



Friday 28th November 2025

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

We are having a big focus on home learning this term, and Mrs Kendall arranged a coffee and drop-in session last week to support parents in getting logged in on Boom Reader (our online reading log) and TT Rockstars (times tables). I was really pleased to hear that we had about 15 parents attend, and we have seen a good uptake in home learning as a result. Our home learning is designed to be purposeful practise for our pupils to be able to become more fluent in key skills such as tables and reading, so anything you can do at home helps the children in their work at school. Thank you to Mrs Kendall for organising this event!

There are lots of exciting things ahead in the last few weeks of term so make sure you check out the diary dates on this newsletter. We have our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on the 11th December. We also have two showings of the amazing 'Ralph the Reindeer' coming up. If you would like to see a show and get into the holiday spirit, please look out for the dates and times of the shows!

Have the best of weekends,
Steph Macdonald





Presenting

Ralph The Reindeer

An original Christmas musical by Niki Davies



Monday 8th December and Wednesday 10th December

£1 per person. Max 2 tickets per family

Please book your place at the main office.

First come first Served



Winter Fair

Wednesday 17th December

3PM

FREE
ENTRY

Join us for lots of fun including
Tombola, Cakes, Games, Raffle,
Stalls and much much more!



MARLBOROUGH ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL 01752

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Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Sycamore with 97.57%

Whole school: 95.57%
this is below the national
average of 96.87%



Achiever of the week

Willows - Jayansh
Maple - Miles
Sycamore - Lucy-Anna
Beech - Palwisher
Oaks - Shaun



Willows

Wow, another very busy week with some fantastic learning. Foundation have been looking at the story 'The Gingerbread Man', creating new characters and designing their own gingerbread men. The children also made bridges for the gingerbread man to cross. In maths we have been subitising numbers to 5 (seeing the amount without the need to count). This has involved dice games and number matching.

We all made bird feeders to hang in the trees this week too. Next week, we will be focusing on our upcoming show 'Ralph the Reindeer'.



Maple

Another busy week of learning.

We have been learning the following this week:

English: Our new text this term is 'Grandad's Camper' - This week we have been writing instructions 'How to make the camper new again'.

Maths: place value- We have been identifying tens and ones in 2- digit numbers, partitioning of 2-digit numbers, using number lines to find missing numbers, estimating where numbers on the line should be.

Science: Everyday Materials. This week we have been investigating and comparing different properties of several materials.

Reading masters (overview) Focusing on the following aspects in each piece of text 'Franklin's Flying Bookshop' - reading, analyse, retrieve, inference and justify.

Geography: Our wonderful world. Learning about the River Nile, the communities and animals that live close to the river.

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 how the media we can use to recreate 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

What a fantastic week in Oaks!

In maths this week we have finished off our unit on addition and subtraction. Everyone has worked hard this term, and I am so proud of all their progress! Our next unit is multiplication and division!

In English we have continued to develop our descriptive writing skills with the use of conjunctions and using a thesaurus to find interesting adjectives to describe our characters!

In Science this week we made poo! We have been learning about the digestive system and the journey our food takes! We used biscuits and showed how they are broken down by the teeth, esophagus, stomach, and intestines. The children loved this lesson!

In topic, we have explored the idea of Romanisation in Britain. We identified some changes that the Romans brought that have stayed with us to the current day!



Sycamore

Sycamore

What a great week!

Year 4 had a practice for the multiplication check and the results are fantastic! They have been working so hard and it is really paying off!

In maths, we have begun our new multiplication and division unit. We are working hard to apply all of the skills we have been practicing on TTRS!

In English, we have continued to develop our descriptive writing skills with the use of conjunctions. We had a challenge this week as we had to back up our points of view with evidence from the story.

In topic, we have explored the idea of Romanisation in Britain. We identified some changes that the Romans brought that have stayed with us to the current day!

In science, we have been thinking about the second half of the digestive system and the process our food goes through. We then discussed the role that teeth play in digestion!

Your talk time words this week are:

Stain – a mark that is left normally in a piece of material.

Aqueduct – a water course used to move water.

Hilarious - something incredibly funny.

Homework this week is:

English – this week spelling pattern.

Maths – multiplication using arrays.

TT Rock Stars and Ed shed please.

Please log any reading you are doing using the Boom Reader App.

Beech

A fantastic week of writing this week! With five children earning 'Star Writer' and reading their descriptions of The Selfish Ginat's garden after spring came to visit to Mr Dore, and Shona read her's out in assembly.

In maths, we have been comparing fractions by either looking at the numerator, denominator or by converting to a common denominator. The children are finding this a little tricky, so I have set some related homework and have suggested they complete the fractions section on SATs bootcamp: SATs Boot Camp - Year 6 SATs Revision, Practice Papers & SATs Questions Online

In DT, we have been practicing weaving and designing our own woven baskets. In science, we have been learning about selective breeder, and the creation of the 'liger' by scientists.

Homework:

- Comparing quations
- Edshed and spelling sheet
- TTRS

Top TTR Users: Shona/Oscar and Nordean

Top Ed Shed Users: Spencer/Shona and Grace



The garden was awoken by Springs beauty.

As Winter said her cold goodbye, Spring woke the garden by delicately dancing through the snow, drowning the garden in golden sunlight, letting plants unfurl.

The sub zero pond began to crack as it melted in an angelic glow.

Like the gentle breeze, Spring floated on the soft clouds. Spring whispered to every living thing 'Wake up, it is time to bloom my pretty's', she said whilst smiling.

A canvas of clouds sprouted from the depths of the earth. They spread their branches and yawned.

A beautiful piece written by Shona - Beech Class

MUFTI DAYS

We have two mufti days coming up to help out our Tombola stall at the Winter fair.

Friday 5th December - Donations of sweets/fizzy pop/chocolate

Friday 12th Decemeber - Cakes

PARENT GROUP

We would like to thank all the parents that have joined the Parent Group.

They do do a fantastic job in raising money for our lovely school.

If you would like to join please see Miss Phillips.

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FEEDING MASTERS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE
EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY



JINGLE BELLS...

...JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS LUNCH!



Roast turkey or Quorn fillet
roast potatoes,
trimmings and gravy

Christmas custard biscuits,
rudolf muffins, Krispmas pudding

(For allergy info, please speak to the kitchen or school)

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11/12/2025



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>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Crispy chicken served with seasoned wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Bar E m/c So Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W</p> <p>Creamy chicken and tomato pasta bake served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V</p> <p>Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh, So, Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Roast gammon with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - W</p> <p>Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh, F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V</p> <p>Homemade vegetable moussaka served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Ce Mu So</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</p> <p>Vegetable curry and rice served with veg</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Mexican vegan cheese and bean quesadilla served with wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh O</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Vegetarian sausage with vegetable casserole and roast potatoes</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</p> <p>Cheese wheels with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Mu</p>

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F S)
 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>DESSERT - H, V, W</p> <p>Blueberry cake</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Bar</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Cornish fairings biscuit with fruit</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, W</p> <p>Banana cookies</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, W</p> <p>Vanilla and chocolate marble cake with custard</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar</p>
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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 alternative 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

Friday 5th December - Mufti Day - Sweets/Fizzy Pop/Chocolate for Tombola

Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th December - School Performance

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 12th December - Mufti Day - Cakes for Tombola

Wednesday 17th December - Winter Fayre

Thursday 18th December - Break up

Friday 19th December - INSET Day closed to pupils

Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET Day closed to pupils

Tuesday January 6th 2026 - Back to school

Tuesday 6th January - Reception Class - Vision Screening

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 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

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