

# Recognition Awards

## Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Beech with 96%

Whole school 90.5% this is below the national average



## Achiever of the week

Willows – Ivy & Alyssa  
Maple – Harper & Lincoln  
Sycamore – Jessica  
Beech – Amanda  
Oaks – Grace

# Willows

A lovely week! The children have been exploring the story of 'The Ugly Duckling'.

This has included exploring different birds and creating colourful birds using collage and paint. They have also used chalks and oil pastels to create swans.

In Drawing Club, the children invented new characters and drew new adventures for the ducklings. They were able to retell the story using puppets too.

In Maths, we have been counting into the 20s, looking at number patterns and matching numicon and numbers.

During Welly Wednesday, we collected leaves and sticks to make birds nests.

Despite the rain, we were able to collect lots of natural materials.

Have a fantastic week. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 23rd



February.



# Maple

This week in English we have had a go at creating our own version of 'Mr. Wolf's Pancakes' by changing certain aspects of the narrative. All of the children had fantastic ideas and were able to think of their own characters and plot twists!

In Maths the Year 2s have been learning about multiplication and practicing making equal groups and arrays using lots of manipulatives. In Year 1 there has been lots of counting within 20 using counters, deines and Rekenreks.

We have also been busy this week finishing our Science and History topics and answering our 'Prove it' questions. 'The Great Fire of London was more harmful than helpful' and 'Hard materials are waterproof, soft materials are not' were our two statements. We have been thinking carefully about whether we agree or disagree with them and have been practicing explaining what we think by referring back to what we have learnt. Well-done Maple on a great final week before half-term!





## Oaks

We have had a very busy and exciting week in class finishing off projects and learning! We have been designing and making model houses out of recycled materials. Our designs showed what we think a house would need so it would not collapse in an earthquake. We chose which materials to use for our cardboard houses, how to join them together, and then tested to see if they would survive our "earthquake test"!

This linked to our learning about earthquakes and volcanoes, and how people are affected if they live near a volcano. We also discovered that it can sometimes be helpful to live near a volcano because the ash makes the soil healthier and helps crops grow better.

In maths, we have been practising measuring in centimetres and millimetres. This was quite tricky as we had to draw very straight lines and measure as accurately as possible.

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we have been thinking about the idea of "belonging".

We talked about what belonging means to each of us, what is important to us, and how different places in our lives make us feel safe, happy, and included.

## Sycamore

What a great final week of term! We had lots of fun this week and brought all of our units to an end! Children's Mental Health Day was lots of fun. We have created some incredible images to show our personalities and interests. We have really enjoyed learning more about each other.

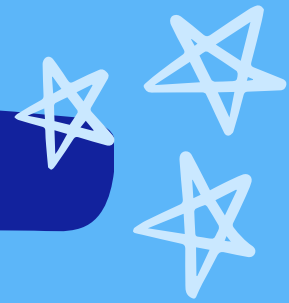
In English, we finished our journals and had loads of fun adding illustrations and small details to make them look more authentic.

In maths, we completed our perimeter unit. It was tricky finding the perimeters of rectilinear shapes; however, we did some incredible problem solving and worked as a team!

In DT, we created our earthquake proof houses and tested them out! Some of us were more successful than others, but we had loads of fun designing and making!

We hope you have a restful week at home, and we are so excited to see you all soon!

# Beech



What an absolutely amazing week for writing in Beech! The children have been writing their own Norse myths, and today we published them in our books in our neatest handwriting.

They are brilliant!

Please come into class 3pm on the first Wednesday back so the children can read them to you. It would usually be our story time, but this will be the perfect replacement!

In maths, we have completed our multiplication and division unit and finished with an end of unit quiz; these are really useful in showing me if the children have retained the methods or not. Next term, we are starting our next fractions unit.

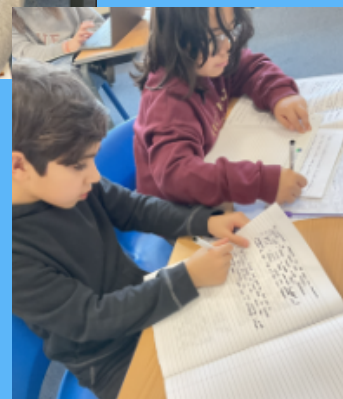
In DT, the children have been using blanket stitch to sew together their cushions. In science, we finished our final lesson on plants and in topic, we have learnt about technology used by the Maya, including calendars.

