



Friday 27th March 2026

Newsletter

A Message From Our Senior Leadership Team

On Monday Babcock came in to design PPE equipment with the children, such as welding masks, safety boots, vests, mittens and jackets. They designed and then built models of their designs.

On Wednesday our year 4's were invited to Plymouth Albion for this years Rugby festival and from what I hear they all played really well and were a credit to the school.

Please look out for your child's school reports which will be coming home this Thursday. These can printed in additional languages if required.



Reminder: 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 Beech with 90.87%

Whole school 89.62% this is below the national average

100% Attendance

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

Maisie, Scarlett, Palwasha, Colin, Oskar, Bella, Noorullah, Lottie, Harrison, Shona, Sundos, Lucy, Daisy, Scarlett, Leo, Vanessa, Cohan, Olivia, Kai, Chase, Elsie, James, Lexi, Poppy, Nordean, Najmadean, Faith, Michelle, Jessica, Adriela, Sawsan, Chloe, Avery, Lincoln, Lilly, Taluluah, Kora, Evana, Oscar, Jackson, Neto, Amanda, Zina, Claire, Antoni, Abigail, Diya, Tommy, Grayson, Oakley, Skyler, Arwa, Archie, Avishai, Gold, Dino, Mahydean, Oliver, Lola, Tillie, Jayansh, Atara, Sapphire, Isla, Adam, Tiana, Arlo, Esme, Melody, Robin, Khalis, Tyreese, Scarlett, Alyssa.

Well done everyone!

Achiever of the week

Willows - Tiana and Dino
Maple - Diya
Sycamore - Poppy and Daisy
Beech - Oskar
Oaks - Grace



Attendance reminders

Attendance in Marlborough Primary Academy remains a key focus.

Low attendance and lateness is likely to be affecting your child's learning, confidence and achievement and therefore it is important that it remains a focus. It is a parent /carer's responsibility to ensure their child attends school to an expected level. All schools have to report pupil attendance levels to the Education Welfare Service and take actions, working with families, to improve attendance. Therefore, attendance will continue to be monitored on a regular basis. If your child's attendance remains a high level of concern, we will require you to attend a meeting (in person, virtually or via telephone) in order to discuss the need to carry out one or more of the following actions:

- ~ The setting of an attendance target within a fixed timescale (an Individual Attendance Plan)
- ~ Request you provide medical proof for any further absence
- ~ A referral to the Educational Welfare Officer

A penalty notice can be issued to you if 10 unauthorised sessions are recorded against your child's name within a 10-week rolling period (10 absences are equal to 5 school days as there are 2 sessions in a school day). The unauthorised sessions can be made up of one or a combination of the following:

- ~ your child has an unauthorised absence from school
- ~ your child has been late to school after registration has closed
- ~ your child is found during a truancy sweep and the absence hasn't been authorised by the school
- ~ you repeatedly fail to provide the school or our Inclusion, Attendance and Welfare Service reasons for your child's absences (this includes ignoring our attempts to contact you)
- ~ your child is found in a public place during the first 5 days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion.

A fixed penalty notice of £80 is issued to each parent or carer for each child. If you receive a second penalty notice for the same child within a rolling 3-year period you will be charged at a higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.

Lateness does impact your child's attendance level and therefore, it is important children arrive in school on time.

Finally we would like to remind you that you have a legal duty to ensure regular attendance and that if you fail to do so you may commit an offence – SS 7 and 444 (1) (a) Education Act 1996.

Descriptor	Threshold %	Days Attendance	Whole Days Absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
Concern	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious Cause for Concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

Please use the below link for further information on attendance





UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



FREE BREAKFAST CLUBS

FOR THE BEST START

Join the school's brand new FREE breakfast club
from 20th April 2026.

A calm space, a healthy breakfast and a positive
start to the day and it's open to every single pupil.

08:00 - 08:30 Monday to Friday

Need to start earlier?

We will be open between 07:30- 08:00

A charge of £2 will apply

Both paid and free sessions need to be booked
through Arbor



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BREAKFAST
CLUBS

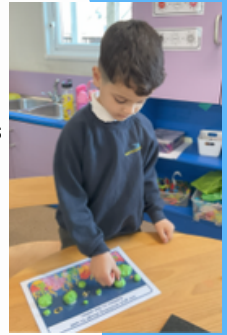
Willows



Another fabulous week. We have been reading the story 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson and using our imaginations to create new stories. We have created sea creatures and the children have been introduced to weaving. In maths, the children have continued to learn about the composition of numbers to 10, and the children have also been learning about odds and evens.

