



Friday 11th August 2026

Newsletter

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been wonderful to see all of your children's smiling faces returning to school. Mr Dore and I are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into their new classes and routines.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our Reception children and their families, who have chosen to begin their educational journey with us at Marlborough Primary School. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to watching your children grow and flourish over the coming years.

This school year is full of exciting opportunities for our pupils, including a range of leadership roles. This week, children took part in the democratic process by voting for our Pupil Parliament, Reading Ambassadors, Eco Warriors, Well-being Ambassadors, Sports Leaders and Maths Ambassadors. We were overwhelmed by the number of pupils who put themselves forward for these important positions and impressed by how respectfully and enthusiastically they engaged in the voting process. The results have now been announced. Congratulations to all pupils who were successful in securing a role.

We are also excited to share that we have signed up to the Plymouth Schools Football League, organised by Plymouth Argyle. This is the first time we have entered the league, and it will provide fantastic opportunities for our pupils to take part in competitive football throughout the year. The league includes festival days and Cup competitions for both mixed and girls' teams, with opportunities available from Year 1 to Year 6. Please keep an eye out for invitations and further information.

Next week, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be visiting The Box as part of their learning. In addition, children from Reception through to Year 6 will be participating in special Art Project Days on Thursday and Friday. Each class has selected an artist to study and will create their own self-portrait inspired by their learning. At the end of the week, parents and carers will be invited into school to view the artwork. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this special celebration of the children's creativity.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another successful and memorable year at Marlborough Primary School.

Best wishes,
Mrs Parry
Head of School



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner are Oaks and Sycamore with 100% .

Whole school attendance is 96.73%.

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

Well done everyone!

Achiever of the week

Willows – Evie & Lolo
Maple – Sanviya & Maleek
Oaks – Oscar
Sycamore – Poppy
Beech – Baruch





Willows

Our new little Willows have settled in brilliantly this week. They have been coming into school with huge big smiles and we have had lots of time getting to know each other, learning our routines and exploring our inside and outside spaces. In particular, the children have loved our new climbing frame and have had lots of opportunities to play on it with their friends, explore our fantastic new mud kitchen and going on the bikes. Well-done Willows on a fantastic start to the new school year. Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all again on Monday!



Sycamore

Welcome back Sycamore! I've had such a lovely time welcoming our amazing class back to school.

Maths, we have begun our first-place value unit! It has been wonderful to see how much learning all of the children have retained over summer!

English, we have started our character description unit! We are using an extract from the story The First Drawing. We have spent our first few lessons exploring the text.

PE, we have had so much fun in our first PE lesson of the year. We practiced our fielding and bowling skills ready to start our ball-based unit for the term!

PSHE, we have been focusing on safety this week and the children have shown such a strong understanding of how to stay safe, online, in school and in the community.

Homework – this week there is a piece of maths and a piece of wellbeing work. We would like to see this returned before Friday! There are cubes available for returned work!

Oaks

Oaks had a great first week back. Welcoming their new teacher, Mrs Brolan.

We have been talking about how to stay safe on the roads and in the community. We have also been talking about how we can respect everyone too.

In our English lessons we have been looking at the story 'the first drawing' - character description.

In math's we have been looking at place value.

Cooking, we looked at healthy eating and trying new foods. The children have been making fruit kebabs with loads of different fruits. Some that they have never heard of too.

We have also started our first-class book. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children really enjoyed this week and settled back from the summer very nicely.

Notices:

PE is on a Thursday

Maple

The children have made a fantastic start to the year, settling in very quickly to new routines.

Well done Maple Class for a great first week.

During the week, the children have been involved in team building and remembering and agreeing class rules. We have also allocated class jobs.

In English, the children have been focusing on pre-cursive handwriting, in particular writing their names. This included practicing their name writing using chalk in the playground.

In maths, the children will be focusing on place value; they have started this week with counting skills and looking at different ways to represent numbers.

We will be starting our topic learning next week, and we have our first PE lesson on Monday.

Here are some pictures of our giant names in the playground:





Beech



What an absolutely fantastic start to the year! The children have amazed me this week with how wonderfully they have been coming into the classroom, settling into routines, and trying their very best with their learning.

Each morning, we begin the day with our Zones of Regulation lessons. These sessions help the children to recognise and understand their emotions. We have discussed the blue, green, yellow, and red zones, as well as strategies that can help us return to the green zone—the zone in which we are calm, focused, and ready to learn.

