



Friday 21st November 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

Last week the Year Six pupils at Marlborough sat some practise KS2 SATs papers. We practise these assessments throughout the year in order to support our pupils with getting used to the process as they are the first 'proper' tests (under test conditions) that pupils experience. I met with Mrs Kendall yesterday to review the papers and the pupil scores and I was absolutely blown away by the progress they have made since September. I could not have been prouder of the pupils (and the teaching team) for working so hard to achieve such good results. These tests are statutory for all Year Six pupils across the country, and it is really important that we support our students to be as prepared as possible for these assessments. However, more important is that these tests show the pupils' readiness for secondary school - we want every student at MPA to leave us fully prepared for the next stage of their school lives. Well done Y6 and Mrs Kendall and Mrs Lewis.

On Tuesday we revisited our anti-bullying work from the previous week and again I was so impressed at the pupils' recollection of their learning. They could tell me that bullying IS over time and for no reason and NOT arguments with friends. We checked that everyone knew who to speak to in order to raise a concern about being bullied. All children could say who a 'safe' adult was, and that they were happy to pass on concerns when they arose which was fantastic!

Have the best of weekends - stay warm,
Mrs Macdonald



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: 96.28% with
Whole school: 96.87%
this is nearly the national
average



Achiever of the week

Willows - Jayansh
Maple - Talululah
Sycamore - Vanessa
Beech - Ava
Oaks - Oskar



Willows

Another busy week!

In drawing club, the children have been focusing on the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. They have created new characters and adventures. They have also explored some art work, using collage and printing techniques.

In maths, the foundation children have been sorting shapes and creating shape pictures. Year 1 have been continuing their work on place value and counting in 10s.

Despite the cold, the children have still been keen to explore the outside area, creating some impressive leaf art. They also enjoyed investigating the ice outside! The Christmas show rehearsals are now well underway, and they are doing such an amazing job!



Maple

We have had a busy week starting a new topic in maths of place value and understanding the values of numbers in different forms.

We have been learning the following this week:

English: Our new text this term is 'Grandad's Camper' - This week we have been learning about past and present tenses and using this knowledge in our writing.

Maths: place value- identifying the value of each digit for tens and ones i.e. 23 has 2 tens 3 ones but can always have 23 ones using dienes, part-whole models and ten frames. Counting in multiples of ten (10 times table) sometimes starting from a random number (23 33 43 53). We have been looking closely at sequences of numbers and finding missing numbers.

Science: Everyday Materials. This week we have been learning about various materials and their properties and why plastic is suitable for everyday objects in the classroom.

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 the regions of Tokyo and Dehli.

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

Art: Andy Warhol We have been looking closely at photos of endangered species and identifying their different characteristic so that we sketch them.

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.

ED shed is now up and running - these enable your child to practice their spellings for each week linked to their homework sheet.



Oaks

We had a lovely week this week!

In English we have been looking at the role of the magician in our story. We have been using a thesaurus to find interesting verbs and adjectives and have written a diary entry using these!

In maths this week we have continued working on addition and subtraction with exchange. We are so proud of everyone's incredible hard work on this unit!

For science this week we have continued to look at the digestive system. This week we have focused on the first half of digestion. We have thought about the journey food takes from the mouth to the stomach and the role that saliva plays in helping us to eat and digest.

In history this week, we have thought about the impact of the Roman invasion on Britain. We looked at different sources of information to think about the changes the Romans made. We learnt about the huge Roman army, too!



Sycamore

Sycamore have had a lovely week. They really enjoyed their day with Mr Dore on Tuesday!

We have come to the end of our addition and subtraction unit this week. We have finished the week by exploring estimating, the inverse operation and then we thought about the most efficient way to complete our questions. We have also been working really hard with our arithmetic and TT Rock Stars. Lots of children have seen a big jump in their arithmetic scores and we have had lots of TTRS certificates again!

In English, we have been looking at the role of the magician in our story. We have been using lots of verbs and adjectives to create some lovely setting and character descriptions. The children have been choosing vocabulary that fits with the mood and theme that they are looking to create.

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In PE this week, we have continued to work on our Solar System dances. We are using the piece Uranus by Holst for our dance. Last week we listened to each piece and this was our favourite!

Homework this week is:

Maths – ordering numbers

English – using the words from our spelling lesson

Times Tables Rock Stars and Ed Shed as well please.

Your talk time words this week are:

Intensified - when something becomes more extreme.

Efficient - the best way to do something.

Oesophagus - the tube that takes food from the mouth to the stomach

Beech

What a lovely week we have had! In English, the children have written some absolutely beautiful setting description of 'The Selfish giant's' garden with lots of exciting vocabulary, similes and metaphors, and some children are beginning to use a semi-colon.

In maths, we have started our fractions topic, with the children working hard to understand and use equivalent fractions. In RE, we have been learning about the story of Genesis 1, and the Big Bang Theory; we are deciding whether they are conflicting or complimentary.

For their widening horizons trip, Y5s this week went to the Moxy Hotel and learnt all about careers in the hospitality industry! Including a barista – they made Mrs. Lewis a very delicious latte!

On Wednesday, we went to Devonport Library and all took about a book to read during our 'Reading for Pleasure' time.

Homework:

Spelling sheet and EdShed
Equivalent fractions and TTRS

Top Edshed users:
Spencer/ Robin and Shona

Top TTRS users:
Shona/Nordean and Faith



Menu

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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: MEANS / 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)</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>

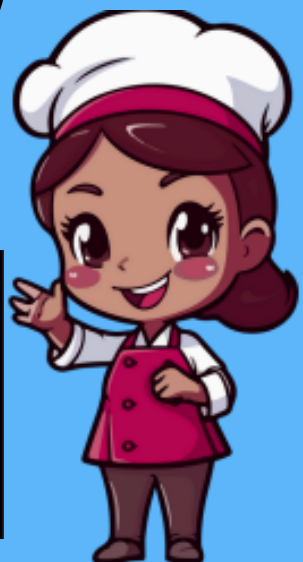
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local Westcountry yoghurt (dairy-free 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), Corn (Ce), Rice (Ri), Soy, (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanut (Pe), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (Nu), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (Cr), Cereals (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (Lu), M/c m/c May contain



You can pre order meals through the Arbor App



Dates for Diary

Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th December - School Performance

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Fayre

Thursday 18th December - Break up for Christmas holidays

Friday 19th December - INSET Day closed to pupils

Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET Day closed to pupils

Tuesday January 6th 2026 - 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	
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	

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, 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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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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