



Friday 14th November 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

What another lovely week we have had at Marlborough Academy. We started off the week with Odd Sock day to recognise anti-bullying week. We want all children to understand that bullying is repeated unkind behaviour from one person to another, not just getting on and falling out with friends. This event helped to underpin the definition of bullying with each of our pupils, and staff and pupils enjoyed sporting odd socks!

This was followed by an excellent Remembrance service led by Year Six on Tuesday the 11th . Pupils were reminded about the sacrifices made by our armed forces in WW1, and the sacrifices our armed forces continue to make to ensure the safety of our country.

The end of the week was a celebration of all the 25th anniversary of Children in Need. We invited our pupils and staff to attend in mufti and there were some brilliant Pudsey influenced outfits. We also asked all classes to take part in a 25 minute activity (to celebrate the 25 years of Pudsey) during the day which was great fun! Thanks to you all for supporting our fundraising events - we look forward to updating you with a total amount raised in the not too distant future.

Have the best of weekends - stay warm and dry during this stormy weather.
Steph Macdonald



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Maple with 95.33%
Whole school: 96.87%
this is below the national
average



Achiever of the week

Willows - Tillie
Maple - Mahydean
Sycamore - Hudson
Beech - Scarlett
Oaks - Kai



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

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Devonport,

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Year 6 Parents only

You are invited to a coffee morning on Wednesday 19th 8.45 - 9.15 for a coffee, biscuit and Timestable Rockstar and Edshed taster session! It's a perfect chance to grab a coffee, chat, and get a chance to see how Times Table Rockstars and Edshed can make learning fun and engaging for your child. We'll show you the benefits of these amazing tools and how they help with both times tables and spelling.



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 your 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

Email address:

reception@marlboroughacademy.org



Willows

Willows have had a great week. We have been looking at the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. This has included creating our own trolls and bridges for the story in drawing club and building bridges with natural materials, wooden blocks, duplo and lego.

In maths, Foundation have been looking at how many different ways they can make 5, while Year 1 have been completing their unit on partitioning numbers. Foundation have now learnt all the single sounds in phonics and have been working hard to orally blend.

The children have continued to enjoy the new decking area; making constructions in the building area, planting pretend trees in the sand and putting balls through plastic tubes into the water.



Maple

The weather has been a little bit soggy this week. Please could you make sure your child comes in everyday with a coat so if an opportunity arises we can be outside for our brain breaks and have a run around. Thank you.

We have been learning the following this week:

English: Our new text this term is 'Grandad's Camper' - This week we have been writing a thank you letter about adventures we enjoy with family members. We have created a plan for an amazing journey to different locations using directions to help us arrive at our various destinations.

Maths: addition and subtraction – identifying number bonds up to 20. Looking at different representations (number lines, part-whole models, ten frames) to support our understanding of calculations as well as missing numbers.

Science: Everyday Materials. This week we have been learning about various materials and their properties and why they are suitable for everyday objects.

Reading masters (overview) Focusing on the following aspects in each piece of text 'The lightkeepers Lunch' - reading, analyse, retrieve, inference and justify.

Geography: Our wonderful world. Discussing, investigating and exploring human and physical geographical features of a region.

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

Art: Andy Warhol Learning about Andy Warhol and his famous Pop Art and discussing what we like and dislike about his art, whether this be the colours, patterns, textures and shapes used as well as the subject of his art 'endangered species'.

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?

Homework – Given out on Friday please return the following Wednesday.

Don't forget to use your Times Tables Rock Stars log ins.



Oaks

We have had an amazing week in oaks this week.

I am so proud of everyone for their perseverance and hard work in maths. This week we have worked on adding and subtracting 2 numbers using the column method, I was blown away by how well everyone did!

We are going to continue working on adding and subtraction next week!

The children are loving our book in English this term, Leon and the place in between. This week we have focused on classifying nouns into singular and plural. As well as using an apostrophe to show possession.

In history this week we compared life in Britain and life in Rome at the time of the Roman invasion. We compared the different houses and watched an archaeologist explain how we know about life before the Romans.



