



Friday 24th October 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

We have made it to the end of a very long term! Usually school terms are six weeks but we have had seven and a half this term so I think it's safe to say we are all feeling very ready for the holiday. On behalf of all at Marlborough Academy, I would like to wish you a happy and safe week away from school - we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday the 3rd of November.

We have a few staff announcements to make as we come to the end of this term; Miss Richards, after a period of absence, will not be returning to Marlborough Academy after the half term break. We are sure you will all wish her the best of luck for the future. We are currently advertising for a class teacher for Maple, but we have secured Mrs Collingbourne as a teacher for Maple class up until the Christmas break. Mrs Collingbourne covered Sycamore class for an extended period last year, and is well known to our children and families. A separate communication has gone directly to the families of the children in Maple class in regard to this.

There is so much to look forward to in Term Two. Please keep a close eye on our newsletters for information about trips and visits and other events. The only planned day of closure in Term Two for Marlborough is the very last day of term (Friday the 19th December) as this is a training day for teachers.

Have the very best of holidays,
Steph Macdonald



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Beech with 96.8%

Whole school: 93.36%
this is just below the national
average



Achiever of the week

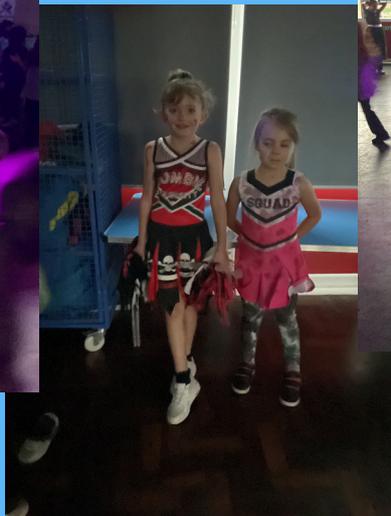
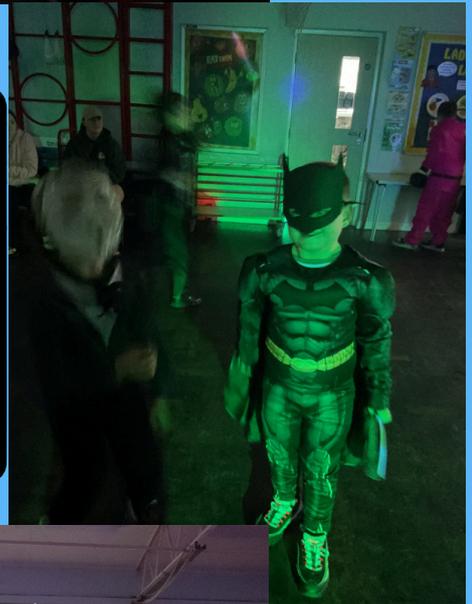
Willows - Dino
Maple - Andrei
Oaks - Chase
Sycamore - Leo
Beech - Brayleigh



SPOOKY SEASON



We all had a great time dressing up for the spooky disco. Everyone looked great! A special thank you to our DJ Dolly Mixture, they played a great set.





Nut Free School

This is a reminder we are a nut free school. There fore please do not provide these in packed lunches or snacks

Thank you

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 contract 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:

01752 567681

Website address:

www.marlboroughacademy.org

Email address:

reception@marlboroughacademy.org



Willows

Willows have been superstars this week!

They have shown great enthusiasm for their learning. In maths, foundation have been learning to recognise and find the numbers 4 and 5. They have used number cards, numicon, counters and cubes to help them. The year 1s have continued to look at part-whole models and recognising number bonds to 10.

In Drawing Club, the children have been looking at the story, The Three Little Pigs. They have invented their own characters for this through their drawing. These included, 'The Three Little Unicorns', 'The Three Little Caterpillars' and 'The Three Little Tigers' to name a few.

They have shown their fantastic imaginations.

They deserve a well-earned rest next week.

We hope you have a fantastic half-term holiday.



Maple

In English this week we have been planning and writing our own story based on the 'Troll Swap'.

In Maths we have been looking at patterns in numbers to help us learn our number bonds, doubles and near doubles.

In Science, Geography and DT, we have been writing our Prove It! using the knowledge we have learnt in these units.

