



Friday 19th September 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

Our great start to year continues.

Monday was the first of our whole school cricket sessions led by Harrison from Devon Cricket and the children loved them. We will be hosting a Dynamos cricket club for children in year 3 and 4, after school each Monday until half-term led by Harrison – please see the shared link to register online. If you need any support with this please contact reception.

Thank you very much for attending 'Meet the Teacher' last Wednesday, it was great to see so many of you.

The children have chosen their Pupil Parliament representatives and their views are already helping to improve the school. I hope you have noticed the children pushing their cycles and scooters on the playground to make it safer – Pupil Parliament helped to make this change. They have also suggested some new stock for the BBuck shop and they have proven to be hot sellers.

Have the best of weekends,
Steph Macdonald and Andy Dore



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Willows 98.26%

Whole school: 95.26%
this is just above the national
average

Achiever of the week

Willows - Arwa
Maple - Kora
Little Oak - Hunter
Sycamore - Melody
Beech - Brian



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

The children have had a fantastic week.

I am so impressed with how quickly the new foundation children have settled into the routines of the day. They have been learning new sounds every day. Please ask them about Fred the Frog! They have been practicing writing their sounds in a number of ways, in sand, glitter and shaving foam.

In maths, year 1 children have been practicing writing numbers, filling in number lines and counting on from a given number. They have worked incredibly hard, and most are challenging themselves by digging deeper into their learning. They have also been able to hone their skills through practical games.

In English, they have continued to explore the book 'Troll Swap', discussing character definitions and writing simple sentences.

Willows have now had a chance to use the new decking area – exploring sand, water and building ramps for cars.

Quick reminder of days:

Mondays – PE

Tuesdays – Book change day

Wednesdays – Welly Wednesday (outside learning – own clothes to be worn suitable for outside messy play)

Please make sure all jumpers/cardigans are labelled with names. Thank you.



Maple

We've had a fantastic week in Maple Class! The children have been working incredibly hard and have produced some wonderful learning across the curriculum.

English

In English, we have continued with our book Troll Swap. The children have been practicing using noun phrases in their sentences and making sure to include the correct punctuation, such as full stops and capital letters (especially for names). Year 1 have also been focusing on using their sound mats to support their writing.

Maths

In Maths, the children have shown lots of enthusiasm and strong learning. Year 2 have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones, writing both the numeral and the word forms, while Year 1 have been exploring numbers with increasing confidence.

Foundation Subjects

In DT, we have been planning and creating success criteria for making blankets. In Geography, we have been exploring our local area of Plymouth, identifying physical and human features. On Monday, the children also thoroughly enjoyed their cricket session!

Notices

Monday – PE day: Please ensure children come dressed appropriately.

Wednesday – Welly Wednesday: Please send children in with wellies and coats.

Please make sure coats are brought every day now that we are heading into colder weather.

Little Oaks

We had a fantastic week in Oaks! On Monday we joined Sycamore class for a cricket lesson. Everyone did amazing and tried so hard, it was amazing to watch everyone practicing their throwing and catching skills and working as a team.

In English this week we have focused on a book called Gorilla; we have been writing our own stories about what we think is going to happen in the book! They came up with some fantastic ideas and really enjoyed acting them out before we began writing.

In Geography this week we looked at the continents, learning a new song to help us remember them all. We are working on the prove it – everything in the states is bigger and better. We began by learning about North America and comparing where we live with Chicago!

Sycamore

We have enjoyed settling into our routine this week. We had lots of fun with our cricket session on Monday and we are very excited to see our skills grow.

In English, we have been focusing on noun phrases this week. Our class story has been very inspirational and we have found some really powerful adjectives for our writing.

In maths, we have been exploring different ways to partition numbers. Our problem solving skills have developed a lot this week! It has also been interesting to explore how we can partition a number and this has developed our knowledge of number.

In geography, we have considered the geographical similarities and differences between Chicago and Plymouth. We found that the main difference was the weather but both places are close to large bodies of water and have lots of urban spaces.

For our PE sessions this week we continued to develop our team work skills with the parachute! We played some really fun games! It was interesting to see how the children communicated to problem solve within some of our games!

Your talk time words this week are:

Pristine – to be very clean.

Curious – to want to know about something, to be asking lots of questions.

Partition – to break a number down into parts.

When the parts are added they equal the original number.





Beech

This week, children have completed their first set of assessments in maths, grammar, spelling and reading. They worked hard all week, and this will allow us to see a starting point to help them improve.

In English, we have been learning about the famous black astronaut Mae Jemison as part of our famous black historical figures unit. Alongside this, we have been learning about fronted adverbials and commas.

In history, we learnt about how and why WW2 happened, and created timelines to demonstrate this. In science, we created circuits and learnt about cells and if there is a higher voltage, there is more power.

Notices:

On Monday, we have the second 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 on Fridays.

Y6 trips this week:

Wednesday the Y6s have their 'widening horizons' graduation (back in time for lunch) . Thursday the Y6s are visiting the university and will need packed lunches.

Next weeks menu



WEEK 2

MONDAY - 28TH APRIL, 19TH MAY, 16TH JUNE, 7TH JULY, 1ST SEPT, 22ND SEPT, 13TH OCT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W Beef burger with seasoned wedges Allergens: Glu Wh Su m/c Se</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W Pork sausage pasta bake Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Homemade cheese & tomato pizza Allergens: Glu Wh So Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roasted pork and beef meatloaf with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips Allergens: Glu Wh E F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, Ve Vegetable pasta bake Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Homemade cheese and onion roll served with homemade coleslaw Allergens: Glu Wh Mi E Mu</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, Ve Vegetable chilli served with rice Allergens: m/c Glu Wh Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, Ve Butternut squash parcel with roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn nuggets served with fresh chips Allergens: Glu Wh</p>

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

<p>DESSERT - V Peaches and ice cream Allergens: Mi</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V, Ve Oat biscuit bake with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh O m/c Bar</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, Ve Fruit and Jelly</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, Ve Fruit Platter</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V Old school iced sponge Allergens: Glu Wh E 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

= Climate Friendly

DID YOU KNOW
You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!
Tilda



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

ALBION OCTOBER CAMP

Dates: Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October

Times: 0900 – 1500
(After club care available
until 1700 just £5 per hour)

Ages: 7 – 12 Mixed Boys + Girls

Cost: 1 Day = £25
2 Days = £45
3 Days = £65

Fun and games for all abilities with
opportunities to learn new skills and
make new friends!

INFO@PLYMOUTHALBION.COM