In our learning so far, we have begun:

Maths: our Place Value topic

English: a topic focused on Plymouth and Devonport

History: learning about the history of Plymouth and Devonport

To support and enrich our English and History learning, we are very excited to be visiting The Box next Thursday for our Legends and Landmarks trip.
We are looking forward to another brilliant week of learning!

Notices:

Year 5 'Widening Horizons' consent form must be returned.

Whole Class consent for our History / English trip to The Box returned and money paid on Arbor.

Class Teacher PowerPoint has been emailed home.

PE is on Fridays – our first unit is 'Invasion Games'

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please can you ensure you label your child's belongings. This includes coats, jumpers or cardigans, lunch boxes and water bottles. We have a lot of lost property and it is only the first week back.

Thank you

Menu

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beany Chilli & Nachos	Chinese Veggie Noodles	Roast Quorn	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Homemade Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken	Beef Bolognese	Southern Fried Chicken
Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta
Oat Cookie	Vanilla Ice Cream	Banoffee Pie	Chocolate Sponge	Chocolate Cookie

AVAILABLE DAILY

FRESH FRUIT, SALAD, YOGHURT AND WATER

BAKED POTATOES
With a choice of topping

FRUITY!

W/C: 14/09/2026, 06/10/2026, 26/10/2026, 16/11/2026, 07/12/2026
28/12/2026, 18/01/2027, 08/02/2027, 01/03/2027

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3

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.



Community Information

OCTOBER HALF TERM

- 🎃 Halloween Crafts
- 🎃 Autumn Jewellery
- 🎃 Stop Motion Animation
- 🎃 Halloween Stories and Crafty Adventures
- 🎃 Halloween Origami
- 🎃 Maths Treasure Hunt
- 🎃 Design & Stitch - Toy Clothing
- 🎃 Learn to Weave

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Scan and search
'family fun'
to see all courses.

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

Follow us on social media:

f X Instagram TikTok

on course
SOUTH WEST

DICE Parenting Programme

DICE is a 4 week free universal support for parents/carers of pre-teens and teens who are worried about parenting in the modern world, with the risks and challenges this presents.

DICE provides families with information, advice and support to help them provide a safe and protective environment for their child or young person.

The programme is running on a regular basis throughout the year, online and face to face. Contact details overleaf for further information or a referral form.

01752 256339
exceed@barnardos.org.uk
Online referral form
www.barnardosexceed.org.uk

DICE Upcoming Dates

Please note this is a 4-week course, therefore please ensure you're able to attend all 4 dates listed. Online sessions are run on Teams.

Face to face Four Woods Family Hub, Plymouth	Online daytime Microsoft Teams	Online evening Microsoft Teams
Tues 15th Sept Tues 22nd Sept Tues 29th Sept Tues 6th Oct 10am-12pm	Weds 16th Sept Weds 23rd Sept Weds 30th Sept Weds 7th Oct 10am-12pm	Weds 11th Nov Weds 18th Nov Weds 25th Nov Weds 2nd Dec 5pm-7pm

Session 01: Introduction and the life of a teenager

The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

Session 02: The exploitation of children and young people

Grooming - what is it, how does it happen, where and by whom? How can we spot the signs?

Session 03: Digital dangers

Social media, nudes and the complexities of the online world. How can we be better digital parents/carers?

Session 04: A safe place to share ideas about parenting

Parenting top tips - practical advice and information about communicating effectively, support networks and working together.

The Barnardo's Exceed service is open 9am - 5pm Mondays to Fridays (not including bank holidays). We aim to get in contact with you within 1 working day after receiving your enquiry. For all enquiries, further information or a referral form please contact - exceed@barnardos.org.uk

OCEAN CITY Rugby Inclusive

Sunday 10-11am

EMAIL - oceancityrugbyinclusively@yahoo.com
Facebook - Ocean city Rugby inclusive

WHY JOIN US?

- Skill Enhancement
- Expert Coaching
- Physical Fitness
- Team Building
- Personal Growth
- Future Opportunities

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Ages 5 upwards
- Boys and Girls
- SEN, Neurodivergant
- All Skill Levels

Welcome

TEL: JULIA - 07887244472
AT WESTON HILL OAK VILLA COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB - OLD TECHNICIANS RD
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Kids Matter parent/carer programme

Coming soon, get booked on at
St Aidan's Ennesettle this
Autumn!!

Kids Matter is a free friendly group for anyone with children aged 0-10 years. We discuss how to build strong families & help kids do their best in life.

