



Friday 3rd October 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

What an amazing week Beech have had on their residential trip at Shallowford Farm. I know the team have been sharing their photos and news with parents; it has been wonderful to see the students having so much fun. These trips are so helpful in developing children's personal skills and pushing them out of their comfort zone. Some of our pupils have not yet had the chance to spend time away from home, and these visits are great, safe experiences for the children to explore higher levels of independence. Mr Dore reports that the children have conducted themselves brilliantly, and they had an amazing week overall. Huge thanks to Mr Dore, Mrs Kendall, Mrs Lewis and Ms Phillips for giving up their own time to support the pupils.

We have seen some great learning happening in school this week. I have been very proud to see the pupils so engaged with their work. We had a visit this week from Tom Leverage, our Trust CEO, and his feedback was "you should all be proud of your lovely school," - we most certainly are.

Please try and join us at 2.30pm for our Tea and Talk session in classes on Friday the 10th. We are recognising World Mental Health Day - pupils will be ready to greet you in classrooms for a biscuit or a bit of cake so please come in if you can!

Have the best weekend,
Mrs Macdonald and Mr Dore



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Maple with 97.31%

Whole school: 94.01%
this is below the national average

Achiever of the week

Willows - Ava
Maple - Andrei
Oaks - Shaun
Sycamore - Bonnie
Beech - Shona



TEA AND TALK



Friday 10th October

EVERYONE DESERVES
GOOD MENTAL HEALTH
mentalhealth.org.uk/wmhd

On World Mental Health Day Friday 10th October we are hosting a Tea and Talk afternoon.

We are inviting family members to come into school at 2:30 for a mini tea party of juice and cake. You can bring a hot drink with you if you would prefer.

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 will this 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:

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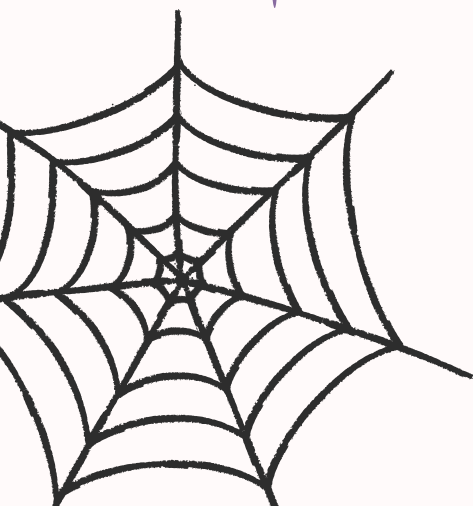
HALLOWEEN DISCO

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

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

FANCY DRESS IS
OPTIONAL

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Willows

Another busy week!

The children have enjoyed learning about measure this week, using balance scales to find which objects are heavier or lighter and looking at length. They have also been practicing making repeating patterns.

The children have been looking at the traditional tale, Jack and the Beanstalk, thinking about what the giant might look like and how Jack might use his gold coins.

In cricket this week, the children learnt about bowling – they all did so well seeing how far they could throw a ball. Next week, we are moving on to batting!



Maple

What a busy and exciting week it has been in Maple!

In English, we have been exploring lots of new vocabulary and focusing on character descriptions, particularly how our characters might be feeling in the stories we read. The children have enjoyed discussing these ideas and practicing putting them into full sentences.

In Maths, Year 2 have been working with number lines, developing their understanding of estimation and later in the week comparing numbers to 100. It has been wonderful to see their mathematical thinking and growing confidence in independent learning.

This week, we have also been focusing on our super sitting and being ready to learn.

In DT, the children explored different stitching and sewing techniques and even created their own quilt squares for our class blanket. They thrived during this activity, and it was fantastic to see all their creativity come to life.

Reminders:

PE will be on Monday.

Don't forget Welly Wednesday next week!

Oaks

What a busy week in Oaks!

The year 5 students had an amazing time at their residential! They enjoyed meeting all the farm animals and worked super hard on the farm!

When everyone was united back in school we were straight back to hard work! In English we have been looking at expanded noun phrases and adding more detail to our writing, we have been working on using these skills to describe a scene!

