



Friday 26th September 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

This week has been really exciting as we prepare to send Beech Class (Y5/6) of on their residential visit. We were offered a FREE week long trip to Shallowford Farm for the pupils, and this is taking place next week. Residential visits are a great way for pupils to explore being more independent; spending time away from their families and engaging in activities that they may not usually try such as farm work and dish washing! I know they will have a great time – I know you will join me in thanking the staff for using their own time to ensure the students get to experience this activity.

We continue to plan activities and events to support children's personal growth as well as their academic development. This week in and out of school have been:

- Cricket sessions for all pupils
- Mental Health Support Team Surge Sessions for Sycamore
- Widening Horizon Graduation event for Y6
- Plymouth University trip for Y6

...and it's only week four of the year! Parliament have chosen some new values to replace 'TREAT' this year – this is to show our commitment to making the pupils of MPA great people, not just great learners. Over new values link to our school logo and are as follows:



We will be checking over the next few weeks that our pupils know these values and what they stand for!

Have the best of weekends,

Mrs Macdonald and Mr Dore



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Maple with 94.62%

Whole school: 91.66%
this is below the national average

Achiever of the week

Willows - Archie

Maple - Milani

Oaks - Kai

Sycamore - Sundos

Beech - Michelle



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

Lost Property

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniform. We have a lot of lost property already. If your child is missing anything please come to main reception and check our lost property bin. 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. You must book through the Arbor app by 11:00 pm the day before.

After school club - Monday to Friday 3:15pm to 5pm, session are £5 per student. You must book through the Arbor app by 11:00 am on the day.



Contact

If you need to contact Phone number:

01752 567681

Website address:

www.marlboroughacademy.org

Email address:

reception@marlboroughacademy.org



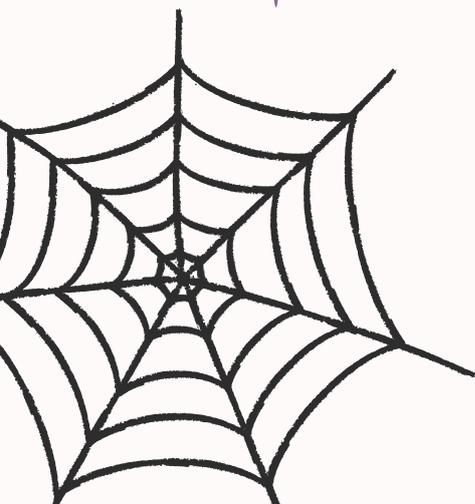
HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 22ND
OCTOBER 25
3:30PM TO 4:30PM

£2 A TICKET, THIS WILL
INCLUDE A BISCUIT AND
DRINK.

FANCY DRESS IS
OPTIONAL

Marlborough Academy
Primary School





Willows

We've had another fantastic, busy week.

The children have been exploring the story 'Not Now Bernard'. They have designed their own monsters, using their imaginations to make code words and numbers. In maths, the children have been sorting objects and comparing amounts.

In our outside learning this week, we created leaf art – making trees and hedgehogs. It was a lovely sunny afternoon, which was perfect for being creative outside.

The children have been flying through their sounds in phonics and the foundation children are beginning to learn how to orally blend.

Ms Totterdell has kindly gifted some toys to the class. The children are very much enjoying exploring these, particularly the Safari Duplo. Thank you Ms Totterdell!



Maple

This week, we had lots of fun during Welly Wednesday, exploring leaves and using them for printing to investigate their outlines and textures.

English

We have continued our journey through Troll Swap, focusing on using because in our sentences to explain why. We have also been looking at character descriptions. Year 1 have been working on using the pronoun I and continuing to build this into their sentences.

Maths

In Maths, there has been lots of number exploration. Year 1 have been practicing counting back from 10 and working with numbers up to 10. They especially loved pretending to be rockets and using their countdowns to blast off! Year 2 have begun partitioning numbers within 100 using part-whole models.

Handwriting

We have had a big focus on handwriting this week, and it has been wonderful to see the children working so carefully on forming their letters. Their effort and pride in their writing is really beginning to shine through!

Oaks

What a wonderful week in Oaks!

In English this week we have been learning all about Gorillas. We have watched some videos of gorillas and acted out being them! Then we researched some interesting facts about them and created our own fact files about them. Well done everyone!

In maths this week we are continuing to learn about place value. This week we have been practicing adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 from numbers using counters and base 10 to help us!

