



Friday 6th March 2026

# Newsletter

## **A Message From Our Senior Leadership Team**

This week we had the joy of celebrating World Book Day, and what a fantastic day it was! It was wonderful to see the school filled with such creativity, with children arriving in a wide range of imaginative costumes and themes. Thank you for your support in helping to make the day so special for them.

Our paper plate competition was also a great success. The entries were incredibly inventive, and it was clear how much thought and effort had gone into each one. Pupil Parliament had the very tricky job of choosing the winners—and they certainly had their work cut out!

Thank you once again for making events like this so memorable for our school community. It was lovely to host the Plymouth Aquarium in Sycamore Class this week as they worked with the children on a range of conservation activities. Living so close to the water, it is vital that the next generation is equipped with the knowledge and understanding needed to protect and care for our local marine environment. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and gained valuable insights into the importance of looking after our oceans and waterways.

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to City Bus this week as part of the Widening Horizons programme. They represented our school brilliantly throughout the trip and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm. The children learned a great deal about how bus routes operate across Plymouth and gained a deeper understanding of the important role public transport plays in our community.

Finally, just a reminder that we are all looking forward to Science Week next week. Each afternoon, your child will be investigating this year's theme, "Curious," and creating their own experiments. This will culminate in a Science Fayre on Friday 13th February at 2pm. All parents and carers are warmly invited – it would be wonderful to see you there!

# Recognition Awards

## Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Maple and Oaks with 95%

Whole school 92.64% this is below the national average



## Achiever of the week

Willows - Esme and Grayson  
Maple - Skylar  
Sycamore - Elsie and Tyreese  
Beech - Nordean  
Oaks - Hunter

# Willows

Another fun-filled week. The children immersed themselves in the story 'The Night Pirates' and used their incredible imaginations to create new characters and adventures in 'Drawing Club'. They have also had some great fun building stories and singing songs in our pirate ship outside. The children have also been using paint and feathers to create their own parrots.

In Maths, we have been looking at the composition of numbers and how many different ways we can represent a number using both hands, cube towers and Numicon. We, of course, are still practising our subitising skills.

World Book Day saw some amazing costumes (see photos below). We had a visitor who came and read a story to the class, and the children had opportunities to draw their favourite story character and make their own bookmarks.



# Maple

Maple have had another successful week! In English we have been talking about who our heroes are and why. We had a go at writing our own letters to our heroes thanking them for all they do for us! In Maths in Year 1 we have been focusing on our related number facts and using part-whole models and tens frames to create different fact families. Year 2 have been learning their 5 and 10 times tables and have been doing a fantastic job!

We enjoyed some sunshine for Welly Wednesday this week and we had a go at sketching and colouring our pictures using only natural materials as well as making our own fairy doors! In history we have been comparing modern homes with homes from the past and seeing how they are similar and different and in D.T the children made their own moving pictures using sliders and levers. I was very impressed with their creations and we saw some fantastic creativity! Well-done Maple class!

# Oaks



A brilliant week of learning! The Year 5 children went on a trip to Plymouth City Bus. We were taken on a mystery tour around Plymouth with Justin and Amy and saw many of the landmarks associated with our city such as the Plymouth Aquarium, the Mayflower Steps, and Smeaton's Tower. When we were then shown around the depot, finding out how the buses were maintained and kept safe as well as in tip top condition. We learnt about the history and the different jobs within the company.

In English this week, we are starting to write our story about Arthur and his mission to capture Ferrin, the destructive wolf.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about different units of measure and how to calculate the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes.

In Art, we have been discussing the works of a local artist, Terry Coxan, and sketching local buildings using different grades of pencils.

We have started mini – challenges to develop our skills in all areas of the curriculum.

If anyone has any complete board games, card games or Lego sets that are no longer used or required, please could you bring them into school to Oaks. Thank you very much from Mrs Collingbourne (Mrs C).



# Sycamore

What a busy week!

We had lots of fun in music on Monday learning new songs. We also had another great session with our rugby coach on Thursday! We also designed our posters for the Science Week poster competition. We are so excited to welcome you into class on Friday to see our Science Week activities!

In maths, we have continued to power through our fraction's unit! The children are doing so well and have such a strong understanding of fractions.

In English, we have continued to think about the lives of refugees and how their feelings change when escaping danger to finding safety in the camps. The class have been writing from the perspectives of a child refugee and also a camp entertainer. They showed a good understanding of these different individuals and their thoughts and feelings.

