



Friday 18th September 2026

Newsletter

What a fantastic week it has been at Marlborough Primary!

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us to celebrate the culmination of our art project. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school and to share the incredible work that the children have produced.

The self-portraits on display were truly outstanding and reflected the hard work, creativity and dedication of every child involved. What was particularly special was seeing how each portrait was completely unique, capturing not only the children's artistic skills but also their individual personalities, flair and character. The diversity of styles and approaches made the exhibition a real celebration of our talented pupils.

This week, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to The Box. They had a fantastic trip, engaged brilliantly with the activities and represented the academy exceptionally well throughout the day. We are always proud of our children when they are out in the community, and they were a real credit to Marlborough Primary.

Next week, I will have the privilege of taking our School Council on a trip to tour the Houses of Parliament. This is a first for Marlborough Primary and an opportunity that the children are incredibly excited about. We will be travelling alongside our friends from High Street and I am sure it will be a wonderful, informative and memorable day for everyone involved.

We look forward to sharing their experiences with you when we return.

Finally, I would like to offer a huge thank you to the members of our PTA who have helped us create a gravel pit for our youngest learners. All that lifting and shifting was most appreciated! Your hard work, time and effort will make a real difference to the children's outdoor learning experiences, and we are extremely grateful for your support.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.
Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Parry

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 Beech with 99.4% .

Whole school attendance is
93.03%.

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, Hudson, Daisy, Taluluah, Ivy, Grayson, Shona, Elodie, Harrison, Scarlett, Dylan, Lola, Lexi, Ava, Sapphire, Leo, Tillie, Oakley, Lottie, Harrison, Scarlett, Melody, Tyreese, Jaxson L, Shuya, Shuhao, Skylar, Amy, James, Jaxxon M, Bonnie, Nellie, Avishai, Atara, Adriela, Antoni, Claire, Khalis, Neto, Amanda, Gold, Zina, Dino, Kora, Chase, Vanessa, Aadya, Carson, Kai, Tiana, Evana, Najmadean, Mahydean, Adam, Diya, Oliver, Abigail, Lola, Maleek, Oscar, Cohan, Jackson, Noorullah, Teddy, Ivie and Olivia.

Well done everyone!

Achiever of the week

Willows – Lucas N
Maple – Mahydean
Oaks – Kai
Sycamore – Taluluah
Beech – Dylan





Willows

Willows have had another great week of learning. We are still loving our new climbing frame and imagining being pirates lost at sea! We are also very lucky to now be able to enjoy our very own gravel pit and construction area. We have been reading and discussing 'Rainbow Fish' as part of our drawing club and the children have enjoyed meeting all of the characters and creating their very own rainbow fish. During circle time we have talked about how we are each unique and how our appearance and likes are all different but we are all part of Willows class. In maths, the children have been subitising numbers up to 3 and we have been practising identifying how many dots or objects there are without counting them. We have also been practising our class poem 'Amazing Me' which the children have learnt brilliantly! We have also been exploring the artist Pablo Picasso and have created our very own portraits in his style. Well-done Willows!



Sycamore

Sycamore had such a lovely and settled week in class. We are now firmly settled into our routines and feeling like a strong team! On Monday we began our music lessons with our music teacher. She taught us all about tempo and rhythm. Next week we are going to start learning how to play the ukeleles.

In maths, we have continued with our place value unit and we have been working with numbers into the thousands!

In English, we have been focusing on using adverbs and conjunctions this week. We have used images from the story to make predictions using our key features!

In history, we have begun to learn about life in the Stone Age. We discovered that they had woolly mammoths and woolly rhinos!

Art project, we had so much fun researching our artist and creating our pieces. It was so lovely to see each child create a completely unique piece that reflected their creative mind. It was also lovely to see so many of you joining us in class to celebrate your child and explore their art!



Oaks have had a packed week this week. They came back to the start of the week very settled and ready to learn. We started our music lessons on Monday afternoon, the children were really engaged in the lesson and thoroughly enjoyed having our visitor here.

In maths we have continued with our place value and looking at numbers into the thousands!

In English we have been focusing on expanded noun phrases and how we can use these to paint a picture in the reader's mind.

