



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

# Newsletter

## A Message From Our Head Teacher

We have had a lovely first week back at school after the October break. Pupils have made a really good start to the term! I have been so impressed with how well all classes have settled and the effort they have put into their lessons.

We have a few things coming up next week - on Monday we will wear odd socks to recognise anti-bullying week. The children have been tasked with learning the definition of bullying and to think of ways to support the school in noticing and tackling bullying behaviour. On Tuesday we have a special assembly to observe Remembrance Day; this will be fronted by Year Six and they will lead us into a two-minute silence at 11am. Finally, on Friday, we will be celebrating Children in Need by inviting the children to come to school in mufti and take part in some special events.

Make sure you look at our diary dates and watch out for any flyers and emails about future events so that all of our children can take part!

Have the best of weekends,  
Steph Macdonald



# Recognition Awards

## Attendance

This week's attendance winner  
are: Beech with 98.8%

Whole school: 96.87%  
this is just below the national  
average



## Achiever of the week

Willows - Oakley  
Maple - Oliver  
Oaks - Grace  
Sycamore - James  
Beech - Colin

**BBC**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**

# WE'RE RAISING MONEY

## WHAT

Wear something spotty  
£1 donation includes a Pudsey Biscuit

## WHEN & WHERE

Friday 14th November 2025

## CONTACT

MarlboroughPrimaryAcademy





**MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY  
ACADEMY**

**EARLY YEARS  
VISITS**



**EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON IN  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**



Our lovely school provides a wonderful learning environment where children can grow and develop. We also have a spacious outdoor area that offers many opportunities for learning and exploration.



Please call the office to book your tour

01752 567681

Morice Square,

Devonport,

PL1 4NJ



**Ofsted**  
Good  
Provider



## Odd Sock Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November we having a odd sock day to celebrate anti-bullying week.



## Lockdown

Next week, we will be practicing school lockdown procedures and carrying out our termly lockdown drill. This is a routine safety exercise and there is no cause for concern. It's simply an important part of ensuring that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency.

## Tempest Photos

Tempest Photos will be in school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November to take individual student photos.

If you would like sibling photos, please come to the main reception at 8:30am to have these taken before the school day begins.

## 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:

01752 567681

Website address:

[www.marlboroughacademy.org](http://www.marlboroughacademy.org)

Email address:

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



## Willows

We have had a great first week of term 2.

Our new decking area is now open and the children have enjoyed exploring the new area. The builders' yard is a very popular choice. We are working to make it even better, with the children creating bunting to hang from the shelter.

This week the children have been learning all about space. We have looked at the story 'QPootle5' and created new alien characters and space crafts.

The children have also been learning about the features of triangles and circles. They have been looking around the school to try and spot them.

On Monday, please encourage your child to wear odd socks to show support for anti-bullying week.



## Maple

Welcome back to a new term of learning. I hope you've had a relaxing break. We will be learning about the following Topics:

English: Our new text this term is 'Grandad's Camper' - The adventurous journey and road trip of Grandad to inspire our writing in the form of a narrative, using dialogue, letter and postcard writing (recounts) as well as instructions.

Maths: Place Value and Shape. Understanding the value of each digit using various representations to further develop our skills and understanding to support our problem solving. Identifying and recognising properties of different shapes.

Science: Everyday Materials. Recognising and identifying different materials, exploring their properties and uses. Houses can be fireproof - Prove it!

Reading masters ( overview) Focusing on the following aspects in each piece of text; reading, analyse, retrieve, inference and justify.

Geography: Our wonderful world. There's no place like home - Prove it!

PE. Gymnastics: Point of contact. Using our bodies to balance and move in sequenced movements.

Mondays

PSHE. How behaviour affects others: being polite and respectful.

Music. Tempo: snail and mouse.

Computing: Computer systems and networks. Improving mouse skills.

RE: Who do Christians say made the world?

# Oaks

What a lovely start to the new term!

In English, we have started looking at a new book – Leon and the Place Between. This has a circus theme and so we enjoyed learning about the circus and practicing some circus skills such as stilt walking!

In science, we have continued to think about animals and humans. This term we are going to learn about the digestive system. For our first lesson this week we began by thinking about questions we already have, and we spent some time researching to build some knowledge ready for the rest of the unit!

In history, we are going to learn about the Romans. We began the unit by learning about chronology. We had lots of fun putting different events into chronological order!

The children did such an amazing job last term at joining Sycamore for PE that we are continuing joint PE lessons this term – PE will be on a Thursday. It was also amazing to join Sycamore for music on Monday afternoon – Well done everyone!

# Sycamore

What a lovely start to our new term!

This week we have hit the ground running! Sycamore have been working hard and all of the adults are so impressed.

