



Friday 10th October 2025

# Newsletter

## A Message From Our Head Teacher

It was so lovely to see you at the Tea and Talk session this afternoon. We invited parents and carers into the school to simply talk about mental health to recognise World Mental Health day. We want to normalise the idea of discussing our emotions, and to recognise when we might not be feeling OK. The school staff remind our pupils regularly that NOBODY feels 'happy' all of the time. We may experience a range of emotions throughout the day or week - what is important is to recognise how we feel at different times, and whether we need to do anything about how we feel. There is so much pressure (particularly from social media and other sources) to be happy and outwardly 'perfect' - the session today was to show our lovely pupils and families that we can feel different things at different times and that's OK! We hope you enjoyed the chance to talk to the children, and to share the chance to explore and normalise mental health conversations!

I have a lovely shout out for some members of our school community - Scarlett (Sycamore) and dad Jamie spent some time last weekend picking up litter in the local area. We all were so impressed by their actions; giving up their own time to do something so kind and helpful. Thank you so much to Scarlett and Jamie!

Have the best of weekends,  
Steph Macdonald



# Recognition Awards

## Attendance

This week's attendance winner are: Beech with 98.4%  
Whole school: 92.86%  
this is below the national average

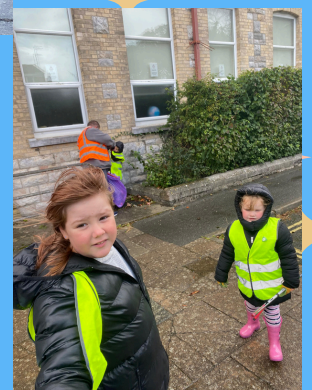
## Achiever of the week

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



◆ Thank You ◆

A big thank you to the Clean and Patch team, for supporting our school by cleaning around the outside of our building. It looks fantastic!



## Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35 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, sessions 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](http://www.marlboroughacademy.org)

Email address:

[reception@marlboroughacademy.org](mailto:reception@marlboroughacademy.org)



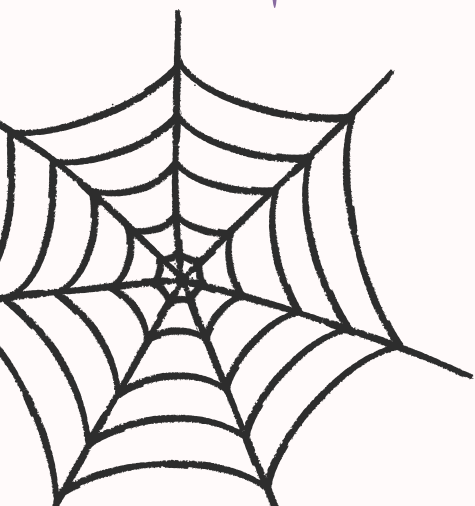
# HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 22ND  
OCTOBER  
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 have been working very hard this week. The foundation children have been learning about subitising in maths and the Year 1s have been learning about how to use a number line.

Foundation children are now doing a daily lesson known as 'Drawing Club', please do ask your child about this. It involves them using their imaginations to draw and write, based on a story or traditional tale. This week we have been looking at the story 'Whatever Next!'

Year 1 children are getting ready to plan and write their own stories based on the story 'Troll Swap'.

All the children are making super progress in their daily phonics – keep it up Willows!



## Maple

Maple have worked incredibly hard in maths this week – I am so proud of their perseverance! We have been exploring the concepts of greater than, less than and fewer, and the children have shown great determination in their learning.

In English, we are nearing the end of our writing sequence and getting ready to write our own Troll Swap stories. This week we have focused on developing characters and practising putting our ideas into clear, full sentences.

On Welly Wednesday, we enjoyed some creative outdoor learning by designing and decorating our initials using natural materials.



# Oaks

What an exciting week! Year 4 had a lovely time at Mount Batten on Tuesday. We started with a paddle in the Bell Boats, then we explored the rock pools before finishing the day with a climb up the tower! We really enjoyed our trip and had so much fun!

In English, we have been continuing to explore fronted adverbials and started to look at using speech. We have been writing a speech sandwich, remembering to use our capital letters and full stops!

In maths, we have been comparing numbers up to 1000 using vocabulary such as greater than, less than and equal to.

In science we have been learning about the skeleton. We have been learning the name of different bones and then we compared our skeleton to the skeleton of different animals to look at what is the same and what is different.



# Sycamore



What an exciting week!

We had a lovely time at Mount Batten on Tuesday. We started with a paddle in the Bell Boats, then we explored the rock pools before finishing the day with a climb up the tower! We really enjoyed our trip and had so much fun!

In English, we have been continuing to explore fronted adverbials and speech. We have attempted to apply multiple writing skills within our work which has been tricky!

In maths, we have begun to explore rounding numbers. We have attempted more problem solving questions this week where we are applying our learning and challenging our ideas and knowledge.

In geography, we began to explore tourism in Chicago and Plymouth. We did this by creating some Top Trump cards with facts about various tourist attractions.

In science we have been learning about the skeleton. We have been learning the name of different bones and then we compared our skeleton to the skeleton of different animals to look at what is the same and what is different.

This week your talk time words are:

Rumpus – chaos and uproar, a moment where there is lots of noise and mess.

Assorted – lots of options for a type of thing.

Gleefully – to do something with great happiness and joy.

Please take a pic or 2 from dojo.





# Beech

A fantastic week of learning this week! Especially in history – the children have been very interested in the World War Two and the tactics used by the Germans! In English, we have been learning about Matthew Henson and his first voyage to Hong Kong – the children have written some brilliant recounts of his experiences.

In maths, we have nearly finished our place value topic; the children's knowledge of negative numbers has been strong, and we have been tackling 'Digging Deeper' and reasoning and problem-solving challenges. In science, the children have grasped universal symbols for circuits and have been drawing their own circuits.

## Notices:

Spelling tests are on Friday. Please encourage your child to practice at home!

Homework is due on Fridays.

Two more weeks of Monday cricket!

# Next weeks menu



## WEEK 2

W/C - 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 <b>Allergens:</b> Glu Wh Su m/c Se</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W Pork sausage pasta bake <b>Allergens:</b> Glu Wh Ce m/c Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Homemade cheese &amp; tomato pizza <b>Allergens:</b> 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 <b>Allergens:</b> Glu Wh E F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, Ve Vegetable pasta bake <b>Allergens:</b> Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Homemade cheese and onion roll served with homemade coleslaw <b>Allergens:</b> Glu Wh Mi E Mu</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, Ve Vegetable chilli served with rice <b>Allergens:</b> m/c Glu Wh Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, Ve Butternut squash parcel with roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy <b>Allergens:</b> Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn nuggets served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> 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 <b>Allergens:</b> Mi</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V, Ve Oat biscuit bake with fruit <b>Allergens:</b> 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 <b>Allergens:</b> 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!



You can pre order meals through the Arbor app



# Dates for Diary

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Tempest Individual Photos

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Year 5 - Widening Horizons - Tamar Crossing

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Halloween Disco

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Break up for half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Back to school

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Healthy Smiles Talk - Reception / Year1

10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November - Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 Widening Horizons - Moxy Hotel

## 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	
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