



Friday 23rd January 2026

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

Today we had a mufti day and instead of a money donation we asked for cake contributions. Thank you to everyone who contributed, we received an outstanding amount and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our cake sale on Friday afternoon (6th February). The children were all sent home with letters containing the details for this. We are very excited to celebrate NSPCC number day with you all.

This week Year 5 enjoyed a visit to EE through Widening Horizons. The trip gave the children the opportunity to review job options in the tech industry and they had huge, cooked breakfast which went down very well.

The children are currently completing a survey all about how much they feel they belong within the Devonport community and Marlborough. We are looking to provide a wider range of clubs starting from term 4. So far, the top of the list is Lego club.

This week the whole school attendance has increased compared to last week. Let's keep up the good work and hopefully we can see further increases in the coming weeks.



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Beech with 98.64%

Whole school of 94.27% this is below the national average



Achiever of the week

Willows – Tommy & Raad
Maple – Claire
Sycamore – Freddy
Beech – Scarlett
Oaks – Hunter

Willows

A lovely week in Willows. In foundation our story has been 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', the children have used their imaginations to draw new characters, they have retold the story using puppets, as well as sequencing the story.

In maths, the children have been working on composition of numbers within 5. They are able to quickly recall facts and are beginning to use some super mathematical language. The children have also learnt about what it means to be unique; they have had the opportunity to sketch self-portraits of their own unique faces. They have also discussed similarities, being able to talk about what makes us similar and what makes us unique.

Year 1 have continued their work on 'The Great Fire of London', looking at some of London's iconic landmarks. They have been working hard to consolidate their number knowledge in Maths. They will be coming to the end of their science unit soon and will be considering if hard materials are waterproof and soft materials are not.

Despite the continuous rain, we have still made some great use of our decking area:



Maple

We've had another productive week in Maple class! We are coming to the end of our English unit all about The Great Fire of London and we have been busy planning and writing our own information reports using sub-headings, historical facts and the past and present tense. The children particularly enjoyed using street view on Google maps to explore some of London's iconic monuments and landmarks such as St. Paul's Cathedral, London Bridge and the Monument to the great fire. We were all amazed when we found out that if the column was to lie flat, it would point directly to where the fire started on Pudding Lane back in 1666!

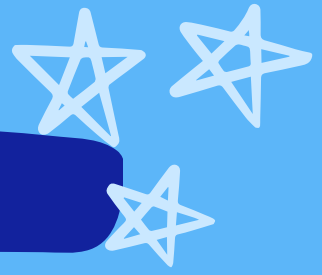
In Maths we continue to consolidate our learning on money – this week we focused on calculating change using number lines.

During Welly Wednesday this week we were finally able to enjoy some sunshine outside after so much soggy weather and the class all enjoyed some well-earned time doing some natural sketching with their friends.

In Science we continue to compare different materials and their physical properties whilst discussing our 'Prove it' question of 'Hard materials are waterproof, soft materials are not.'

Well-done Maple for another very successful week! 😊

Oaks



We had a fantastic week in Oaks. Our year 5s went on a Widening Horizon trip to EE, where they understood all the different kinds of jobs opportunities there are. They also enjoyed a full English breakfast which was lovely.

In English, we are looking at biography about Johnny Cash and George Washington Carver and been writing bullet points of information we have gathered about their lives.

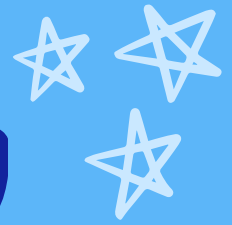
In Math's we are Dividing a 2-digit by 1-digit number and we are working hard.

In science, we have recorded our data to compare everyday materials to see whether they are attracted to a magnet or not.

In cooking we had a tasted test, tasting, plantain, beetroot, pickled onions and much more.



Sycamore



We have had a productive week in Sycamore! We had another lovely music lesson on Monday; the class were writing poems to put to music. We had a really exciting PE lesson with our rugby coach, the class have really enjoyed his games!

In maths, we have started our length and perimeter unit! We have had lots of fun talking about the most efficient way to measure various things. The class have held some incredible conversations, challenging their ideas and the ideas of others.

In English, we have continued to work hard on our Abecedarius poems. This week we had a go at writing some to show the journey and adventured our characters have taken. It was challenging but each child has created some great pieces!

In science the children worked in pairs to design their own experiment to test the strength of different sized magnets. They made predictions and then reviewed their ideas at the end of the experiment.

In geography, we learnt about Tsunamis. We compared them to earthquakes and volcanoes and also thought about the impact they leave on our world. The children made some great connections and thought so deeply about the pattern of natural disasters across our world.

We start our new DT unit next week. We would welcome any junk modelling resources to support our learning.

Your talk time words this week are:

Chronicle – a piece of writing about an important event, it is written in time order.