In maths, we have continued to work hard on our times tables and Year 3 won our in class TTRS battle! They have enjoyed some extra breaktime for their hard work. We have also been continuing to work on our addition and subtraction skills and the children have been really challenging themselves with the word problems and multi skill problems.

In English, we have started looking at a new book – Leon and the Place Between. This has a circus theme and so we have enjoyed learning about the circus and of course enjoying some fresh pop corn!

In science we have continued to think about animals and humans. This term we are going to be learning about the digestive system. For our first lesson this week we began by thinking about questions we already have and we spent some time researching to build some knowledge ready for the rest of the unit!

In history, we are going to be learning about the Romans. We began the unit by learning about chronology. We had lots of fun putting different events into chronological order and we were surprised by how old or new some items were!

Your talk time words this week are:

Chronology – putting things into time order.

Lantern – a light that is normally in a metal case with glass panels, it has a handle so it can be carried.

Eager – to be really excited.

## Homework

This week your child will have some addition and subtraction questions to complete for maths. For English I have given some justification questions in a similar style to our Reading Masters lessons.

Time Tables Rock Stars and reading are also part of your child's home work. Please record each read using our new Boom Reader App.



# Beech

A great start to the term this week. The children have enjoyed the first start of our new book in English, 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. From the first few pages, we have been writing expanded noun phrases and relative clauses. Our star writer this week have been Noorullah!

In Science and Geography, we have completed our 'immersion' lessons for Evolution and Inheritance, and The Amazon, whereby the children complete posters based on their own research on the subjects. They look lovely!

In maths, we have been learning about factors and multiples. Some of the children found this really tricky as they have not retained some of their times-tables knowledge.

## Top TTRS users:

Brian	Obiora	2m 25s	📅 2	2,554
Spencer	Ashworth	1m 9s	📅 2	2,420
Nordean	Salman	1m 55s	📅 2	1,948
Ava-Mai	Blight	2m 28s	📅 2	1,086
Noorullah	Wahidullah	0m 43s	📅 1	990

## Top Edshed users:

Lottie Jones	24 ✓		Soldier Bee (1500pts)	95%	10.09 s	2.8462	5,828,220
Spencer Ashworth	52 ✓		Royal Bee (2000pts)	95%	10.42 s	4	20,455,728

## Notices:

Y6 Mock SATs next week (GPS Monday, Reading Tues, Maths paper 1 and paper 2 Wed, and Maths paper 3 Thurs)

Homework due in Fridays and we have our weekly spelling test

Y6 remembrance assembly Tuesday

# well★done

Arthur won 'thinking like a civil engineer' in the Mission Mammoth Steamfest. He collected his certificate and 3D printed mammoth trophy at an award ceremony at Plymouth Arts university.



# After half term new menu

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## WEEK 2

W/C: MONDAY 10TH NOV, 1ST DEC, 5TH JAN, 26TH JAN, 23RD FEB, 16TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Crispy chicken served with seasoned wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Bar E m/c So Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b> Creamy chicken and tomato pasta bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V</b> Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, So, Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast gammon with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - W</b> Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, F</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b> Homemade vegetable moussaka served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Ce Mu So</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</b> Vegetable curry and rice served with veg</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Mexican vegan cheese and bean quesadilla served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh O</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Vegetarian sausage with vegetable casserole and roast potatoes Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</b> Cheese wheels with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Mu</p>
<p><b>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) HOT PANINI: CHOOSE FROM CHEESE &amp; TOMATO OR HAM &amp; TOMATO SERVED WITH TORTILLA CHIPS AND VEG</b> (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)</p>				
<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b> Blueberry cake Allergens: Glu Wh E Bar</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Cornish fairings biscuit with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruit platter</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b> Banana cookies Allergens: Glu Wh E</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b> Vanilla and chocolate marble cake with custard Allergens: Glu Wh E 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 (M), 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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Sock Day

11th November - Individual Photos with Tempest

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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Mufti day - Children in Need

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - 8:45am Yr 6 parents meeting TTRS and Ed Shared launch

Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December - School Nativity

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for school holidays

## 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	

# Autumn Nature Art Competition!

Create your very own Autumnal Scene using treasures from nature to win a £20 Amazon Voucher!

We invite all students to explore the outdoors and collect natural materials such as:



- Leaves
- Moss
- Acorns & Conkers
- Bark & Twigs
- Pinecones



Use them to design a beautiful autumn scene, it could be:

- A woodland animal
- A forest landscape
- An autumn tree
- A seasonal themed picture



Be creative! No paint or store-bought decorations, just nature's colourful autumn gifts!

Remember: Only collect items that have already fallen, respect nature and keep wildlife safe!

Deadline: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Scan or Photograph work and send to:  
[amanda.harper@zeneducate.com](mailto:amanda.harper@zeneducate.com)

Please include your name, class and school within the email!

Winner announced: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

We at Zen Educate can't wait to see your wonderful creations!