We started to look at the stone age in history, and children have been fascinated by the way people live during these times.

On Thursday and Friday this week, the children have been stepping into the shoes of our artist 'Arcimboldo'. I really enjoyed seeing the children take control of their creativity this week. Their pieces of work are amazing!



Maple class has had a very busy week.

In maths, we have been securing our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and part-whole models. The children are also beginning to recognise teen numbers and represent them using resources, including numicon and dienes.

The children have continued to practice their pre-cursive writing and have made some super progress.

Our art days this week have focused on the work of Frida Kahlo. The children have developed their own self-portraits and are extremely excited to share these with other classes and parents.

There will be no PE on Monday, so there is no need for PE kits.
Have a great weekend!

Beech

This week in Beech, Y6 completed their first mock SATs and have absolutely smashed them! If you would like to know more details about your child's results, please get in contact with me via Arbor.

On Thursday, we visited The Box for our 'Legends and Landmarks' trip relating to our English and geography topic where we are learning all about Plymouth in the past and comparing it to Plymouth today.

At The Box, we learnt about the first tribe to live on Dartmoor; the civil engineer who built Smeaton's tower; a soldier who saved many women and children in Devonport during WW2 and how Plymouth has changed over the years. We also learnt that hippos, hyenas and woolly mammoths used to live in Devon!

Today, we completed our Picasso-inspired self-portraits. They are beautiful!

Notices:

All children now have access to SATs bootcamp! An amazing online resource which supports the Key Stage 2 Maths, reading and the writing curriculum.

22nd September: Y6 'Widening Horizons' graduation event at market hall!

11th October: First Widening Horizons trip for Y5 to Cattedown Harbour



Menu

AUTUMN WINTER 2026 **FRESH!** **Chartwells** Schools

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ Vegetable Wrap	Bean & Cheese Turnover	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Roast	Vegan Meatball Baguette	Veggie Fingers
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pork Meatball Sub	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers
Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta
Lemon Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream	Apple Crumble	Chocolate Marble Cake	Chocolate Crispy Bar

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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Community Information

We get it, so let's chat about it...



A relaxed meet-up opportunity for parent carers
of children and young people with SEND.

 **Third Wednesday of each month:**
Weds 16th Sept; Weds 21st Oct; Weds 18th Nov;
Weds 16th Dec 2026

 Drop in any time from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

 Rees Family Centre and Wellbeing Hub,
Plymouth, PL7 2PS

 Plymouth Parent Carer Voice
SEND Help Plymouth

 Find us on Facebook or call/text 07378 108723

FREE tea, coffee, biscuits and friendly faces!



FREE SEND

Soft Play Sessions

SEN IN THE DEN @ YMCA Plymouth

Fridays 3:30pm-5pm | Ages 0-7

@ YMCA Plymouth, Honicknowle Lane

Come along for inclusive soft play fun, specifically for SEND children to explore our Ocean City soft play area.

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Here for communities
Here for you

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NAVIGATING NEEDS

SUPPORT

NETWORK

MONDAYS | 9AM – 11AM

**A WELCOMING SPACE FOR PARENTS
OF CHILDREN WITH SEND TO CHAT WITH
EXPERTS & CONNECT WITH OTHERS**

AT ALL SAINTS ACADEMY



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NEURODIVERSITY
FESTIVAL

2026

CELEBRATE AND EDUCATE

**JOIN US AND BE PART OF THIS AMAZING
 NEURODIVERSITY FESTIVAL IN
 PLYMOUTH!**

SEPTEMBER 19 | DEVONPORT PARK

**LIVE MUSIC | MARKET STALLS |
 WELLBEING ACTIVITIES | STREET FOOD**

FREE TO ATTEND | 12 NOON - 7PM

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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

Email address:

reception@marlboroughacademy.org

Dates for Diary

Monday 21st – Pupil Parliament London trip to Parliament

Tuesday 22nd September – Porsham Farm Trip – Maple Class

Tuesday 22nd September – Widening Horizons Graduation for 2025 / 2026 – Year 6

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

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

Public Holiday

School Holiday

School Inset Day