



Friday 16th January 2026

# Newsletter

## A Message From Our Head Teacher

We have had another positive week at Marlborough Academy. The students have returned to school ready to learn and have made a good start to the new calendar year! It has been a bit cold and damp so we have had lots of coughs and sniffles but we always encourage positive attendance so we are happy for you to still send your children to school as long as they are well enough to attend.

This week we had some lovely news from one of our parents, Jamie Fallick-Wicks.

Jamie and his daughter Scarlett volunteer for a local community interest company; Clean Our Patch CIC (COP) and it is being assessed for The King's Award for Voluntary Service. This is a highly prestigious national award and is considered the voluntary equivalent of an MBE. As part of the assessment process, the awarding body would like to interview volunteers involved with COP, and both Scarlett and Jamie have been invited to attend. This will take place on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January – I know you will join me in wishing them lots of luck with the assessment, and also share thanks for the work they do in our local area.

We have some great enrichment opportunities coming up throughout the Spring and Summer term, and some plans to invite parents and carers in to some planned events and activities. Please keep an eye out for dates and times on our newsletter, Facebook page and website.

Have the best of weekends,  
Steph Macdonald





## Willows

Willows have had a super week. Much of our learning has been based around 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. This has included running our own shoe shop, as well as designing very fancy new school shoes. In maths, most children are now confidently able to subitise numbers to 6 using dice. Many are also able to quickly see a written number to 10 and count out the correct number of objects. In our outside area, we have bathed the dolls, created a dinosaur world and used our new writing hamper.



## Maple

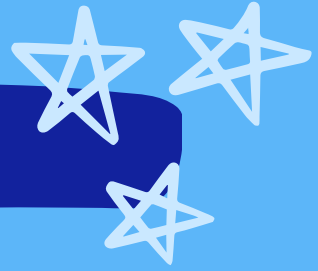
We've had another fantastic week in Maple class! We've been delving deeper into our English topic all about the Great Fire of London! We've explored and talked lots about how the fire started with Thomas Farriner in his bakery on Pudding Lane! Maple class have been amazing at discussing what it must have been like to wake up to a city on fire! We even began creating some dance moves to represent the spreading of the fire in P.E!

We have moved onto money in Maths and have had lots of fun exploring the value of different coins and notes.

We also enjoyed another visit from members from the Mental Health Support Team which will be happening every week until half term and had lots of positive chat about how we manage different emotions and how this can sometimes look or feel within our bodies.

Well done Maple for another amazing week!

# Oaks



This week Oaks have been continuing our work in English on making leaflets. We have started to write our paragraphs about the different tourist attractions in Plymouth.

In Maths we have been continuing our work on multiplication and division.

We have learnt about the magnetic fields of magnets and had fun investigating their properties. Our topic work has involved us learning about volcanoes. They are scary but fun to watch!

We had great fun playing ukuleles in Music.



# Sycamore

Sycamore have had a very successful week! Our multiplication scores are rising steadily which shows all their hard work is paying off! We were very excited to welcome our lovely music teacher back! We have continued to work on our ukulele skills, we have learnt some new chords and practiced some songs we know!

In maths, we have been looking at problem solving with multiplication and division.

In English, we have been gathering high level vocabulary relating to trees and forests. We are going to be producing some tree guides that link to the forest that our characters are exploring!

In science, we have been continuing to look at magnets. This week we have learnt about the magnetic poles and which combinations will repel and attract.

In geography, we have learned about volcanoes and how they are formed. We have thought about their location and where the main danger zones are.

## **Your talk time words this week are:**

Repel – when things move away from each other.

Magma – liquid rock that is found inside a volcano.

Bark – the rough covering on a tree trunk.

## **Homework**

English – a spelling sheet linked to this week's word pattern.

Maths – addition and subtraction mistake investigator.

ED shed, TTRS and reading are also a homework expectation.



# Beech

What a week! The children have been working hard to understand myths in English and wrote their own 'cold write' to assess their starting point. After starting our new book 'Arthur and the Golden rope', we then practiced writing expanded noun phrases to help us write our own poems. They were very creative!