During the 6 weeks, we cover the following:

- Taster - Come and see what it's like to be a Kids Matter group
- Session 1 - Being a strong family
- Session 2 - Loving our children well
- Session 3 - Play, encouragement and listening
- Session 4 - Routines, choices and rewards
- Session 5 - Family rules and consequences
- Session 6 - The bigger picture
- Booster - Checking in 3 months later

Every session will have tea & cake and a Free crèche.

Kids Matter will be running for 6 weeks for parents and carers in your area soon!

**Starts on Thursday
the 29th of October 9:30am**

Registered charity in England & Wales 103197

email at: info@seachurch.co.uk

JUNIOR TRIATHLON IN PLYMOUTH

Fun, friendly and inclusive sessions for young people of all abilities.

MAKE FRIENDS.

STAY ACTIVE.

HAVE FUN.

SWIM. BIKE. RUN.

THREE SPORTS. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

TRACK SESSION

THURSDAYS
6:00PM - 7:00PM

Brickfields Athletics Track

Improve your speed, stamina and technique with fun, supportive track sessions.

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

Learn bike handling skills, transition practice and race confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Aged 8-16

All abilities welcome

No experience needed!

Open to boys and girls

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH!
Email: Plymouthjuniors@gmail.com
Or message us on Instagram @plymouthtriathlonclub

JOIN US AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE!

Community Information

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.

**PAULINE
QUIRKE
ACADEMY**
OF PERFORMING ARTS

Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic year at the Pauline Quirke Academy (PQA) Plymouth, based at Marine Academy Plymouth, and we are excited to share all that we have to offer children and young people across the city.

At the heart of everything we do is a structured learning approach, one we use to develop our students in both their creative skills and their life skills. Alongside this, we are committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment, one where every student can thrive, and feels safe, supported and seen.

This year brings an exciting new addition with the launch of our Poppets classes on both Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, alongside our existing academies.

What is Poppets?

Poppets is our class especially for four and five year olds. Through games, songs, and storytelling, children build their confidence, creativity, and teamwork in a fun and nurturing environment. It is a wonderful way for little ones to take their very first steps into the performing arts.

Our Core Modules

For students aged six and above, we run three exciting modules each week:

- Comedy and Drama: learning to create characters, improvise, and work as part of an ensemble.
- Musical Theatre: singing, dancing, and acting together to bring musicals to life.
- Film and TV: working behind and in front of the camera to create short films and screen work.

Through our structured learning approach, these modules not only develop performing arts skills, but also build confidence, communication, and teamwork, all within a supportive and fun environment where students feel safe to be themselves.

Why PQA?

- Three hour sessions led by industry professionals.
- A structured learning approach that develops creative skills alongside important life skills such as confidence, communication, and teamwork.
- A safe and inclusive environment where every student is supported and seen.
- Access to exclusive PQA events, showcases, and performances (including the chance to perform on the West End stage).
- Opportunities to star in our own film productions, screened at local cinemas.
- The option to gain qualifications in performing arts in a relaxed and encouraging setting.

Our Academies at Marine Academy Plymouth

We now run two academies, and families can choose the one that best suits them:

- Friday Evening Academy: 5pm until 8pm, including a Poppets class from 5pm until 6.30pm.
- Saturday Morning Academy: 10am until 1pm, including a Poppets class from 10am until 11.30am.

Students attend one academy of your choice, either Friday or Saturday, depending on which suits your family best.

We would love for you and your child to come and experience it for yourselves. To book a free taster session, simply visit: <https://www.pqacademy.com/academies/plymouth/>

We cannot wait to welcome you and your child to PQA Plymouth and to share our love for the performing arts with families across the city.

Community Information



Parent Advocate Service Pilot

Are you finding it difficult to connect with professionals and services?

Our service can help you feel listened to and understood.

We can support with:

Meetings
Phone calls
Signposting
School attendance

We are here to help you find your voice and guide you through what can often feel like a confusing and overwhelming journey.

If you would like to learn more or get in touch please email:

PAS@hamoazehouse.org.uk or call

Angie 07542 607949 or Karyn 07542 607948



Hamoaze House

In partnership with



Hamoaze House, Mount Wise, Devonport, Plymouth PL1 4JQ

Tel: 01752 566100 www.hamoazehouse.org.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 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

Thursday 17th September – The Box Trip –
Beech Class
Monday 21st – Pupil Parliament London trip to
Parliament
Tuesday 22nd September – Porsham Farm
Trip – Maple Class

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	
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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	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