



Friday 25th September 2026

Newsletter

What a wonderful week it has been for the pupils of Marlborough Primary!

Firstly, I was incredibly proud to accompany our Pupil Parliament to the Houses of Parliament on Monday. The children represented our school exceptionally well throughout the day and were a real credit to Marlborough Primary. They enjoyed a fascinating tour of the House of Lords, the House of Commons and many of the impressive halls and rooms within the historic buildings.

Travelling by train and navigating the London Underground was all taken in their stride, and they showed maturity, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. We finished the day with some memorable photographs in front of Victoria Tower and Big Ben, rounding off a truly unforgettable experience. The children will be sharing their experiences in a special assembly for the school community and their families, so please keep an eye out for the date.

Developing pupil leadership continues to be a key priority for us this year, and we were delighted to host leadership training for all of our school councils this week. The training focused on how to plan and deliver an assembly, and each council will now be given the opportunity to lead an assembly for the whole school and parents/carers during the year. We look forward to sharing these dates with you once they have been confirmed.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic visit to Porsham Farm this week. From exploring milking stations and climbing into tractors to taking part in forest school activities, the children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. By all accounts, it was a wonderful learning experience and another occasion where our pupils represented the school brilliantly.

Finally, a small plea from me. Due to being short-staffed at the moment, litter is beginning to build up around some areas of our playgrounds and outdoor spaces. If any parent or carer is able to spare 20 minutes at the end of the school day next Tuesday to help with some litter picking or weeding, we would be extremely grateful. Gloves can be provided, and we have a limited number of litter pickers available. If you have your own litter picker or gardening gloves, please do bring them along. Your support would make a real difference in helping us keep our environment clean, tidy and welcoming for all of our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Parry
Head of School

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Ensuring your child arrives on time to start their school day is extremely important to their key learning. Our school gates open at 8.35am and all children must be in school ready to start learning by 8.45am. Any late arrivals will impact your child's attendance record.



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Sycamore with 94.83% .

Whole school attendance is 91.95%.

100% Attendance

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

Sundos, Sawsan, Raad, Rama, Lucy-Anna, Alyssa, Michelle, Jessica, Spencer, Miles, Baruch, Jaxon B, Freddy, Avery, Evie, Lincoln, Grayson, Grace C, Hudson, Daisy, Taluluah, Grayson-Joe, Shona, Darcie, Scarlett, Bradley, Dylan, Lexi, Ava, Sapphire, Ronnee, Poppy, Leo, Tillie, Oakley, Hunter, Lottie, Elsie, Harrison, Tyreese, Jaxson L, Shuya, Shuhao, Amy, James, Arwa, Jaxxon M, Nellie, Archie, Avishai, Atara, Adriela, Lucas, Grace N, Antoni, Claire, Khalis, Neto, Amanda, Gold, Zina, Dino, Kora, Chase, Esme, Arlo, Aadya, Carson, Kai, Tiana, Evana, Najmadean, Mahydean, Adam, Diya, Oliver, Abigail, Lola, Maleek, Oscar, Cohan, Jackson, and Noorullah.

Well done everyone!

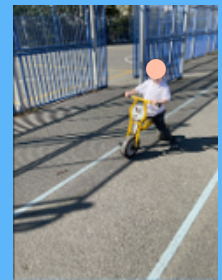
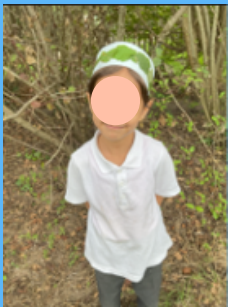
Achiever of the week

Willows – Carson & Grayson
Maple – Mahydean
Oaks – Kai & Hunter
Sycamore – Taluluah & Lincoln
Beech – Dylan



Willows

Willows have had another very busy and positive week! In Drawing Club, we have enjoyed reading our new story of the week, 'Ravi's Roar', which is all about a boy who turns into a tiger when he becomes furious! The children drew their own amazing pictures based on the story and could explain to me what they had drawn. In Maths, we have continued to practice subitising to 3 and have explored different arrangements of 3. The children have blown me away with their phonics sounds and have remembered our first few sounds brilliantly! In P.E, we enjoyed some time in the sunshine riding our balance bikes in the school playground and as part of our forest school this week, we made our very own natural headbands by collecting different leaves, sticks, flowers and petals. The children loved being in nature and playing together so beautifully. Well-done Willows! Have a brilliant weekend and see you next week!



