

## Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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### Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

To understand the meaning of Harvest Harvest

### Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:

Black History Month

## Thankyou and Goodbye

Marwood's Harvest Service was the last service with our much loved Rev Pev before he retires. For over 30 years he has led fun, thoughtful, magical worships every Friday in school. Children over the decades will remember fondly his vast collection of puppets - each one with a unique personality and voice which really helped bring Bible characters alive. His magic tricks are legendary as are his music scrolls including songs such as 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and 'Little Donkey'. The children enjoyed his Christian teachings as he made each worship so engaging and fun - roaring like a lion using a cup, using bubbles and balloons to tell stories and most recently, telling the story of Peace babies using jelly babies which the children enjoyed afterwards!

Paul has been a valued governor of Marwood for 31 years, and Chair of Governors until 2022 working tirelessly and supportively for the benefit of the children, parents and staff.

We wish him a long, happy, healthy retirement and thank him for his many years of service.

## Harvest Festival

A very Happy Harvest to all of our families and many thanks for all your generous gifts, including £90 to go to the Foodbank.



**Congratulations and Well Done to our 'Children of the Week'  
Golden Ribbons Awarded to:**



Year Two    Eve  
Year One    Fergus  
Reception   Riley



## Year Two

- A busy week for Year 2 scientists making a start on their global habitats. We have had some great teamwork and will be discussing foodchains within our chosen habitats.
- It was lovely to speak to parents at our parents consultations this week and we want to thank you for all your positive comments and support.

## Year One

- Year 1s have been continuing to learn about number bonds this week in maths. We have also been labelling our leaf animal pictures and have begun making leaf lanterns.
- We have thoroughly enjoyed practicing our harvest songs throughout the week too, we hope you enjoyed our song!
- Please note that next week's spelling test will be a combination of words learnt throughout this half term. Please practice spelling words already learnt.

## Reception

- What a busy week! We have had so much fun with our trip to the theatre, baby shower, campfire cooking at forest schools and Harvest Festival! Photos of our fun filled week are on the website.
- Thank you for such a great and supportive start to the school year, I will leave you in the capable hands of Mrs Jones but I will be sure to visit with the new baby shortly!

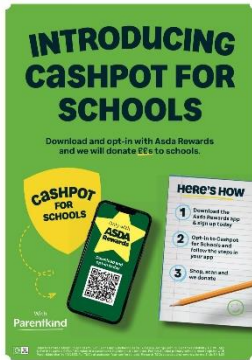
## **Clubs**

Clubs will start after half term and run for half an hour after school, finishing at 3.45pm

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Open to:</b>
Monday	Choir	All
Wednesday	Fitness/Board Games (weather dependent)	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday	Gardening/Creative (weather dependent)	All
Friday	Story	All

If your child is interested in joining any of the clubs, please complete the form on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3JZM8ZJDXS>



## Asda Cash Pot

PTFA have signed up for Asda Cashpot for Schools. Please could you share this with all your friends and family who wish to help raise funds for our lovely school. The postcode for school to add us to their regular cashpot is TS9 6NN. It runs alongside your normal cashpot so you'll still get your savings too. Thanks

## PTFA DVD

The ever popular DVD/USB of the previous school year's events (2023/4) is now available for order. Please complete the form below if you'd like to order one.

<https://forms.gle/ZAsmC8NDP4Dp5c9T9>

**Is your child due to start school in September 2025 or due to move on to Year 3? Please read on for further information.**

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they are due to start school in September 2025 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

If you would like to come and visit our lovely school, you would be most welcome. Please contact the school office on 01642 722389 or email [admin@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk) to book an appointment.

If your child is in Year 2 now, then you will need to apply for their next school for Year 3.

**The deadline to submit your application is 15 January 2025.**

You must apply for a school place even if your child has an older sibling at the school you would like them to go to or they are attending a nursery attached to the school.

This information is for families living in North Yorkshire. Families living outside North Yorkshire will need to contact their home authority to obtain their information regarding school admissions.

## Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK will be attending your child's school for flu vaccinations.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the **link below**.

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

## Parent Governor Vacancy

I am writing to let you know that there are parent governor vacancies for 2 parent governors on our governing board, and to ask for nominations.

The governing board, with the head teacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The three core functions for all boards are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

You do not need any specific qualifications to be a governor. The most important thing is that you are interested in the success of the school and are prepared to play an active part in the work of the governing board. Parent governors are valued members of the team. An effective board will have a range of skills, and we would welcome nominations from parents with knowledge and experience of the local community and/or finance.

There are some circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor and these are detailed on the further information sheet attached to this letter.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact Alison Lambert for a nomination form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12 noon on Friday 18th October 2024.

You should be aware that successful candidates will be required to:

- undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

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- sign a governors' Code of Conduct
- provide details of relevant business and financial interests
- agree to the publication of some details on the school website and on the Get Information about schools service.

If there are more applications than vacancies, an election will need to be held. Should this be the case, you will be contacted again with details of how you can vote and information about the candidates standing for election.

Further information about governors and the work they do can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-maintained-schools-governance>.

If you would like to know more about the role of a governor at our school please contact Vicky Bradley (Chair of Governors) [cofg@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:cofg@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk) who would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

D.A. Walton

Head teacher

## Further information

### Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for election as a parent governor you must have parental responsibility for, or care for, a child or young person registered at the school on the date of the election. This date is deemed to be the closing date for the receipt of nominations, or the date on which the governor position becomes vacant, if elections are being carried out in advance.

### Disqualification

A parent is disqualified from standing for selection if they are:

- an elected member of the local authority
- paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period
- Subject to any of the disqualifications under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012. Full details will be supplied with the nomination papers.

### Term of office

The standard term of office is 4 years from the date of appointment. Parent governors may continue to serve their full term of office even if their child leaves the school.

### The role of the parent governor

The role of the parent governor is not as a spokesperson for the views of parents. They are the same as any other governor on the board, providing a

'parental viewpoint' ie representative parents rather than representatives of parents.

Can you be removed from the role?

There are some circumstances where governors can be removed from their role. These include repeated non-attendance at meetings; and behaviours not in accordance with the code of conduct.

Frequency of meetings and time commitment required

Four full governing body meetings over the year (usually early October, late November, March and June) plus 3-4 committee meetings per year and some time given to training.

For more information and nomination form, please follow the link below:

<https://marwood-church-of-england-v-c-infant-school.secure-primariesite.net/school-governors/>

## Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>PTFA New Starters Disco 3-5pm in Christ Church Hall</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day for 'Love in a Box' boxes to be left in Christ Church
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Vaccination UK will be in school to administer Flu Vaccinations. The consent form can be found by following the link below <a href="https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire">https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire</a>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nativity in Christ Church Hall, 1.30pm All welcome
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nativity in Christ Church Hall, 6pm All welcome
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to ARC to see 'The Light Princess' <b>kindly funded by the PTFA</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School party on the afternoon - all children to be collected at 3.15pm from Christ Church Hall. <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE</b>  Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children return to school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school