Displacement – where something is forced out of its usual place.

Stride – to take long purposeful steps.

Homework:

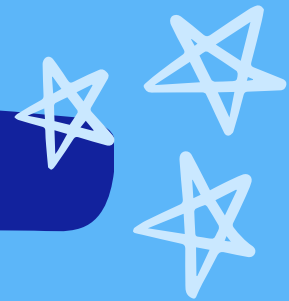
English – this weeks spelling pattern.

Maths – comparing lengths.

TTRS and Ed Shed are also part of our homework expectation.



Beech



A busy week in Beech class! The year fives have been completing their assessments in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling; this shows us the progress they're making, and any gaps that they have. They've done an amazing job!

The year sixes have been going over last week's SATs papers to look for and correct their mistakes and to find any areas they need to revise. To help them with this, they now have their own exercise books just for SATs revision. Their motivation to improve has been wonderful and they should be really proud of themselves.

In science, we have been learning about sexual reproduction in plants by dissecting lilies. They then drew some accurate diagrams of their flowers in their books using scientific terminology. In English, we have been writing our own narratives, and in RE, we have been learning about an important prayer for Jews called 'The Shema'.

Also, this week, the year fives had their 'Widening Horizon' trip to the EE centre, where they got to have a tour of the building, speak to employees and ask questions about their different jobs. They were also served a full English breakfast, pastries and sent home with cookies!

Notices:

The next 'Widening Horizons' trip is 3rd March (Plymouth Citybus)
Please ensure that your child is completing their homework, and doing short bursts of TTRS and Edshed!
All children have a login for SATs bootcamp and Boom Reader



Lego Pictures

Thank you to everyone who took part in International Lego Day.
We received some fabulous drawings and pictures.

WINNER



**Congratulations
to our winner
Hunter**



Thank you to
Scarlett who
donated a
Lego set as a
prize.

Menu

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WEEK 3

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W</p> <p>Sticky BBQ meatballs served with pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Cheese and tomato French bread pizza served with wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu W MI m/c So</p>	<p>All day breakfast choose from: meat or plant based served with a hash brown, beans and veg</p> <p>Meat option - H</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E MI</p> <p>Plant based option - V, VE</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>Battered fish fillet with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</p> <p>Cheesy courgette sausage with mash, veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E MI</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V</p> <p>Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mu MI m/c E, Bar</p>		<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Katsu vegetable curry bake with roast potatoes and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - W, V, VE</p> <p>Quorn dippers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>

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)

<p>DESSERT - H, W, V, VE</p> <p>Date crispy crunch</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Bar m/c MI So</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V</p> <p>Toffee and apple cake</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Orange butter biscuits</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh E</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V</p> <p>Steamed jam sponge and custard</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E MI</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 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 (Gl), Dairy (Da), Eggs (E), Fish (F), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (MI), Soy (So), Sesame (Se), Sulphites (Su), Tuna (T), Vegetarian (V), Wheat (Wh), Yoghurt (Y)