Have a great Half Term.

Mrs C

Oaks

What an amazing end to term we have had! Oaks have worked so hard this term, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved!

This week we had our final cricket session, with Sycamore class. Oaks have been incredible at joining in and watching them develop their skills has been amazing. For our last session we had a big group game of cricket – well done everyone!

We made and evaluated our pizzas in DT this week! It was very fun to make the dough and decorate our pizzas with our toppings. We were able to enjoy tasting them in the afternoon.

In English the children have written their own narratives based on the book the gorilla. They have worked so hard to learn new skills in English this term including expanded noun phrases and using inverted commas for speech. It has been incredible this week to see the children use these skills in their writing!

Sycamore

What an incredible term we have had! Sycamore class have worked so hard this term and they have all achieved a lot! We had our second session with our music teacher and we played lots of new songs with the boom whackers. Next term we are going to be learning to play the ukulele!

In math, we have started our addition and subtraction unit this week. We have been reviewing our previously learnt skills ready to build on them next term!

In English, we have finished writing our narratives. We were able to find our key features and even upscale some of our vocabulary too! Each narrative has been written so well, and each child has worked so hard to produce a story they are proud of.

We made and evaluated our pizzas in DT this week! It was very fun to make the dough and decorate our pizzas with our toppings. We were able to enjoy tasting them during our reward time in the afternoon.

We have had such a lovely first term and we are so excited to see Sycamore class after the holiday. The Sycamore team would like to wish you all a restful and peaceful break!

Your talk time words this week are:

Prove – when dough is left to rest and it rises.

Toppings – the food we put on top of our dough. What did your child put on their pizza?

Delicious – the best word to use to describe our pizzas!



Beech

Beech class have been working hard this week! We are coming to the end of our English unit on 'Young, gifted and black' heroes and we have written diaries entries from the viewpoint of Matthew Henson, a black history-maker who travelled to the North Pole. As it is Black History month, some of the children helped with the assembly this afternoon by telling the school about some of the inspirational black heroes.

In science, we have completed our electricity unit, and in history, we have been learning about the impact WW2 had on Plymouth. In art, we have finished our graffiti art.

Year 5 went on their first 'Widening Horizons' trip and absolutely loved it! They learnt about the wide range of jobs that supported the Tamar bridge running on a daily basis, and the skills they needed to do those jobs. They were full of questions, and the staff were so impressed.

Top Edshed users: Spencer, Robin, Noorallah

Top TTRS users: Palwasha, Oskar, Noorallah

Please encourage your child to use these apps little and often – even just 3 minutes a day has been shown to make a massive difference. They all now have logins for SATs bootcamp, where they can watch GPS and maths tutorials followed by the 'tests yourself' section.

Notices:

Spelling test on Fridays (see Edshed)

Homework will now be arithmetic based

No more cricket (PE only on Fridays)



After half term new menu

CATERed

WEEK 1

W/C: MONDAY 3RD NOV, 24TH NOV, 15TH DEC, 19TH JAN, 9TH FEB, 9TH MARCH, 30TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V</p> <p>Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh, Mu, Mi m/c Se</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Potato topped chicken pie served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Ce Mi m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Sausage and mashed potato served with veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - W</p> <p>Youngs fish fingers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</p> <p>Vegan chilli with rice and veg</p> <p>Allergens: So</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V</p> <p>Broccoli and potato bake served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</p> <p>Vegan meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh So</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Homemade bean cottage pie served with roast potatoes and veg</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, W</p> <p>Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>
<p>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E)</p> <p>HOT PANINI: CHOOSE FROM CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO SERVED WITH TORTILLA CHIPS AND VEG (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)</p>				
<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Pear flapjack</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, O</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Chocolate shortbread</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c Bar</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Custard biscuit and fruit slices</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Apple crumble and custard</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh O Mi m/c Bar</p>

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / 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



You can pre order meals through the Arbor App



Dates for Diary

Friday 24th October - Break up for half term

Monday 3rd November - Back to school

Wednesday 5th November - Healthy Smiles Talk - Reception / Year1

11th November - Individual Photos with Tempest

10th - 14th November - Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 18th 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	20	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	