



Friday 20th March 2026

Newsletter

A Message From Our Senior Leadership Team

'What an exciting week for our Year 2s - a trip to visit and work with local artist Brian Pollard! We won't get to see the outcome of this work till the summer term, when they will be producing landscapes using his work as an inspiration. This week has also seen the last of our rugby sessions with Plymouth Albion ahead of the rugby festival for year 4s on the 25th of March.

We'd also like to wish all of our Muslim families 'eid Mubarak' or happy eid for the end of last week.

Finally, a heads-up to all of our Sycamore and Oaks' parents - next Monday (30th) will see their concert performance starting here at MPA at 2 pm.



Reminder: Please can all parents ensure you complete and return the dietary requirements form sent out earlier this week. We want to ensure we have the correct information on our system regarding any dietary needs or allergies.

Parents evenings are due to take place on Tuesday 28th April, Wednesday 29th April and Thursday 30th April. Please book in with the main office.

Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Sycamore with 91.79%

Whole school 87.98% this is below the national average

100% Attendance

A big shout out to the following students who have 100% attendance this week:

Lucy-Anna, Alyssa, Jessica, Michelle, Miles, Spencer, Brayleigh, Isla-Mai, Ava-Mai, Freddy, Avery, Lincoln, Grayson, Hudson, Lilly, Robin, Shona, Darcie, Elodie, Scarlett, Bradley, Casey, Dylan, Kiera, Lexi, Ava, Sapphire, Leo, Tillie, Oakley, Elsie, Maisie, Harrison, Scarlett, Oskar, Melody, Tyreese, Amy, Scarlett, Skylar, James, Bella, Bonnie, Nellie, Adriela, Atara, Avishai, Grace, Antoni, Khalis, Amanda, Gold, Neto, Kora, Dino, Zina, Chase, Esme, Arlo, Kai, Evana, Tiana, Oliver, Abigail, Faith, Oscar, Cohan, Olivia.

Well done everyone, a fantastic effort!

Achiever of the week

Willows - Arlo
Maple - Gold & Oscar
Sycamore - Scarlett
Beech - Casey
Oaks - Chase



Willows

A fantastic week in Willows! We have been looking at the story 'Clem & Crab'. Linked to this, the children have been learning about sea creatures, rockpools and how to keep the beach clean. They have made rock pool pictures, underwater sea art and they are working on 3D fish aquariums.

In maths, the children have been looking at groups that are equal and not equal and learning doubles. The children have worked really hard to remember their double facts, this was helped by our outdoor maths lesson which involved drawing butterflies and bugs to show double spots.

The children have continued to work hard in phonics, as well as practising writing words using their phonic knowledge.

We have particularly enjoyed the lovely weather, making the most of our outdoor space. Well done Willows!

Maple

Maple have had another super week! In English we have been exploring what it must have been like for people during the Blitz in World War 2. As part of our narrative, we talked about blackouts and air raid shelters and read an example diary entry. The children were super at spotting some of the key features we have been looking at. In maths, Year 2 have been very busy measuring in centimetres and metres and Year 1 have been practising counting in groups of tens and ones. Monday afternoon was fantastic for our Year 2s who had the opportunity to join a painting workshop with Brian Pollard, a local Plymouth artist. They created some brilliant landscapes! We have also continued to enjoy learning about toys from years ago and thinking about how they are different to the toys that we have now. Well-done Maple on another great week!



Oaks

What an amazing week of learning! In English we have started exploring instructional text, looking at key features about 'How to make a Pizza'. In Maths we have continued exploring fractions, the relationship between equal parts and the whole. As well as how they can be represented in different ways. In Art we have been designing our own picture in the style of Terry Coxan to include Smeaton's Tower in the foreground.

Our challenge activities this week have been based on throwing with accuracy- cup ping pong, bean bags in the hoop and skittles.

Sycamore

Another wonderful week in Sycamore! We have had a fabulous lesson with our music teacher on Monday and a lovely fun session with our rugby coach Thursday! That was our last session with our coach. PE will now be taught by Miss Lansdell again.

15 of our children have been selected to attend the Rugby Festival on Wednesday, therefore we have slightly tweaked the timetable so the remaining children will have PE on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

In maths, we have completed our fractions unit and we are ready to start our mass and capacity unit on Monday!

In English, we have been revisiting our diary writing skills and have written from the perspective of Idris.

In art, we have started to design our art work in the style of Terry Coxan, it has been so fun to create pieces that reflect the city's history. We then refined the style and focused on drawing Smeaton's Tower.

In history, we thought about how the buildings in Plymouth have developed and changed over the years. We learnt about chronology and put a range of buildings into chronological order.

Your talk time words are:

Chronology – to put things in time order.

Flabbergasted – to be shocked – speechless.