🌱 = Climate Friendly

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





VALENTINE'S DAY DISCO



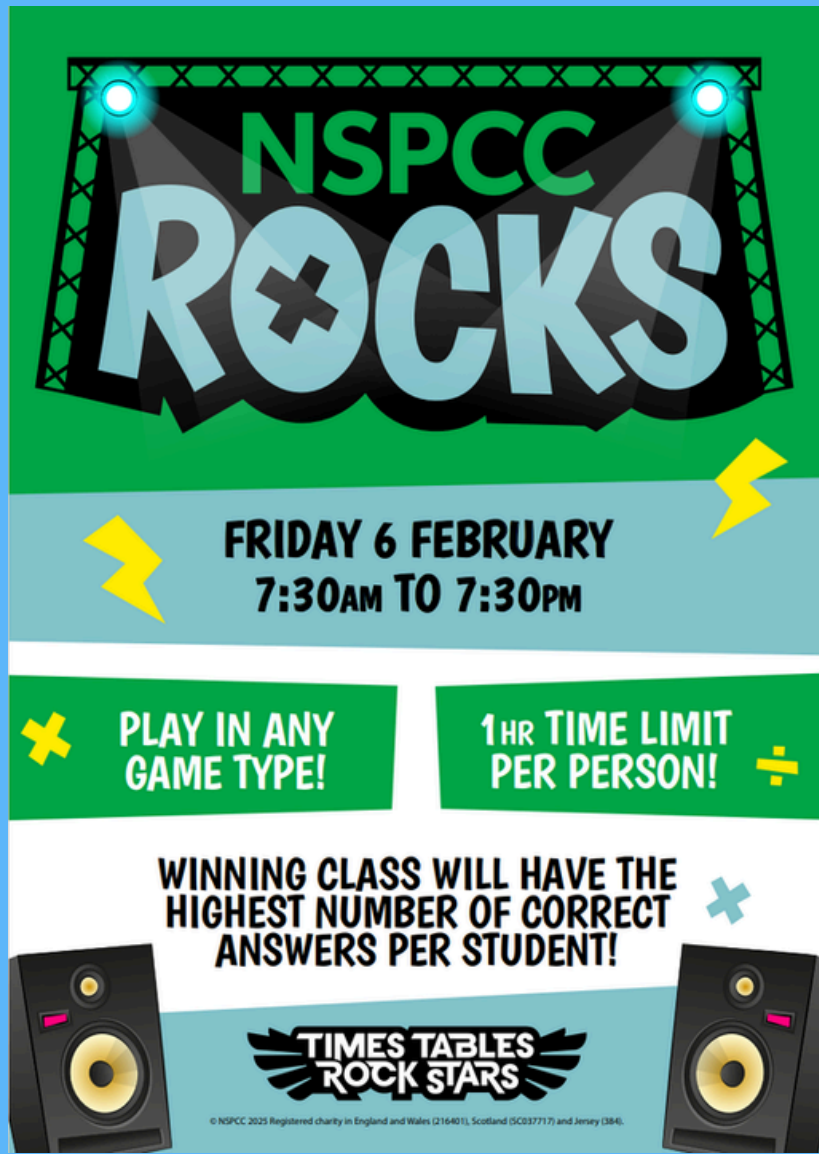
Friday 13th February

3.30pm until 4.30pm

£2.00 per ticket . Pre-order through the main office. This will include a drink and a biscuit.

Marlborough Primary Academy





**NSPCC
ROCKS**

**FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY
7:30AM TO 7:30PM**

+ **PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!** **+**

**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!** **+**

**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!** **+**

**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

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MUFTI DAY

Friday 13th February 2026



In honour of children's mental health week we are holding a mufti day on Friday 13th February. No donations are required and we want the children to dress in whatever makes them feel comfortable.



Information and Events



SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY DISCOUNTED FOOD, AND MIXED BAGS OF FRUIT AND VEG FOR £1.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT STEVE AT 01752 875916



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 21st 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
- ✓ Games and activities
- ✓ Talk time and ideas for home
- ✓ Singing
- ✓ Storytelling

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Plymouth Family Hubs working in partnership with...

BARNARDOS, LEAF, peep, FAMILIES, FAMILY HUBS



MVV Environment

MVV Environment are holding a community open day on Tuesday 17th February 2026 10:00am until 1:00pm.

Join us on Tuesday 17th February 2026, 10:00am - 1:00pm, for our free, family-friendly Community Open Day celebrating Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day).

Shrove Tuesday was traditionally a time to use up ingredients like eggs, milk and flour to reduce food waste - a message that's still important today. Enjoy pancakes, a DIY topping station, site tours, litter picking and creative activities, all inspired by the need to use resources more responsibly.

Free entry - No booking required.



Information and Events

CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

NHS

Flu Vaccination

School Age Reception - Year 11

Drop In Clinic

Complete your consent form here

Saturday 7th February 2026
11:00 - 13:00

Riverside Community Centre
Station Road
Bovey Tracey
TQ13 9AW



For more information please speak with a member of the team

Call us on **01392 342678**
kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUBS

BEST START IN LIFE | **FAMILY HUBS**

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 7th JANUARY
1.30 - 3PM
FREE SOFT PLAY AT YMCA OCEAN CITY SOFT PLAY
YMCA, Honicknowle Lane, Plymouth. PL5 3NG

WEDNESDAY 14th 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 21st 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


TUESDAY 27th 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 4th 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 11th 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

Plymouth Family Hubs working in partnership with...



FREE Family Learning Workshops



- Where the Wild Things Are Workshop
- True Story of the 3 Little Pigs Workshop
- Stop Motion Animation Workshop (2 sessions)
- World Book Day: Masks
- World Book Day: Elmer & The Hungry Caterpillar

***Parents/carers can bring up to two children per adult, and children must be a minimum of 6 years old and a maximum of 18 years old.**

To book please scan the QR code or contact:
T: 01752 660713
E: info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk



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www.oncoursesouthwest.co.uk

KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED THIS HALF TERM!

Only £20 per day

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

- FUN ACTIVITIES
- SPORTS
- GAMES
- Arts & Crafts

Early bird and stop over sessions available

Learn More & Book!



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YMCA
Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

825 CLUB
YMCA Plymouth,
Honicknowle Lane, PL5 3NG
Tel: 01752 202918

Multi- activity for children aged 8-16



JUNK MODELLING

Wednesday 18 February, 10am to 2pm

Get creative at our crafty scrap session.

Materials are provided. Discover what you can make!

Children and their families are welcome to drop in; there's no need to book.