In maths, we have been securing our knowledge of short division; in history, we have been learning about the Mayas, including the house they built, the food they ate and some of their inventions; in science, we have been learning about parts of a plant, and how they change during different seasons. To help us understand this, we sketched different plants into our books!



## Notices:

Y6 mock SATs next week

Y5 assessments the week after

Y5 Widening horizons trip on 27th Jan (morning only)

Homework is due in on Friday

# Menu

CATER<sup>ed</sup>

## 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><b>CHOICE 1 - H, V</b></p> <p>Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh, Mu, Mi m/c Se</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b></p> <p>Potato topped chicken pie served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Ce Mi m/c Bar</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b></p> <p>Sausage and mashed potato served with veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b></p> <p>Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - W</b></p> <p>Youngs fish fingers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh F</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</b></p> <p>Vegan chilli with rice and veg</p> <p>Allergens: So</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b></p> <p>Broccoli and potato bake served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</b></p> <p>Vegan meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh So</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Homemade bean cottage pie served with roast potatoes and veg</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, W</b></p> <p>Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>
<p><b>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E)</b>  <b>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</b></p> <p>Pear flapjack</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, O</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V</b></p> <p>Chocolate shortbread</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c Bar</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Custard biscuit and fruit slices</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V</b></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), Rice (R), Soya (So), Substitutes (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Milk (Mi), MBR (MB), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Chardonnay (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



### Y.I.P.P.E.E Meetups

for **Young Independent Proud Parents Encouraging Each other**  
(for parents and parents to be under 25 years old)

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
1.30 - 3PM

FREE SOFT PLAY AT YMCA OCEAN CITY SOFT PLAY  
YMCA, Honicknowle Lane, Plymouth. PL5 3NG

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
1.30 - 3PM

FREE SOFT PLAY AT YMCA OCEAN CITY SOFT PLAY  
YMCA, Honicknowle Lane, Plymouth. PL5 3NG

*Remember waterproofs, warm clothes and wellies where needed!*

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY  
1 - 2.30 pm

THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD TRAIL AT SALTRAM (FREE)  
Meet at the Duck pond

What 3 Words location: [bounced.voted.favour](https://www.bounced.voted.favour)

TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
1.15 - 2.30PM

FREE SOFT PLAY AND DROP IN  
Discovery Cafe, Central Methodist Church Hall,  
Eastlake Street, Plymouth City Centre. PL1 1BA

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
1 - 2.30PM

STORYTIME AT THE NATIONAL MARINE AQUARIUM  
(ADMISSION OR VALID ANNUAL PASS REQUIRED)  
National Marine Aquarium, The Rope Walk Beech  
Avenue, Plymouth. PL4 0QQ

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
1.30 - 3PM

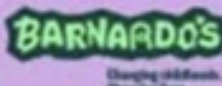
NATIONAL TEDDY DAY  
BRING A PICNIC AND YOUR TEDDY FOR  
FREE SOFT PLAY AND TEDDY BEARS PICNIC AT OCEAN CITY SOFT PLAY  
YMCA, Honicknowle Lane, Plymouth, PL5 3NG



For further information call/text Sal: 07738119697 & Jess: 07522619076

Also check out our [Facebook page](#) for any updates,  
including changes or cancellations due to weather conditions

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**FREE**  
PLEASE **BOOK**  
BY CALLING A  
FAMILY HUB

# PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUBS

# READY, STEADY, CHAT!



**8 SESSIONS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT  
YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH AND  
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT!  
18 MONTHS-4 YEARS**

**Efford Library - Wednesdays from 21<sup>st</sup> Jan-18th  
March 2026 930-1030am**

**St. Budeaux Library - Thursdays from 22nd Jan-  
19th March 2026 930-1030am**  
No session in half term

**Activities include:**

- ✓ Arts and crafts
- ✓ Singing
- ✓ Games and activities
- ✓ Storytelling
- ✓ Talk time and ideas for home

**SCAN ME**



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## 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:

01752 567681

Website address:

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

Email address:

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

# Dates for Diary

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Plymouth Albion are visiting years 4 and 5 for tag rugby

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Widening Horizons Trip Year 5

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Healthy Smiles are visiting our reception children

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine Disco

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for Half Term

## 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	
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