

## Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:  
Traditional Christmas Stories from Around the World

Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:  
Christmas Customs around the World  
Other Faith Celebrations in December

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



Year Two	Joel
Year One	Kobi
Reception	Bella



### Nativity

Thank you for your lovely comments so far about our nativity, if you'd like to add any further comments, please use this form to send them to us <https://forms.office.com/e/z84XwzgZFE>  
We love sharing your comments with the children and staff.



Comments received so far have included:

"What a superb performance by the children! The Marwood nativity is always so heartwarming and you can really see the effort and creativity that goes into the performances....another wonderful nativity to treasure, thank you to all of the people who help to create such a magical show."

"The best children's nativity I have ever seen!...Thank you to all involved."

### Rudolph Run

We're looking forward to our Rudolph Run in aid of Teesside Hospice on Wednesday next week, please could children come to school wearing their uniform and trainers.

Our final total raised last year was £415, our total so far this year is £95.

Thankyou to all who've donated so far, if you're able to donate the link is

[www.justgiving.com/page/marwood-infant-school-1732281670613](http://www.justgiving.com/page/marwood-infant-school-1732281670613)

## Elf Day

The children have enjoyed a very special Elf Day today with lots of fun activities.  
Please check out our NEW WEBSITE for more photographs.



## Class News

### Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a busy and active week. We have enjoyed our final Christmas PE session which was full of games and fun, we are very excited about the Reindeer Run on Wednesday.
- Please can your young scientist bring in a small torch for a science experiment on Monday.

### Year One

- Year 1 have had a busy week continuing their learning on 3D shapes and learning about repeating patterns in maths this week. Please practice continuing a simple and then more complex repeating pattern such as Tree, present, tree, present (simple) or santa, santa, elf, tree, santa, santa, elf, tree (more complex)
- We have also thoroughly enjoyed lots of Christmas activities on Christmas jumper day and elf day this week.
- Year 1 have filled their marble jar and have voted for a pyjama party so please can you send pyjamas and a small-medium sized teddy in a named bag on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Reception

- This week we have been busy preparing for our own Nativity on Tour at Little Fishes next Tuesday. Please could children keep practising the songs at home, children are very excited about the parts they've been given.

## Stay and Play

It was great to see so many families enjoying our Stay and Play session on Tuesday. All enjoyed a wide range of craft activities and finished with some lovely Christmas songs and a story. We're looking forward to seeing you all for the next session next half term.

## Tea towels

There are still a few tea towels available, if you would like to purchase any, please contact the school office. They are £4.50 each or two for £8.

## 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.

# Latest information from the government to all schools regarding winter infections.



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

## Winter infections in children – guidance for parents/guardians

This leaflet gives advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and school children across Yorkshire and The Humber

### What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting 1-2 days
- Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore throat – lasting 3-4 days

### What should I do if my child is unwell?

- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours
- If your child has a high temperature and is unwell, it is very important they stay at home and don't attend school until they have recovered. Children with mild symptoms like runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions. Your local pharmacist can also advise you about the best treatment for your child
- If your child is unusually sleepy, can't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately**

### Infection control advice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- Before and after caring for the child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

### Other control measures:

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue if possible – dispose of used tissues immediately and wash hands
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels at 60°C, using detergent – if possible, wear disposable gloves to handle contaminated items
- Surfaces and touch points (taps, toilet flush handle, door handles) should be cleaned then disinfected with bleach-based cleaner
- Check that your child is up to date with their [NHS vaccinations schedule](#)

**For further information, visit [NHS.uk](#) and search for 'respiratory infections' and 'diarrhoea and vomiting'**



## Dates for Your Diary

Week Beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> December	NO CHOIR, FITNESS, GARDENING OR STORY CLUBS THIS WEEK. Wraparound Care will run as normal from Monday - Thursday. Breakfast Club only on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December, NO After School Club.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>Bedtime Stories 5.30pm-6.30pm            Children come back to school in pyjamas/onesies and may bring a small soft toy. Please complete the form below if your child would like to attend. All welcome!  <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/1VGrWmaePx">https://forms.office.com/e/1VGrWmaePx</a>            Children will be enjoying listening to some lovely Christmas stories and will enjoy some warm hot chocolate too!            Thank you to the wonderful PTFA and staff supporting this special event.</p>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>Rudolph Run in aid of Teesside Hospice - children will run a 'Marwood Mile', donations can be made through our justgiving page. Every penny will make a difference!  <a href="http://www.justgiving.com/page/marwood-infant-school-1732281670613">www.justgiving.com/page/marwood-infant-school-1732281670613</a></p>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>Joint Schools Carol Service with Roseberry Academy in Christ Church at 10am - ALL are welcome to join us. Full uniform to be worn please.</p> <p>School party on the afternoon - all children to be collected at 3.25pm from Christ Church Hall. Children are welcome to bring party clothes in a named bag.  <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE</b></p> <p>Break up for Christmas</p>
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
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 2 parent consultations
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception parent consultations
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 parent consultations