In our outside area, we have some new equipment, including hoops, cones, beanbags, ribbons and racquets. We are looking forward to using these in our outside learning. We have already played a target game which was great fun.

We have been discussing our local area and looking at pictures of 'Smeaton's Tower' - the children have built their own lighthouses and drawn them with chalk.



Maple

Another great week in Maple Class! We have been reading and exploring The Ugly Duckling as part of our new narrative in English which the children have all been enjoying. We have been looking at punctuating our sentences with capital letters and full stops and including some conjunctions to make our writing even better.

In Maths, Year 2 have been busy practising using a ruler to measure the length and heights of different objects and ordering them! Year 1 have been ordering and estimating numbers on a number line up to 50. In D.T, we have been designing our own moving picture based on different holidays. We were all very impressed with the creativity from everyone!

We were very lucky to have some visitors from Babcock earlier in the week who helped us to design and build some personal protective equipment for the workers on the dockyard. The children were amazing and produced some fabulous boots, ear defenders, special gloves and even goggles!



Oaks

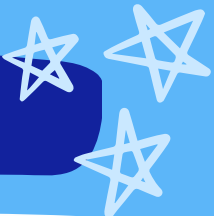
We have had a busy week! To complete our instructions topic in English, Oaks have become little chefs this week following a recipe to make their own pizzas. They eagerly participated in the process, especially when the product was ready to eat!

We have started new topics in Maths exploring capacity and volume. In English we are beginning to look at how a news report is written, as well as the number of people it takes to produce the report. Art we have been making a collage based on the digital reproductions of the local Artist Terry Coxan. In History we have been looking at similarities and differences over time in our local area. Our year 4 also attended the Plymouth Albion Rugby Festival for the afternoon on Wednesday and had a fantastic time.





Sycamore



What a busy week!

On Monday we had another successful music lesson, and we are so excited to see you all on Monday for our Musical Showcase! Some of the class also attended the Plymouth Albion Rugby Festival on Wednesday, they represented our school brilliantly and we were so impressed with how they did! I would like to remind all adults, particularly the Year 4s, that the Multiplication Check is approaching, and it is so important to support your child at home with this using the TTRS programme. Our scores have started to dip and I would like to see them rise again. The aim is for children to be scoring above 20 but they should now be aiming for 25/25 during our weekly class check.

Maths: We have started our capacity and mass unit. Thinking and exploring different ways to measure items and liquids.

English: we have continued to explore the emotions of our characters whilst reviewing our inverted commas to show speech!

Art: We have added our lighthouses to a background in the style of our artist. It was so lovely to see how the children's individuality came through on the images.

History: We explored how the cityscape in Plymouth has changed and we thought about the cause of those changes, building our understanding that it was more than war that shaped our city.

You talk time words this week are:

Capacity – how much a container can hold when filled.

Treasured – to be loved very much by those around us, they see our value.

Hefty – something large or heavy. In our Reading Masters, the author had used this to describe a character, how rude!

Homework:

Maths – capacity and volume refresher.

English – reading and comprehension.



Beech



A fab week of maths, engineering, art and writing in Beech this week! On Monday, we enjoyed having Babcock in, and we created our own PPE. They were very impressed with the children's creations, including safety goggles, a welding mask, and a unicorn helmet!

In English this week, we are writing a biography about Chris Hadfield (the Canadian astronaut) using formal tone. In Art, we have been drawing our own 'hyper-realistic' sweet drawings, and in Maths, we have been learning about perimeter and area.

Homework:

- Edshed, TTRS and SATs bootcamp (area and perimeter)
- Y6 SATs books (area, perimeter, fractions, arithmetic)
- Y5 Maths and spelling sheets

Notices:

- Thursday 2nd last day of Term 4
- SATs 11th May



Menu

Thursday 2nd April menu change: There will be no roast dinner this week, instead we will be serving hot dogs (pork or quorn) with a bun and chips.