## Notices:

Y6 now have the 3 SATs revision books and these need to be done little and often.

Please encourage to use of Edshed and TTRS

Wed 18th Feb 3pm – parent drop in so children can show you their amazing English books.



# Menu

CATER<sup>ed</sup>

## WEEK 2

W/C: MONDAY 10TH NOV, 1ST DEC, 5TH JAN, 26TH JAN, 23RD FEB, 16TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Crispy chicken served with seasoned wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Bar E m/c So Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b> Creamy chicken and tomato pasta bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V</b> Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, So, Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast gammon with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - W</b> Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, F</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b> Homemade vegetable moussaka served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Ce Mu So</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</b> Vegetable curry and rice served with veg</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Mexican vegan cheese and bean quesadilla served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh O</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Vegetarian sausage with vegetable casserole and roast potatoes Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</b> Cheese wheels with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg 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><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b> Blueberry cake Allergens: Glu Wh E Bar</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Cornish fairings biscuit with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruit platter</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b> Banana cookies Allergens: Glu Wh E</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b> Vanilla and chocolate marble cake with custard 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 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



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

**COME  
& JOIN**

**Our Half Term Family Club**



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday  
18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am - 1.00pm

Included: Hot meal, Esports,  
Soft Play, board games, Sphero  
and arts and crafts

The Hub @  
Foulston Park

Limited spaces are available to book at place please call  
01752 686750



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# CULTURAL FESTIVAL!

RUN BY PEOPLE FROM THE LOCAL YOUTH CLUB

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

February 14, 2026  
From 11:00 to 1:00

Mount Wise Neighbourhood Centre, 75 Clowance Street

**CULTURE DAY CELEBRATION**

FOOD AND DANCE

Celebrating the Cultures of England, Syria, Sudan, and Poland

Savour a global feast and enjoy a whirlwind of cultural performances!

Accessible for all attendees  
FOR ANY MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 07969 114592

# EASTER FUN

WITH SOUTHWAY COMMUNITY GROUP

Southway Community Hub, Hendwell Close PL6 6TB  
FRIDAY 3rd APRIL 2026

**Session One**  
10am - Noon  
£5 PER CHILD  
SEND Friendly session with games & activities. (NO DISCO)  
Unlimited squash & FREE goodie bag!

**Session Two**  
1pm-3pm  
£5 PER CHILD  
DISCO fun with games & activities.  
Unlimited squash & FREE goodie bag!

Cafe open as usual

SESSIONS SUITABLE FOR UNDER 11 YEARS. ALL CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

BOOK NOW ON 01752 703581

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Cost of living  
**Help IN Plymouth**

Rees Centre Wellbeing Hub

**WELCOME SPACES**

**Mondays 3.30pm-5pm**  
Family Welcome Space for primary aged children and their families including siblings. SEND friendly. Free activities and refreshments. Access to information and support from Plymouth Family Hubs.

**Thursdays 12pm-1.30pm**  
Lunch club - Social space with access to information and advice. Guests and activities. Complimentary teas and coffees. Optional soup and roll lunch £1 donation lunch £1 donation

**Saturdays 9am-5pm**  
Community games days open to all with Character Creation Roleplay Gaming. A wide selection of free to play games, craft activities, pancakes and refreshments. (Until end of March)

Free of charge    Access information and support    Build friendships

Rees Centre, Mudge Way, Plympton PL7 2PS  
01752 340550

PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUBS  
BARNARDOS  
PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

# End of Term FESTIVAL of LIGHT

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm  
at Salvation Army, Lancaster Gardens

**Arts & Crafts FREE!**

Bouncy Castle £1

Puppet Show - FREE!

Community Market

Indoor BBQ

Ukulele Band

Southway Glee Club

Tea, Coffee & Cake!

## 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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Maple class only - Open wide and step inside dental talk

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 5 Widening Horizons trip to City Bus

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Tempest Photos. Class pictures and year 6 leavers.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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	
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