our work to 'publish' in our books. Next week, we will be writing about the Amazon rainforest. A piece of reading comprehension homework will be on its way home to support this.

In maths, we are learning how to add and subtract fractions, including mixed number fractions. To support this, 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 air resistance! The children showed their understanding of this opposing force by dropping parachutes with different surface areas from the same height. We then wrote conclusions and showed our results with a line graph.

**Homework:** Adding and subtracting fractions and a Amazon reading comprehension.



**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](http://www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk)

Email address:

[marlborough.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:marlborough.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk)



# Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th December - Christmas Jumper day

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Nativity

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - Last Day of term

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