Sycamore

We had a wonderful week! We had lots of fun creating our sock and charters for anti- bullying week. It was so lovely to see all the unique socks designs that show we are all individuals. It was also lovely to read the charters each child made to show the kind things we can do to help others feel positive and happy.

In English, we have looked at classifying nouns into singular and plural. We have alsojnutg been using adjectives to help us create a spooky mood in our writing. We have created some lovely pieces of writing.

In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction with week. We have continued to use the column method which has worked so well across the class!

In science, we have been learning to map the digestive system. We found out that food has a very long journey through our body.

In history, we have been incredible historians this week. We have compared Rome and England during Roman times. We looked at the social structure and living conditions and we found that Rome was incredibly dangerous.

Homework this week is:

Maths – column subtractions.

English – numbering the events for comprehension.

Times Tables Rock Stars please.





Beech

A wonderful week of writing this week! We have been enjoying our book 'The Selfish Giant' and have written beautiful descriptions of settings and a letter using expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, passive voice and the subjunctive form!

In maths, we are coming to the end of our multiplication and division unit, and we are about to start fractions. In geography, we have been learning about the physical and human features of the Amazon basin, and have been comparing them to the Tamar Valley.

A massive well done to the Year Sixes this week, who have worked really hard on their SATs mocks. They have all made outstanding progress since their first go in September. If you'd like to know how your child did, please send me a message.

Next week:

Year Five trip to the Moxy hotel on Tuesday in the morning only

Coffee morning for parents Wednesday 8.45 - 9.15 for a Timestable Rockstar and Edshed taster session

Top TTRS users:

Nordean, Noorullah and Palwisher

Top Edshed users:

Spencer and Oskar

Menu

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WEEK 3

DATES: W/C: MONDAY 17TH NOV, 8TH DEC, 12TH JAN, 2ND FEB, 2ND MARCH, 23RD MARCH

MONDAY

CHOICE 1 - H, W

Sticky BBQ meatballs served with pasta and veg
Allergens: Glu Wh

CHOICE 2 - H, W, V

Cheesy courgette sausage with mash, veg and gravy
Allergens: Glu Wh E MI

DESSERT - H, W, V, VE

Date crispy crunch
Allergens: Glu Wh Bar m/c MI So

TUESDAY

CHOICE 1 - H

Cheese and tomato French bread pizza served with wedges and veg
Allergens: Glu W MI m/c So

CHOICE 2 - H, V

Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread and veg
Allergens: Glu Wh Mu MI m/c E, Bar

DESSERT - H, W, V

Toffee and apple cake
Allergens: Glu Wh E

WEDNESDAY

All day breakfast choose from: meat or plant based served with a hash brown, beans and veg

Meat option - H

Allergens: Glu Wh E MI

Plant based option - V, VE

Allergens: Glu Wh

DESSERT - H, V, VE

Fruit platter

THURSDAY

CHOICE 1 - H

Roast chicken served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy
Allergens: Glu Wh E MI

CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE

Katsu vegetable curry bake with roast potatoes and veg
Allergens: Glu Wh

DESSERT - H, V

Orange butter biscuits
Allergens: Glu, Wh E

FRIDAY

CHOICE 1 - H

Battered fish fillet with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg
Allergens: Glu Wh F

CHOICE 2 - W, V, VE

Quorn dippers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg
Allergens: Glu Wh

DESSERT - H, W, V

Steamed jam sponge and custard
Allergens: Glu Wh E MI

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E)
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)

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), Dairy (Dai), Soy (So), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Sesame (Se), Sulphites (Su), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (M), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

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

We are pleased to announce that our lovely ladies in the kitchen received their 5 Stars food hygiene rating again this year.

Well done Dani and PJ.

You can pre order meals through the Arbor App



Dates for Diary

Tuesday 18th November - Year 5 Widening Horizons - Moxy Hotel
 Wednesday 19th November - 8:45am Yr 6 parents meeting TTRS and Ed Shared launch
 Week commencing 8th December - School Nativity
 Thursday 18th 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	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	