We continued our cricket lessons this week on Monday with Sycamore class, the good weather meant we got to be outside this week! Everyone worked so hard and showed off their amazing teamwork!

In DT we discussed who we wanted to make our pizzas for and decided what toppings we wanted to put on top!

Sycamore

What a lovely week!

In English we have been building our gorilla fact files! We have been developing our research skills to find true facts to answer questions we have each generated. We have been learning lots about where gorillas live and sleep and all about their personalities!

In maths we have been focusing on partitioning and adding this week. We have been challenging ourselves to think about how and when to exchange.

In geography, our focus has been on comparing the human features of Plymouth to Chicago. We found lots of similarities and very few differences which was similar to the physical features we observed last week.

In science, we have been learning about different animal groupings. We have been comparing the different teeth shapes and patterns of various animals and then we looked at their diets.

You talk time words this week are:

Omnivore – an animal that eats food from each food group.

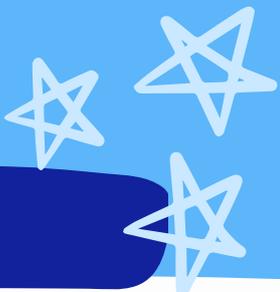
Ferocious – something angry or scary.

Habitat – where something lives.

Homework – this week our homework is focusing on expanded noun phrases. Similarly to last week I would like your child to write as many expanded noun phrases for the given picture.

Your child should also be continuing to use TTRS to develop their time tables skills and they should also be reading aloud to an adult at least three times a week with each read recorded in their reading record.





Beech

A great week this week. The children enjoyed their outdoor cricket session on Monday, and the Year Sixes had two trips! Don't worry, Year fives – you'll get your chance next year!

On Tuesday, we went to Market Hall for our 'Widening Horizons' graduation, a project which enables primary school children to visit workplaces and see how they're run, and what it takes to work there. These trips have included the aquarium and the Tamer crossing. During our graduation, we had a guest speaker – he had recently completed a solo trek to the South Pole! And did so with a disability – he was so passionate in saying that no matter what you can follow your dreams. On Wednesday, the Year Sixes also got to visit Plymouth University.

Year five, your first 'Widening Horizons' trip will be October 21st!

This week, we have completed an experiment in science involving circuits and buzzers, and in history, we have been learning about how life was impacted during the war. In maths, we have nearly finished our 'place value' unit, and art, we have been copying the work of Banksy.

Notices:

Residential next week! Please ensure all forms are back, including allergy forms.

Non-residential children will be coming to school and joining another class.

The spelling test is on Friday. Please ensure your child is practicing these words.

Next weeks menu



WEEK 3

W/C - MONDAY: 5TH MAY, 2ND JUNE, 23RD JUNE, 14TH JULY, 8TH SEPT, 29TH SEPT, 20TH OCT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: Glu Wh Mu Mi m/c Se</p>	<p>All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W Spaghetti bolognese Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roast turkey served with roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta Allergens: Glu Wh F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H W V Ve Courgette sausage in a hot dog roll with seasoned wedges</p>	<p>Meat Option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p> <p>Climate Friendly - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H W V Ve Quorn dippers served with tomato and vegetable rice Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H W V Ve Vegetable crumble, roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy Allergens: O m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V French bread pizza served fresh chips or pasta Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c So</p>
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E)				
<p>DESSERT - H W V Ve Oat biscuits with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh O Su m/c Bar</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V Orange jelly and ice cream Allergens: Mi</p>	<p>DESSERT - H W V Ve Lemon shortbread with fruit slices Allergens: Glu Wh m/c Bar</p>	<p>DESSERT - H W V Ve Fruit Platter</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V Orange drizzle cake Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar</p>
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.

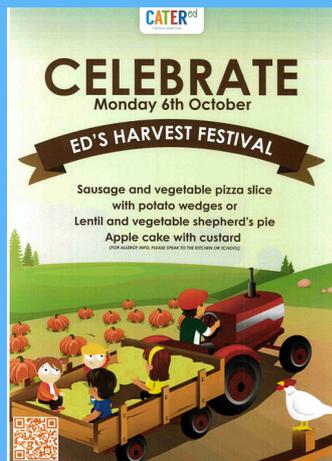
Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

= Climate Friendly

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



Please see our menu change coming up soon



Dates for Diary

Monday 29th September - Beech Class Residential

Wednesday 15th October - Tempest Individual Photos

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

Wednesday 22nd October - Halloween Disco

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

