



Friday 27th February 2026

Newsletter

A Message From Our Senior Leadership Team

What a fantastic start to the term it has been. The children have had an incredibly busy and exciting week.

Sycamore Class had a fantastic trip to the Soapbox Theatre in Devonport Park this week, where they enjoyed an engaging and imaginative performance all about Vikings. The children were captivated from start to finish, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for the stories and learning brought to life on stage. What a brilliant time they had!

Maple Class enjoyed a fantastic workshop this week called "Open Wide and Step Inside," led by a visiting dentist. The children learned all about the importance of good dental hygiene, from brushing techniques to making healthy choices for their teeth. Each child went home with their very own toothbrush kit, complete with a timer—I hope they're already putting them to good use!

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day, and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children's creative paper plate entries inspired by a book of their choice. We love reading at Marlborough, and this special week is always a highlight for pupils and staff alike. The children can look forward to dressing up as a book character or in mufti, visits from authors, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy their favourite books. It promises to be a magical and memorable celebration of reading for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend,
SLT

Next week is World Book Day! We will celebrate on Thursday 5th March 2026. We are inviting children to dress up as their favourite characters or wear mufti. You have received a paper plate for our World Book Day plate competition! Design your plate any way you like to represent a book you love! A winner from each class will be picked for Friday's recognition assembly winning a prize! The plates will be displayed in our library!

Please can all entries be back in school by Wednesday 4th March.

We also will be having stories around a campfire with some delicious treats, and we will be visited from staff working with the Harbour Master to share a story with different year groups!

We cannot wait to celebrate WBD 2026 our pupils! Keep your eyes peeled for photos to follow next week.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

5 MARCH 2026

Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Sycamore with 97.5%

Whole school 94.89% this is below the national average



Achiever of the week

Willows – Nellie and Skyla
Maple – Bradley
Sycamore – Elsie
Beech – Bella
Oaks – Kai

Willows

It has been an exciting week, with the introduction of our new theme 'Sailing the Seas'. In drawing club, we have been looking at the story 'The Pirates are Coming'. The children designed their own pirate and ship as part of their learning. They have also created some super water colour ships. We also now have a big giant ship on the decking, ready for next week's learning.

In maths, children have continued to practice subitising and have been finding ways to make 7 and 8. They are gaining confidence when matching numbers and amounts too.

During Welly Wednesday, the children looked for signs of spring. Next week, we will be looking closely at Spring flowers.



Maple

Maple class have had a fantastic first week back after half-term! Monday was a busy day with visitors. We had a talk from the Dental Outreach programme, learning all about how to keep our mouths and teeth clean, and we also had our final session from the SURGE Mental Health Support team!

In English, we have started our new unit and book called 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' and the children have enjoyed exploring toys from years ago and talking about how they're different from our toys today!

In Maths the Year 2 children have been learning all about division and have been sharing and grouping to divide by 2 and in Year 1, the children have been using counters and number lines to subtract within 20.

Wednesday afternoon was spent making some natural art in our forest area which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

In D.T we also started our new unit which is moving pictures. Our first lesson involved children creating their own moving pictures using sliders and levers.

Well-done Maple class!



Oaks



Welcome back after half-term. What an amazing first week we have had!

In English we had started read about the adventures in our new book, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and what myths are.

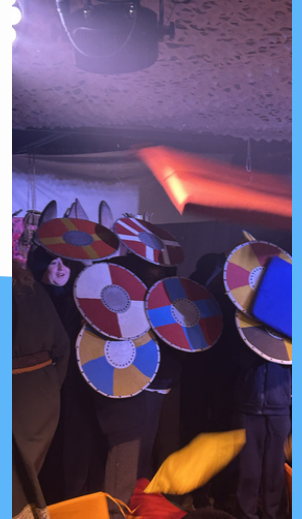
In Maths we have been looking at measurements, using and converting cm and mm.

In Art we have been exploring the Plymouth artist Terry Coxon, who uses digital technology to compose and create his pictures, discussing what we liked and disliked about his work.

Year 4 children had a magical trip to the Soapbox Theatre, learning all about Vikings, taking part in hey had an amazing time.



Homework - Spellings in homework



Sycamore

What a great start to the term! It has been so lovely to welcome the class back! We were so pleased to welcome our music teacher back on Monday. Our unit this term is focused around Boom Wacas, I was so impressed with how quickly the class picked up the skills, and they were all considerably better than me!

We also had a very exciting trip on Thursday to the Soapbox Theatre; we watched play all about the Vikings and it was incredibly fun and entertaining! The children really enjoyed participating in the longboat scene and the battle! A huge thank you to Jamie for joining us and being the figurehead of the longboat!

In English, we have started looking at a new book called The Wisp. The story is centered around displacement and so we have been learning about refugees and thinking about what makes a home feel like a home. The children have engaged so well with our learning and have approached the lessons with such a mature and open mind.

In maths we have started our first fractions unit! The children are doing so well, and they have blown me away with their fractions knowledge! They have been working hard this week to develop their justification skills by adding lots of mathematical vocabulary to their explanations. In art we have been looking at the work of Terry Coxon, a local Plymouth artist. We explored a number of his pieces of work, and the class each created their own study page explaining what they could see in their favorite pieces and what emotions were being stirred. Again, I was so impressed with how deeply they were thinking and how maturely they approached the lesson.

Homework:

English – I would like the class to continue to think about out theme of homes. They have been asked to think about their dream home.

Maths – naming fractions based on their denominator.

Your talk time words this week are:

Denominator – the bottom number on a fraction

Refugee – someone who has been displaced from their home.

Composition – how a piece of art has been composed.



Beech



This week in Beech, we have been finishing our cushions and they look beautiful! We started by designing our prints, taking inspiration for our designs from our joys, passions and living in Plymouth. We then used lino printing to print our designs onto fabric using tiles, and after practicing our sewing, joined our fabric together and stuffed them.

In maths, we are back to learning about fractions. This week, we have been multiplying fractions by whole numbers. Please ensure your child is practicing their times tables as this will really help them in lessons!

In English, we have started our new topic with our book 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield, who was the first Canadian astronaut in space. In Geography, we have started our new topic by researching farming, climate, and the impact of farming.

Notices:

Widening Horizon trip for Y5 on Tuesday for the whole-day. Packed lunch or school packed lunch required.
Homework due in Friday
Science week



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>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>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 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>
<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>				
<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>

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), 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



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:

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Dates for Diary

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 5 Widening Horizons trip to City Bus

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Tempest Photos. Class pictures and year 6 leavers.

Friday 13th March - Parents to come into school for science week.

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	