FOOD WASTE INFO DAY

Wednesday 4 February, 10am to 2pm

Food- waste recycling is being introduced, and Devonport are one of the first areas of Plymouth to get their food bins.

Come and meet the team that have all the information that you will need to know to get you started!

COLOURING AND CRAFT CLUB

Wednesday 4 February, 10am to 12pm

Starting this February, join our brand new Adult Colouring and Craft Club at Devonport Library. Unwind in a calm, welcoming space. Explore your creativity and enjoy mindful moments with others who love colouring and crafting.

Colouring pens and colouring sheets will be provided.

Information and Events

SEND Workshop: Understanding how Schools can Support my Child

A free workshop for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND who do not have an EHCP. It will look at SEN support and the extra help that should be made available in school.

Date	Time	Location
Wed 11 Feb 2026	9:30am-11:30am	Face-to-Face
Fri 13 Feb 2026	9:30am-11:30am	Virtual
Wed 11 Mar 2026	9:30am-11:30am	Face-to-Face
Fri 13 Mar 2026	9:30am-11:30am	Virtual

Face-to-Face: PIASS, Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth PL2 2PQ
Virtual: Using Microsoft Teams - link to join will be sent before session.

To book, scan QR code or visit: <https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/workshops/>



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For parents/carers of
children with SEND
without an EHCP

www.plymouthias.org.uk



SEND Workshop: How to have Successful Meetings

A free workshop for parents/carers providing information, strategies and tips on making the most of meetings and how to feel more empowered to share yours and your child's points of view.

Date	Time	Location
Wed 4 Feb 2026	9:30am-11:30am	Face-to-Face
Fri 6 Feb 2026	9:30am-11:30am	Virtual

Face-to-Face: PIASS, Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth PL2 2PQ
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SEND FORUM

Youth Ascends invite you to join us once a term for activity based fun and discussions, to meet others, share stories and help make a difference.
Open for young people aged 8 to 25 years old.

Thursday 5 February 2026
from 5pm to 6.30pm
at The Underground,
City College, Plymouth
PL1 5QG

For more information
or to get involved:
Call 01752 308900
Text/WhatsApp 07833 048700
participation.youth@plymouth.gov.uk

Information and Events



POOLE FARM YOUTH CLUB



Free weekly youth club at Poole Farm for young people including fire building, den making and much more!

AGES 10-13	AGES 14+
5.30pm-6.30pm Every Tuesday from 1st April	7pm-8pm Every Tuesday from 1st April

Contact for a consent form
07890 913856 CYTpoolefarm@plymouth.gov.uk [Poole Farm, PL6 8NF](#)



Feeling the weight of winter?
AND BREATHE

A FREE immersive film.

Find the calming power of the sea.

A place to pause
A moment to breathe
Market Hall Devonport
20 Jan – 1 Feb



HeadSpace

Opening times: 4pm – 10pm - 5 nights a week

Headspace offers an out of hours 121 service and phone line for people who consider they are approaching a mental health crisis. The service aims to provide a non-clinical setting with a safe, calm and structured environment where individuals can access peer support in one of our venues.

Phone service open 4 – 10pm, Appointments available from 5pm onward (Pre-booking required). Drop in opens at 6pm until 9pm.

Tuesday- Four Greens Wellbeing hub, Whiteleigh Green, Plymouth, PL5 4DD.
Drop-in safe space & phone service.

Wednesday- Four Greens Wellbeing hub, Whiteleigh Green, Plymouth, PL5 4DD.
Appointment & phone service only.

Friday- The Rees Centre, Mudge Way, Plympton, PL7 2PS.
Appointments and phone service only.

Saturday- Ernest English House, Buckwell Street, Plymouth, PL1 2DA.
Drop-in safe space & phone service.

Sunday- Ernest English House, Buckwell Street, Plymouth, PL1 2DA.
Appointment & phone service only.

For **Telephone support** call **07890257614**. Open from 4pm – 10pm.
To make an **appointment** with HEADSPACE, contact us on **07546527380** (for appts only NOT support). This phone is switched on between 9am – 10pm every day. The call may not be answered immediately; staff will call you back at the earliest opportunity, or Email: HeadSpace@colebrooksw.org

Monday and Thursday the service **closed**, additional support is available from our partners Mental Health Matters Call on the usual Telephone number 07890257614 and the call will be diverted automatically. Open between 4pm and 10pm

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.marlboroughacademy.org

Email address:

reception@marlboroughacademy.org

Dates for Diary

Friday 6th February - NSPCC Number Day - Remember to take part in TTRS
 Wednesday 11th February - Healthy Smiles are visiting our reception children

Friday 13th February - Valentine Disco

Friday 13th February - Break up for Half Term

Monday 23rd February - Maple class only - Open wide and step inside dental talk

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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