In history, we began thinking about the impact that WW2 had on Plymouth, why and how the city recovered. We used picture sources to provide us with evidence. It was interesting to see that the plans to rebuild not only focused on the destroyed buildings but also on making the city safer and more interesting.

In art, we delved deeper into the style of Terry Coxan but exploring different pencil grades when tracing images of Plymouth.

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

**Arduous** – a very difficult and exhausting task.

**Grade (of a pencil)** – how fat or thin a pencil lead is and how dark or light it is.

**Non-unit fraction** – a fraction with a number greater than 1 as the numerator.

**Homework:**

**Maths** – fractions.

**English** – prepositions.



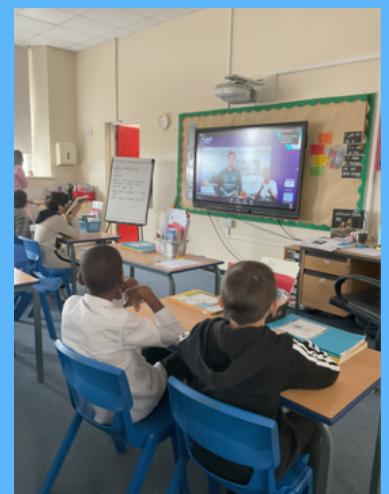
# Beech



A fantastic week of trips, fractions and geography! This week, Year 5s went to Plymouth Bus Station to learn about all the different careers related to this very important mode of transport and went on a 'mystery tour', which included visiting the Mayflower steps!

In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of 'fractions of an amount' and in English, we have been researching the first moon landing in 1969! The children have found this topic very interesting. This week, we have used this book: [ONE GIANT LEAP: A Historical Account of the First Moon Landing](#). | Kids Book Read Aloud | Picture Book

In Geography, we have been learning about imports, exports and how the climate effects and the children made some very informative food world maps. In RE, we have been learning about how Christians show love and the children wrote some beautiful poems!



# 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) 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 an alternative 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), M/L (M), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Chardonnay (C), Dairy (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



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



**WEDOFootball**  
EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS ARE BACK!

**FUN & AFFORDABLE FOOTBALL ACTION THIS EASTER!**

**Ages 5-15**  
Early drop off from 9.15am (no extra cost!)

**Just £12.50 per child, per day**

**Maximum fun**  
✓ Safe learning environment  
✓ No pressure, just enjoyment  
✓ FA Affiliated & Fully Insured

**MESSAGE TO BOOK**  
wedofootball1@gmail.com  
07795804127

Spaces always go quickly over the holidays – don't leave it late!

#Plymouth #DevonFootball #EasterHolidayClub #KidsFootball

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Stoke Damerel Community College  
Tue 7th – Fri 10th  
Mon 13th – Fri 17th

Tor Bridge  
Tue 7th & Thu 9th  
Tue 14th & Thu 16th

St Matthews Primary  
Wed 8th & Fri 10th  
Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Fri 17th

Hooe Primary  
Wed 8th & Fri 10th  
Mon 13th & Wed 15th

Plymstock School  
Fri 10th  
Wed 15th & Fri 17th

Morley Meadow  
Thu 9th & Thu 16th



**WE DO MULTISPORTS**  
**EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 2026**

FUN • ACTIVE • SAFE • INCLUSIVE

**£12.50 Per Child, Per Day**

**ST MATTHEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Tuesday 7th April Thursday 9th April  
Tuesday 14th April Thursday 16th April

**HOOE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Tuesday 7th April Thursday 9th April  
Tuesday 14th April Thursday 16th April  
Friday 17th April

**Ages 5-12 • 10:00am - 3:00pm**  
EARLY DROP-OFF FROM 9:15AM (FREE)

**What to Expect:**  
Dodgeball  
Basketball  
Multi-Sports Games  
Fun Competitions

✓ Safe & Welcoming Environment  
✓ Fully Insured  
✓ Fit & Fed Spaces Available  
✓ Packed Lunch & Drink Required

**Joe Geraghty - 07795-804127**  
wedofootball1@gmail.com

**BOOK NOW - SPACES LIMITED**



## We Do Football

Joe Geraghty: 07795804127

Email : [wedofootball1@gmail.com](mailto:wedofootball1@gmail.com)

Dear Parent/Carer

We just wanted to make you aware of the Fit and Fed scheme that Wedofootball and Plymouth City Council offer during the upcoming Easter Holidays for children who receive free school meals.