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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>CHOICE 1 - H, V</p> <p>Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh, Mu, Mi m/c Se</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Potato topped chicken pie served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Ce Mi m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Sausage and mashed potato served with veg and gravy</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>Youngs fish fingers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</p> <p>Vegan chilli with rice and veg</p> <p>Allergens: So</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V</p> <p>Broccoli and potato bake served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</p> <p>Vegan meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh So</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Homemade bean cottage pie served with roast potatoes and veg</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, W</p> <p>Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</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, V</p> <p>Pear flapjack</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, O</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Chocolate shortbread</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c Bar</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Custard biscuit and fruit slices</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</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. 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), Rice (R), Soya (So), Substitutes (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Milk (Mi), M&L (M&L), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Chardonnay (C), Dairy (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

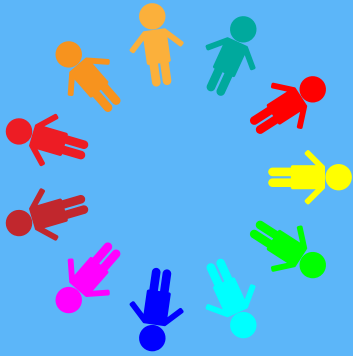
Climate Friendly

DID YOU KNOW
You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!

Tilda



COMMUNITY EVENTS



NEW

TRANSFORMING PLYMOUTH TOGETHER

PLYMOUTH HYGIENE HUB

Fortnightly Wednesdays: 2.30 pm (1st & 3rd Weds each month)
The Salvation Army, Lancaster Garden, Whittleigh, PL5 4AA

THE SALVATION ARMY

We provide low cost hygiene products and basic dental health advice to individuals or families in need. No referral is required.



FREE COMMUNITY LEARN AS YOU GROW SESSIONS

Easter half term
Southway Community Hub & Cafe

Wednesday 8th April
from 2pm - 3.30pm

All ages are welcome
Children must be accompanied by an adult

Booking Essential
01752 703581

Family Friendly Cinema this Easter Holiday

Tickets **£5**

Arco (PG)
Sat 4 April, 11am
Wed 8 April, 11am

Hoppers (U)
Sat 11 April, 11am
Wed 15 April, 11am
Thu 16 April, 2.30pm

www.plymouthartscinema.org

Relaxed, accessible, neurodiverse and baby friendly
Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar
Award-winning local independent cinema!

PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUBS

READY, STEADY SCHOOL!

Is your child starting school in September?

Join us for a **FREE** 5/6 week programme supporting you and your child transition to primary school!

Nomony Family Hub
Fridays 10-11am 24th April - 22nd May 2026

Fourwoods Family Hub
Mondays 130-230pm 20th April - 18th May 2026

Laura Green D.E.L.L. Satellite site
Wednesdays 130-230pm 29th April - 10th June 2026

Plymstock Library
Mondays 10-11am 1st June - 6th June 2026

Please call a Family Hub to book your place!

We are also delivering courses in the following primary schools: Widewell, Tor Bridge, Ernesettle, High View, Prince Rock & St Pauls Primary. If your child is due to start here in September please speak to the school about booking a place!

Plymouth Family Hubs working in partnership with...

Plymouth Science Easter Camp

Scan here to book your place

FREE for children who are eligible for Free School Meals*
or
£25 per day (bring your own lunch)
£28 per day (with lunch)

Venue: St Budeaux CE Primary Academy, Priestley Avenue, PL5 2DW
Days: Monday 6th April - Friday 10th April
Timings: 9am-3pm
Age: 6-11 years

Activities Include:

- Easter Eggs
- Outside Activities
- Spring Activities
- Engineering
- Experiments

To book your place visit our website. For any questions, please email us.
Web: www.plymouthscienceccic.co.uk Tel: 01752 055 506 (only during camp dates) Email: plymouthscienceceteam@gmail.com

* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This DOES NOT include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.

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Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUBS

TogetherNESS ADOLESCENCE

Focus on supporting a positive relationship between parent and teen
Help build and maintain a strong relationship within the whole family
Learn about the changes happening in your teens brain development

FourWoods Family Hub
415 Crownhill Road, PL5 2LN

Call **01752 366795** to book a space.

Open to parents of children aged 11-16 yrs

Starting Tues 28th April
10 weeks 6.30-8.30pm
Term Time Only

Plymouth Family Hubs working in partnership with...

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 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	

January 26					February 26					March 26					April 26						
Monday	5	12	19	26	Monday	2	9	16	23	Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	Tuesday	3	10	17	24	Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	
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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
Total	188

Public Holiday (Grey), School Holiday (Light Blue), School Inset Day (Yellow)

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Summer 2	36
Total	195

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