



Friday 12th September 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

What a wonderful week it has been at Marlborough! On Monday, it was the first time that the reception children came to school, and they settled so well. Mrs Cleverley was so impressed that Willows class learned our 'team stop' and quiet sitting so quickly – well done Willows.

All other classes and pupils have had a really strong start to the year too. Behaviour around the school has been exemplary, and children have made a strong and purposeful start to their learning.

On Wednesday this week, we invite you all to come into school and visit our classrooms and staff. Each teacher will show a short presentation to cover key information for their class – we know some of you have siblings in different classes, so please visit one class to start and then move to other classes as needed after the presentations – all important information will be shared with each family after the meetings.

Finally, we would like to welcome some new members of our team. Before the summer we appointed Miss Richards and she is our new class teacher for Maple Class. We also have Miss Knight working with us up unto October half term in Willows Class while we appoint to replace Mrs White.

Have the best of weekends,
Steph Macdonald and Andy Dore



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Beech 96.54%

Whole school: 93.55%
this is below the national average

Achiever of the week

Willows - Grayson
Maple - Evana
Sycamore - Olivia
Beech - Robin





Meet the Teacher

**Wednesday 17th September
3:30pm - 5:00pm**

We would like to invite all parents/carers to come and meet your child's new teacher.

If you have more than one child please feel free to move around to each class.



Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35am and will be closed promptly at 08:45am. Children in Yr1-6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should to get need support getting into class.

End of Day - Late collection

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers. If you are late picking up your children they will be placed into after school club and you will be charged for this service.

Arbor

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the new Arbor app and has started to use it. If you have not received the email regarding our new Arbor app please check you spam folder. If you have still not received an email please contact the main office.

Please check out our last page for dates for diary

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniform. Please can we ensure all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named.

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

Absence Request

We have had a lot of Absence Request and students being taken out of school for holidays. Absence request forms must be filled in 20 school days in advance. In exceptional circumstances this will be authorised. Please see the link below for further information from PCC website

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence-and-penalty-notice>

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. Sessions are £5 per children or £4 each for siblings.



Contact

If you need to contact Phone number:

01752 567681

Website address:

www.marlboroughacademy.org

Email address:

reception@marlboroughacademy.org



Willows

Wow!

What a fantastic week! The children have settled so quickly and are an absolute joy.

The foundation children have explored the classroom and outdoor area and have been expressing their preferences during play.

They have settled so quickly into the routine of the school day and have started to learn the set 1 phonic sounds.

The year 1 children have been a great asset in helping the new children settle. They are now establishing their new routines of the day. It is lovely to see how they are already growing in their learning.

Just a reminder for this term:

PE – Mondays (PE clothes to be worn all day)

Outdoor learning – Welly Wednesday (please provide wellies for your children to change into and dress them in clothes that can get messy!).

As the weather is so unpredictable at the moment, please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school.

YEAR 1 ONLY – meet the teacher is on Wednesday 17th September at 3.30pm.

Pick-up time – please can you ensure that you are not standing too close to the foundation gate as it makes it very tricky to spot adults picking up. Thank you.



Maple

Welcome back! We've had a wonderful week in Maple!

In English, we started our new story Troll Swap. The children loved coming up with different adjectives to describe the troll and next week we will be putting their ideas into full sentences. I wonder if they can describe the troll to you at home?

In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring numbers to 10, while Year 2 have been working hard on recognising tens and ones and grouping numbers into tens.

In our Foundation subjects, we have been learning about the United Kingdom and locating it on a map. The children also had great fun researching and discussing questions about animals, including humans.

Key dates:

Meet the Teacher- Wednesday 17th September

Welly Wednesday – every Wednesday

PE – every Monday



Little Oaks

Welcome back to oaks!

It has been lovely to have everyone back, and we have had an amazing week!

In maths, we started the year with our place value unit. We are working with numbers up to 1000! The children have shown some incredible maths skills this week.

In English we have started the term by doing some independent writes, the children have all let their creativity shine through! Next week we will start our new book and this term we are going to focus on writing narratives, I'm excited to see what the children create!

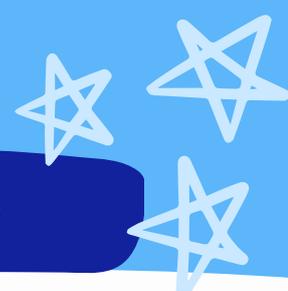
In the afternoon our topics this year are:

DT – making pizzas

Geography – North America

Music – Singing

Science – the human body, looking at the skeleton and muscles



Sycamore

Welcome back Sycamore class! We have had such a lovely week!