In maths this week we have been looking at number lines to 1000 and both working out and estimating where numbers need to go on the number line!

In science we are looking at how animals' diets affect them. This week we look at carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and how an animal's diet affects which teeth it has! The children are really enjoying this topic!



Sycamore

We have had such a busy week this week!

In maths we have been looking at number lines and exploring different counting patterns. We have had a go at estimating as well – this is a really tricky skill but we have made some great progress!

In English we have continued to explore noun phrases and then speech. We have had lots of fun predicting what our characters might be saying to each other! We ended the week by creating some speech sandwiches!

In geography, we have created our own infographics to show the trade and industry in Chicago. We thought about their employment rate and biggest industry. Then each pair of children researched their own questions to add more to their work.

In DT, we had lots of fun designing our pizzas! We chose our target audience and then considered how our designs would appeal to them. It was interesting to see how each child created their own design to meet their chosen audience.

Your talk time words this week are:

Trade – to exchange things that have the same value or worth.

Dusk – the beginning of the evening where it is starting to get dark.

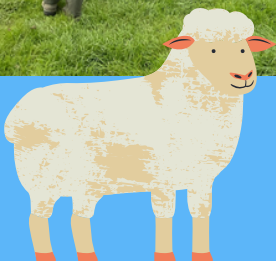
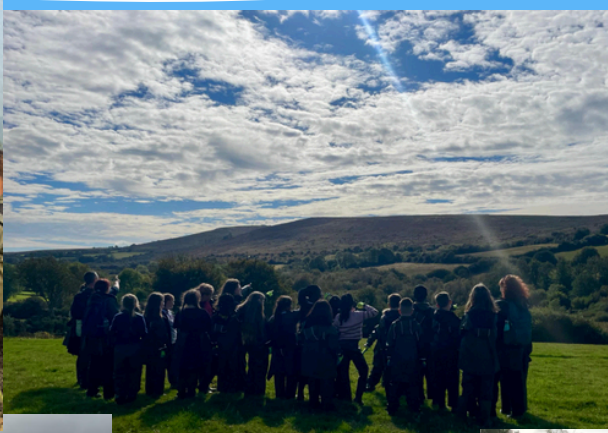
Suddenly – when something happens suddenly it is unexpected.

Beech

What an amazing week we have had on the farm at Shallowford! Since arriving, all the children have flourished! They have thrown themselves into the activities and the staff have been amazed at their manners – and for the enthusiasm for the food! At almost every meal, plates have been clean and there has been barely any food waste.

On day one, we hiked around near the farm on the national park and met many of the friendly ponies. We came back to some gardening and mucking out the pigs and piglets. Each day, we pick food for our upcoming meals, including: mint for tea, herbs, tomatoes, courgettes, berries and lettuce.

On day two, we built dens, explored the local forest area and went to Broadford farm to meet farmer Jon and see how a working farm works. On day three, we learnt about the park from a ranger and were taught about the lifecycle of butterflies. In the afternoon, we went back to the farm to help herd the sheep from one field to another!



Next weeks menu



WEEK 1

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	OCT 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.

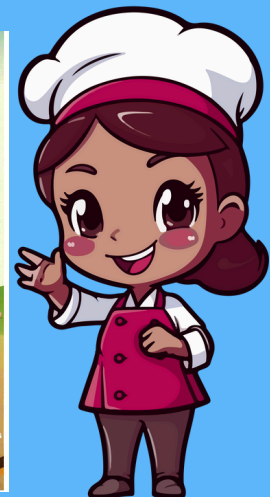
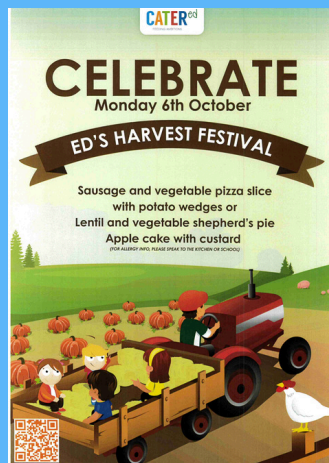
Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya, (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

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

Friday 10th October - Tea and Talk 2:30pm

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	
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