Denominator – the bottom number of a fraction.

Beech

A fantastic week of learning this week! We finished our book, 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield, and have been re-writing the story using fronted adverbials, exciting vocabulary, conjunctions and semi-colons. They have done brilliantly!

In Geography, we have been learning about farming, eating and shopping sustainably, and in Art, we have been drawing hyper-realistic sweets. In Maths, we have been learning how to round decimals – this has been quite tricky for the children, so extra practise on SATs bootcamp would be beneficial.

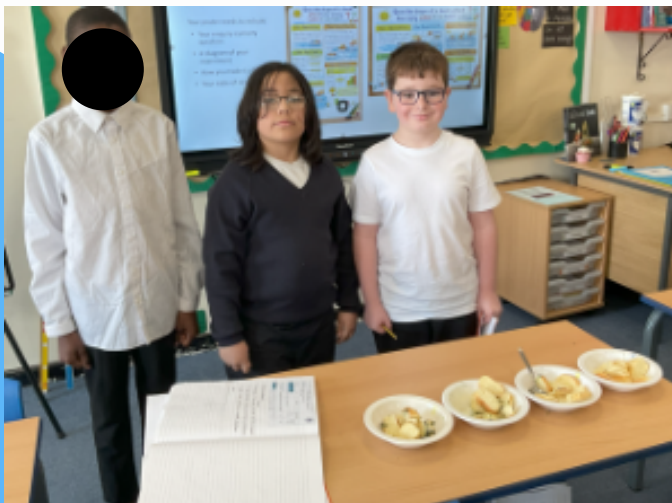
Notices:

Monday 23rd: Babcock in at 1.30 for a 'Submarine project'

Homework and revision guides need to be checked on Fridays, so please make sure they are being brought in.

End of term break April 6th – April 19th

SATs: May 11th – May 14th



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 F)
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 (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Substitutes (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (MI), 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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

BBC

Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind *The Dog House* is making a brand new BBC series about childhood friendship and are looking for kids aged 5 to 8 who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

Easter Holidays Family Learning



FREE

Hop into Free Family Fun this Easter!

On Course South West is excited to announce the return of our FREE Family Learning workshops! We are offering a variety of free sessions designed to engage children and parents alike through creativity, science, and outdoor exploration.

From digital creativity to backyard adventures, we've got something for everyone:

- How to Catch the Easter Bunny
 - Family Treasure Hunt
 - Easter Eggs & Baskets
 - Chemistry Easter Eggs
 - Stop Motion Animation
 - ...and so much more!

Dates between 14th - 16th April 2026

Parents/Carers can bring up to 2 children per adult, and children must be a minimum of 6 years old and a maximum of 18 years old.

For more info and to enrol [Free family learning activities. Includes Crafts, Maths, English, Science, languages, cooking, budgeting, first aid and BSL.](#) — On Course South West

There is also a competition for our FL [Competition Time! A chance to win 2 tickets to the Theatre Royal showing of Annie!](#) — On Course South West

A JOINT CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFT ADVENTURE!



EASTER HOLIDAY CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Free for eligible families or £30 for private spaces

Free Fit and Fed spaces available for eligible Plymouth children

Each session will include a range of arts and craft as well as getting out in nature (weather depending), crafting outside and fun and games!

Foundation, KS1 & KS2
9am - 1pm (drop off session)

Rees Centre Plympton
Lunch included

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April 2025

BOOK NOW

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE GO TO:
www.bookwhen.com/emaginationcraft
For booking queries contact:
emaginationcraft@yahoo.co.uk or 0777641293

www.creativehealthsouthwest.com | www.emaginationcraft.co.uk | www.colourfulhorizons.co.uk

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

Monday 23rd March - Babcock whole school event.
 Monday 30th March - Sycamore Musical Showcase
 End of term - Last day Thursday 2nd April 2026
 First day of term - Monday 20th April 2026
 Tuesday 28th April, Wednesday 29th April and Thursday 30th April -
 Parents evening
 Wednesday 20th May - Reception class Teddy Bears Picnic Event.
 Thursday 21st 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
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	Tuesday	7 14 21 28	Tuesday	4 11 18 25	Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24	Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	Wednesday	5 12 19 26	Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	4 11 18 25	Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	Thursday	6 13 20 27	Thursday	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	Friday	3 10 17 24 31	Friday	7 14 21 28	Friday	5 12 19 26
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Term	No. of Pupil Days	Public Holiday	School Holiday	School Inset Day
Autumn 1	37			
Autumn 2	34			
Spring 1	29			
Spring 2	29			
Summer 1	24			
Summer 2	35			
Total	188			

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Autumn 1	37			
Autumn 2	35			
Spring 1	29			
Spring 2	24			
Summer 1	34			
Summer 2	36			
Total	195			