In English, we have begun to explore the text –Gorilla. We have been thinking about the main character Hannah and we have written some amazing narratives to explain why she is so lonely. The children have shared some wonderful ideas and their imaginations have been working over time! I have really enjoyed seeing their powerful vocabulary show through in their work.

In maths, we have started the year with our place value unit. We are working with numbers up to 1000! The children have shown some incredible maths skills this week.

In science, we have started our unit on animals including humans, we are going to be exploring the Prove It - All animals (including humans) have bones and muscles, so they need the same food/nutrition/diet.

In geography, we are going to be exploring the Prove It – Everything in the States is bigger and better! We have carried out some research about America and the children created some interesting questions to research.

In DT we are going to be making pizzas this term! We started the unit by researching about pizzas and learning how they are made.

Your talk time words this week are:

Blizzard – an extreme snowstorm.

Exchange – to swap things that have the same value.

Tracked – to follow something using signs such as footprints.



Beech

A lovely week in Beech class! The children have been working really hard and have produced some amazing pieces of learning.

In English, we have started our new book 'Young, gifted and black' and have been writing diary entries from the viewpoints of inspirational black people such as Simone Biles and Bessie Coleman.

In maths, we have been recapping our place value knowledge and in science, we have been researching electricity. This term we have a history unit called 'The Impact of War' and the children have been using chrome books and library books to research World War Two and produce fact files. They have been sharing with me some brilliant facts!

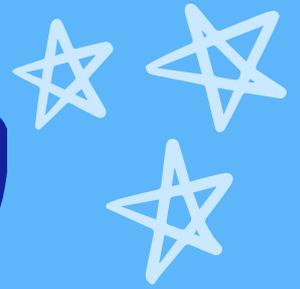
Notices:

On Monday, we have the first of a six-week block of cricket lessons run by an outside agency so children can wear their PE kits.

Spellings tests are on Fridays

Homework is due in Fridays.

'Meet the Teacher' has been moved to Wednesday 17th September.



Next weeks menu



WEEK 1

W/C - MONDAY: 21ST APRIL, 12TH MAY, 9TH JUNE, 30TH JUNE, 21ST JULY, 15TH SEPT, 6TH OCT



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H Pork hot dog with seasoned potato wedges Allergens: Glu W m/c Se, So</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V Cheese wheels with herby diced potatoes Allergens: Glu W Mu Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Chicken and veg meatballs served with mash and gravy Allergens: Glu W</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon loin with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: Glu, Wh, F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, Ve Lentil spaghetti bolognese Allergens: Glu W m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, Ve Vegetable curry with rice</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, Ve Cheese and bean quesadilla Allergens: Glu W E</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, Ve Mediterranean vegetable tart, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy Allergens: Glu W m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips or pasta Allergens: Glu W E Mi</p>

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E)

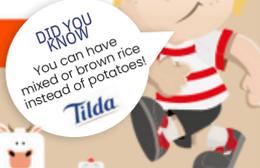
<p>DESSERT - V, VE Pears and ice cream Allergens: Mi</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V, Ve Apricot flapjack Allergens: Glu O w/c Wh Bar</p>	<p>DESSERT - h, V, VE Custard biscuits served with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>DESSERT - h, V, VE Fruit platter</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V, Ve Oat and date cookie Allergens: Glu Wh O m/c Bar</p>
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AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / SANDWICHES ON REQUEST / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local Westcountry yoghurt available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN. W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS. VE = VEGAN DISH. V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain



Dates for Diary

Wednesday 24th September - Year 6 , Graduation for Widening Horizons Market Hall

Thursday 25th September - Flu Vaccinations

Monday 29th September - Beech Class Residential

Wednesday 15th October - Tempest Individual Photos

Tuesday 21st October - Year 5 - Widening Horizons - Tamar Crossing

Friday 24th October - Break up for half term

Monday 3rd November - Back to school

MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025-26 TERM DATES

	September 25					October 25					November 25				December 25				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	

	January 26					February 26				March 26					April 26				
Monday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	

	May 26					June 26					July 26					August 26				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	20	5	12	19	26	
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