



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

# Newsletter

## A Message From Our Head Teacher

Wow! What a successful NSPCC National Numeracy Day.

Thank you so much for your cake donations and time. The children have had a really exciting day investigating numbers, following recipes, solving problems and securing their number facts. We are pleased to have had our new class set of iPads delivered on Wednesday and today was one of our first opportunities to see them in action. This investment in new devices by the school will make technology based lessons and resources so much more accessible to our younger children.

It was great to see so many of you at the end of the day - and an extra thank you to those of you who have to try to skip between 2 or even 3 classes so no-one gets missed out. The children have learned a little about the work that the NSPCC do to help support children in difficult situations and the money raised today will be used by the charity to directly support vulnerable children.

A donation of £4 is enough to support a phone conversation from a vulnerable child. We managed to raise over £140 - which means our school donation can pay for THIRTY-FIVE phone calls from children and young people who need help .

Thank you again for all of your support.



# Recognition Awards

## Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Beech with 98.18%

Whole school of 89.11% this is below the national average



## Achiever of the week

Willows – Alyssa  
Maple – Harper and Lincoln  
Sycamore – Zina  
Beech – Lyla  
Oaks – Kai

# Willows

As ever, another busy week in Willows.

Foundation Willows have been exploring the story 'The Gigantic Turnip', inventing new characters and even inventing their own vegetables. They have also experimented with watercolour painting, having a try at 'Still Life' in the form of fruit and vegetables.

In Maths, they have been finding 5 in different ways and seeing how many ways we can represent 4. The children have also been ordering numbers to 10 using Numberblocks.

The children have also explored magnetic and non-magnetic objects this week.

Year 1 Willows have also had a busy week, designing and then baking their own bread. They have continued to work hard in phonics, making super progress.

Number day has been filled with many great maths games and activities too:



# Maple

A very busy week in Maple class!

A big highlight for us this week was our amazing bread making as part of our D.T unit. The children have been spending a great deal of time discussing different products and tasting and designing their own bread to make. We talked about different sweet and savoury options we could use in our bread and the children had a fantastic time kneading, shaping and decorating their rolls!

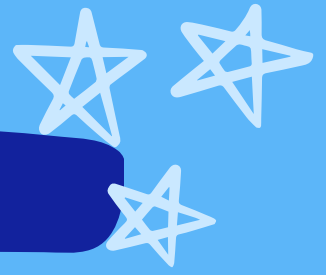
In English we have moved on to a different story called 'Mr. Wolf's Pancakes' and have enjoyed doing some role-play and working on our intonation and expression.

In Maths, we have been looking at our new unit of multiplication and division and have been practically using counters to make equal groups in lots of different ways.

Well-done Maple class on another super week!



# Oaks



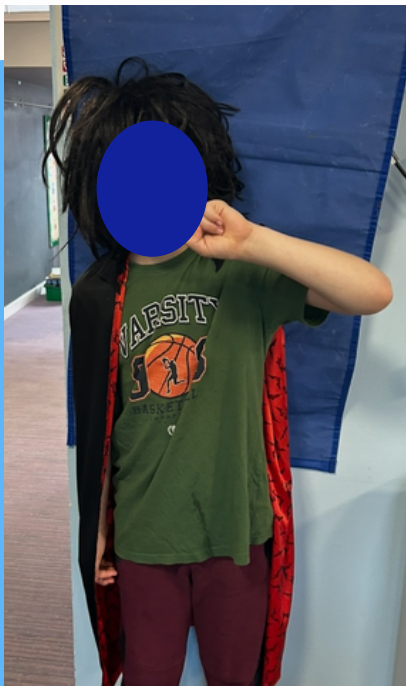
In English, we carried on learning about biographies and what makes an excellent one. We also looked at adjectives and pronouns, and how they can change and improve our writing. Along with other punctuation and grammar, we have been seeing just how important these are and how they affect what we write.