Sycamore

What a busy week!

Sycamore have had another wonderful week in class creating great memories!

In English, we have written our character descriptions for The Mammoth! It was so lovely to see their incredible noun phrases and creative use of adverbs. We have now started our new English unit!

In maths, we are still working on place value. This week we have focused on partitioning numbers and we were challenging ourselves to see how flexibly we can partition the same number.

In music, we have learnt to play the ukelele with open strings and then we learnt cord C. We then went on to create our own lyrics to a song before learning to play A Sailor Went To Sea!

In history, we looked at three time periods and compared them! We considered some of the tools they used and the foods they ate!

In science, we have been learning about soundwaves, how they travel and how we hear sounds!



Oaks

Oaks have had another really busy week this week.

We have finished our first English unit; it was a pleasure to read all the children's narratives for the mammoth. They blew me away with their noun phrases and their use of adverbs in their writing. They have really persevered throughout this unit.

In maths we are still continuing with place value using numbers in the thousands. This week we have been looking at numbers that are less than and more than a given number. Using our 1's, 10's, 100's and 1000's knowledge.

PSHE this week we have been focusing on how we have started our surge lessons. This week we started with personal space and how we all have a battery and how we can identify when our battery is full or empty and the symptoms that are shown. The children have really been engaging with this unit this week and giving loads of examples!

Science, we started our unit on sound. We looked at how sounds can have a different pitch and how our ears can hear sounds louder and quieter depending on how far away we are from the origin.

The children really enjoyed this week. We have been very proud of the progress the children are making so far and can't wait to see the progress they will make next week.

Cooking this week was linked to our class reader, and the children were able to plan and create their own chocolate bars. They really enjoyed being in the shoes of Mr. Willy Wonka – it was lovely to see how creative they were with their chocolate making, and they enjoyed tasting it even more than making it.

Notices:

Remember PE is on a Thursday.



Beech

It has been another fantastic week of learning!

In Maths, the children have been partitioning numbers up to 10,000,000. This has given them a really secure foundation for our next unit on addition and subtraction.

In DT, we have begun our Brunel: Building Bridges unit by exploring the Royal Albert Bridge over the River Tamar. The children have been learning about its design, purpose, and connection to our local area.

In Science, we investigated soluble and insoluble materials by dissolving different substances in water. The children were very curious and thoroughly enjoyed working collaboratively during the experiment.

In English, we have been writing information reports about Plymouth, past and present. These are developing brilliantly, and the children have demonstrated their ability to use headings, subheadings, parenthesis, and relative clauses effectively.

On Monday, our Parliament representatives, Olivia and Lottie, had a fantastic opportunity to travel to London and visit the Houses of Parliament. What a wonderful and memorable experience!

On Tuesday, Mrs Lewis took the Year 6 children to Market Hall to celebrate their graduation from the Widening Horizons project. Well done to everyone involved!

On Friday, we had civil engineers from the Navy talk about their career.

Notices:

We have started our new spelling scheme and are completing activities in class.

All children now have SATs bootcamp logins, so please make sure they are using this website little and often.

Homework due on Friday

7th October – we have a magistrate coming in Beech to do a mock trial!

Maple

Wow, what a very busy week!

Maple Class had a fantastic time visiting Porsham Farm. We were able to see 1-day old calves and learn all about how a dairy farm works. The children had a fantastic time learning how the cows were milked and what happens with the milk.

In Maths, the children have been working hard on teen numbers, partitioning and learning one more than a number.

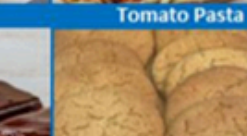
In English, we have started a new unit of work based on 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been thinking about how Stick Man felt when he was lost and looking for the family tree.

