

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

Black History Month

Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:

Understanding the Meaning of Harvest

Welcome!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Rev Sarah Cliff, our new Vicar, who was officially welcomed to the villages and parishes at a very moving service on Tuesday evening. The children made her a lovely card and we are looking forward to welcoming her in school today during worship.

Is your child due to start school in September 2026 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 2021 and 31 August 2022, they are due to start school in September 2026 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

The admissions process opens on 12th October 2025.

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 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 2026.

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.

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Happy Friends, Learning Together for over 150 years
'Love your neighbour as yourself' Matthew 22v39



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



Year Two Isabelle
Year One Riley
Reception Tommy

Class News

Please could all children bring in a palm sized pebble (suitable for painting) by the 14th October, thanks.

Library - Change of day

From next week, library (yellow) folders, will be changed each Monday. Please send your child's yellow folder each Monday morning and they will be sent home on Monday evening.

Year Two

- Well done to our hardworking Year 2 class this week. WE have enjoyed learning about foodchains in Science; learning new vocabulary like 'omnivore' and 'predator'.
- In PE, we have been evaluating and improving our aim at different targets and thinking about the speed at which we throw.
- Please continue to send in spelling books on a Friday for our weekly test and complete our spelling chart each night - we are starting to see a difference.

Year One

- Year 1 have had a lovely week finding signs of autumn on a seasonal walk and in English they have been learning how to write lists.
- In Maths we have been recapping our number bonds within 10 using counters and ten frames and part-whole models (please continue to practice numbers whenever you get a chance).
- Year 1 have been looking at how we're all different and how everyone has different strengths and interests, they've been identifying their own strengths and interests too.
- Please see book bags for reading books, handwriting practice, and song sheet to practice our harvest song.

Reception

- This week we have been looking at the composition of number 4. We are working hard at becoming more fluent at articulating what we discover practically in maths lessons.
- At forest school we made beautiful Autumn crowns and nature wands as we continue to notice signs of Autumn.
- Next week we will be looking at our next special story 'The Little Red Hen' and continuing our progression of phonic sounds.

Facebook

Please remember to like and share our facebook posts! We would love to reach our further to families within our neighbouring communities as the nearest C of E School. <https://www.facebook.com/MarwoodSchool/>

Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Order your gifts for Christmas now!

Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/marwood-ce-vc/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by October 31st, 2025.

Community Garden Feedback

If you have visited the community garden (opposite Yatton House), you will be aware that the children from school have been involved in developing the children's area. Below are some comments that have been added to the visitor book.

- Lovely, the children enjoyed exploring, watering, and weeding.
- Lovely garden, the children enjoyed watering and picking apples.
- When we came, we enjoyed finding cinnabar larva and watered the flowers and plants.
- Love this garden, will definitely return with my grandchildren. Did a little weeding, ate an apple.
- What a wonderful space! I enjoyed a spot of weeding, and my sons enjoyed the minibeasts and a visiting tabby cat.
- I came and watered plants, weeded, and watched mini beasts.

If you have visited please could you share your thoughts on the garden with us so that we can share this with the team and continue to help develop the garden. If you haven't yet visited, please do, it's a wonderful space.

Safeguarding Alert

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control.

It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. **Please note that we do not have any copies of these books in school.** They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves – the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

<h2 style="color: red;">Dates for Your Diary</h2>	
Thursday 16 th October	All Year 1 parents - Mastering Number information session, 6-7pm, please email the school office to let us know if you will be attending, thanks.
Monday 20 th October	Vaccination UK will be in school to administer Flu Vaccinations. The consent form can be found by following the link below https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/northyorkshire
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 2 Parent Consultation appointments, appointment slips have been sent home in your child's book bag.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 1 and Reception Parent Consultation appointments, appointment slips have been sent home in your child's book bag.
Thursday 23 rd October	Reception Parent Consultation appointments, appointment slips have been sent home in your child's book bag.
Friday 24 th October	Break up for half term Harvest Festival, in Christ Church 10.45am - ALL are welcome to join us. Children will deliver Harvest Hampers to residents in the afternoon.
Friday 31 st October	Last day for Scholastic Book Club Orders
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Wednesday 3 rd December	Nativity Performance in Christ Church Hall, 1.30pm - ALL are welcome
Thursday 4 th December	Nativity Performance in Christ Church Hall, 6pm - ALL are welcome
December - date to be confirmed	Elf Day - If they wish, children may come to school in Elf costumes today for a special day of elf activities.
December - date to be confirmed	Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice - more details to follow in a few weeks.
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Children return to school