In Science, we continued exploring magnets. We investigated how strong they are and whether they are attracted to all the materials around us or not. We carried out experiments to test this – it was great fun!

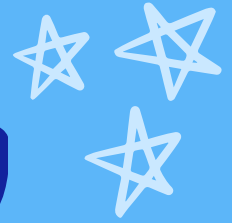
There was a lot of testing in Oaks this week, especially in English, where we focused on spelling words correctly. Our memories had to work extra hard!

In Reading Masters, we read *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson. Everyone loved acting out the different characters, reading the text aloud, and using funny voices to bring the story to life.

Fantastic work, Oaks!



# Sycamore



What a busy week! We had lots of fun continuing to compose our songs in music, and we have made great progress with our rugby coach in PE! PE is on a Thursday, and children are asked to come into school in sport appropriate clothing. We ask that children come into school in uniform unless they have a PE lesson or we have arranged a mufti day – dates are printed on the school calendar below.

In maths, we have continued to explore measurements and perimeters. This week we compared units and then added and subtracted measurements.

In English, we have begun to create pieces of writing that can support our final write. We have written verses, letters, and descriptive paragraphs that can be used in our final journals.

In science, we have completed our unit! We have all written our prove its! Ask your child what they concluded from our statement 'The bigger the magnet the stronger the attraction'!

In geography, we completed our unit! Ask your child what they concluded from our statement 'Only poor people live near volcanoes and in earthquake zones'!

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

Vicinity – near or in the surrounding area.

Hazard – a danger or risk.

Belonging – a sense of acceptance.

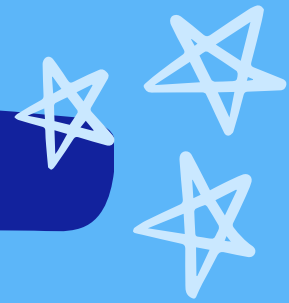
## **Homework:**

English – spelling pattern for the week.

Maths – measuring perimeter.

TTRS and reading are also part of our homework expectations. Please log any reads on our BoomReader app.

# Beech



A fun week in Beech this week, finished with an awesome number day!

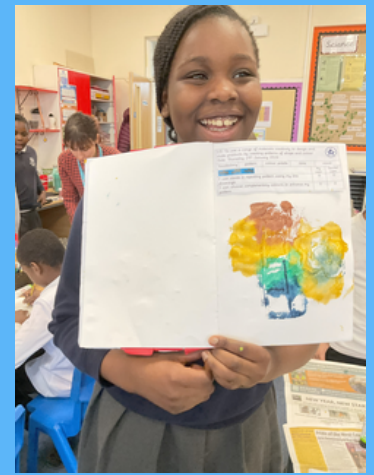
In maths, we have been securing our knowledge of multiplication and division. I have been so impressed with the connections the children have been making! Their times table knowledge is really helping with this, so please keep encouraging your children to use TTRS little and often.

In English, we have been writing character profiles about the main character, Arthur. Noorullah wrote a brilliant piece which he read out to the class to inspire their writing. In science, we continued our learning about plants by investigating plant life cycles. And finally, in DT, the children have printed their lino prints onto their fabric ready to turn into cushions next week!



## Homework:

Order of operations. We have started it in class, but if your child finds any area of maths tricky, please ensure they are logging on to SATs bootcamp: SATs Boot Camp - Year 6 SATs Revision, Practice Papers & SATs Questions Online  
Spellings  
Valentine's disco next Friday!



# 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><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. Check on 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), Malt (Ma), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Chickpeas (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



# 'EARLY' TO THE FLIP FLOP

**YUMMY PANCAKE DAY!**

Friday 13th February



**A selection of sweet pancakes**

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



# VALENTINE'S DAY DISCO



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?  
We'd love to hear from you!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

## 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](http://www.marlboroughacademy.org)

Email address:

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

# Dates for Diary

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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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
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	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	
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