In partnership, instead of having to pay £12.50 per day to enrol in the daily football activities, Fit and Fed allows children who qualify free entry and a packed lunch for up to 4 days during the Easter Holidays.

As we coach a lot of children at local schools and we will reserve seats for children who may want to attend any of the sessions.

We have venues at: St Matthews / Stoke Damerel Community College / Hooe Primary / Morley Meadow Primary / Tor Bridge / Plymstock School

All children on benefit related Free School Meals are eligible, just email [wedofootball1@gmail.com](mailto:wedofootball1@gmail.com), or text 07795804127 and send us the following info:  
Fit and Fed Code / Name / Date of Birth / Address and Postcode / School Attends /  
Do you require a packed Lunch / Days they would like to attend  
We look forward to making football fun for your children

Kind Regards  
Joe Geraghty

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Stonehouse Money Club**  
9:30AM - 11AM-THURSDAYS AT THE PLOT ON UNION STREET

**What is a Money Club?**

Money Club is a friendly, supportive, sociable group that meets every Thursday morning at The Plot on Union Street to talk about money openly and honestly. It's a non-judgmental space to learn, share experiences, and work towards your financial goals. We support each other using tools like the Money Club Weekly Tracker and peer encouragement. We can also signpost you to other organisations, and four workshops will be delivered by Citizens Advice Plymouth covering budgeting, benefits, debt and credit.

**Why Join Money Club?**

- **Boost your Confidence:** Gain a better understanding of your finances and feel more in control.
- **Unwavering Support:** Receive encouragement and understanding from people who 'get it'.
- **Small Consistent Steps:** Break down overwhelming goals into manageable actions.
- **Accountability:** Stay on track with your goals by sharing them with others.

**Join Us!**

Session dates: 2026  
Thursdays | February 26th – April 2nd  
February 26<sup>th</sup> | March 5<sup>th</sup> | March 12<sup>th</sup> | March 19<sup>th</sup> | March 26<sup>th</sup> | April 2<sup>nd</sup>

BOOK YOUR SPOT  
– email: [helena.moore@fsgct.co.uk](mailto:helena.moore@fsgct.co.uk)  
OR TURN UP ON THE DAY AT 9:30AM

## UNLOCKED: YOUTH

A neuroinclusive photography group for ages 13–18. No experience needed – build skills and exhibit your work!

**Mondays, 4–6 PM**  
from 2 March S026

107 Cornwall St.,  
Plymouth PL11PA

**FREE – sign up essential**

Past participants have told us that sessions helped them feel more confident, more connected, and more creative. Parents have noticed the difference too – in their young person's communication, and general wellbeing.

Unlocked is neuroinclusive and welcoming to all (no EHCP required). Sessions are led by experienced staff with support from youth workers, in our city centre creative space. All equipment is free.

# SCHOOL EVENTS

MILLFIELDS INSPIRED

## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

**WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026**  
10:30AM - 1:30PM  
FOUNDATION STAGE CLASSES

MUSIC  
TEDDY BEAR DANCING  
STORY TIME  
MEET AND GREET OUR  
MILLFIELDS BEARS,  
MILA & MILO

FOULSTON HUB, COMMUNITY ARGYLE TRUST, MADDEN RD, DEVONPORT, PLYMOUTH, PL1 4NE

## British Science Week 2026

The theme for British Science Week 2026, 'Curiosity: what's your question?', is all about encouraging people to embrace their passions and find the answers to their most burning STEM questions.

As part of the celebrations of the week and this special theme, this year, we're inviting all parents and carers to attend our science fayre. This will be a chance for your children to share their week-long investigations, results and conclusions exploring 'curiosity'.

When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2pm until 3pm.

Where: Sign in at front desk and then you'll make your way to your child's classroom.

Parents may then take their children early, however, please sign out with either the class teacher or their T.A.

## 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

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Parents to come into school for science week.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Babcock whole school event.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Reception class Teddy Bears Picnic Event.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Year 5 Widening Horizons Trip to Arts University

## Marlborough Primary Academy term dates 2025 / 2026

September 25					October 25					November 25					December 25								
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24	Monday	1	8	15	22	29		
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Term	No. of Pupil Days
Autumn 1	37
Autumn 2	34
Spring 1	29
Spring 2	29
Summer 1	24
Summer 2	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>

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  School Holiday     
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