In Geography, we have been looking at Devonport and Plymouth on a map. The children had fun looking at Google Earth too!

Here are some pictures from a farm trip:



Menu

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Spicy Tomato Pasta Bake	Beany Vegetable Burger	BBQ Roast Quorn	Vegetable Korma	Quorn Dippers
				
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Burger	Roast Pork	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie	Fish Fingers
				
Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta
				
Lemon Cookie	Strawberry Ice Cream	Cornflake Tart	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Ginger Biscuit

AVAILABLE DAILY  **FRESH FRUIT, SALAD, YOGHURT AND WATER**  **BAKED POTATOES** With a choice of topping  

 Vegetarian  Vegan  Oily Fish  Fruity!  Wholegrain  Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

FRUITY! 

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3

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Thursday 1st October 2026

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There is no need to book. For further details please contact us using the details below:

- enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk
- 01752 812511

We are thrilled to welcome our new students for the upcoming year



PLYMOUTH Banditos U14

SPOND GROUP: PXFEK

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10-14 BOYS AND GIRLS (NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED)

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1-3PM PLYMSTOCK SCHOOL



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Brickfields Athletics Track
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SWIM SESSION
FRIDAYS 7:30PM - 8:30PM
Plymouth Life Centre
Build confidence in the pool and develop your swimming skills with our coached swim sessions.

BIKE SKILL & TRANSITION WORKSHOPS
VARIOUS DATES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON
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- Open to boys and girls

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A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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We wanted to let you know about our upcoming SEN After-School Play Session at Drakes Den on Friday 9th October, 4pm-5.30pm.

These sessions are designed to provide a quieter, more relaxed environment for children with additional needs to enjoy the play centre at their own pace, with reduced numbers and a calmer atmosphere.

We're also very excited to have recently completed renovations at Drakes Den, including:

 Our newly renovated Toddler Area – with brand-new equipment for little ones to ride, bounce and spin.

 Our brand-new Sensory Room – a dedicated calming and sensory space for children who may benefit from a quieter environment and sensory activities.

We would really appreciate it if you could help us spread the word about our upcoming SEN session and share the information with families who may benefit from attending.

Friday 9th October - <https://drakes.bookmyparty.co.uk/book/1023/booking.aspx?package=senplaysession9thoctober>

4pm-5.30pm

Drakes Den, Plymouth

Spaces are limited, so advance booking is recommended.

We're really looking forward to welcoming families and giving them the opportunity to enjoy our newly renovated areas.

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 expectational circumstances will this be authorised. Please see the link below for further information from PCC website

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence-and-penalty-notices>

Clubs

Breakfast club - starts at 7:30am until 8:00am at a cost of £2 per session. 8:00am until 8:30am is our free breakfast club 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

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Dates for Diary

Wednesday 7th October - Y5 / Y6 Mock Trial

Monday 12th October - Year 1 and Year 3 - Inspire me visit
- Careers in the sea

Wednesday 14th October - Year 2 and Year 4 - Inspire
me visit - Careers in sport and careers in engineering

Thursday 14th October - Widening Horizons - Year 5 visit
to Cattedown Harbour

Marlborough Primary Academy term dates 2026 / 2027

September 26					October 26					November 26					December 26									
Monday		7	14	21	28	Monday		5	12	19	26	Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday		7	14	21	28	
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	Tuesday		6	13	20	27	Tuesday	3	10	17	24		Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	Wednesday		7	14	21	28	Wednesday	4	11	18	25		Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	
Thursday	3	10	17	24		Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	Thursday	5	12	19	26		Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	
Friday	4	11	18	25		Friday	2	9	16	23	30	Friday	6	13	20	27		Friday	4	11	18	25		
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May 27					June 27					July 27					August 27									
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Friday	7	14	21	28		Friday	4	11	18	25		Friday		2	9	16	23	Friday	6	13	20	27		

Public Holiday

School Holiday

School Inset Day

Term	No. of Pupil Days
Autumn 1	34
Autumn 2	35
Spring 1	27
Spring 2	24
Summer 1	34
Summer 2	34
Total	188