

## Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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

British Values

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

Christian Value of Service



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



Year Two	Lily B
Year One	Bella
Reception	Nancy

## Class News

The latest curriculum statements are available on the school website under Key Information, Curriculum.

We had a super visit from local author Elizabeth Green yesterday. She spent time in each class, talking to the children about writing books and encouraging their ideas about stories.

### Year One and Year Two

Years One and Two have worked hard to develop their skipping technique this week. We are learning that keeping our heads up, spine tall and elbows tucked into the waist makes our skipping efficient. Please dig out any old ropes and encourage your child to enjoy skipping as it has lots of physical benefits.

### Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a focused and enthusiastic week. We are mastering our 10 times table with the help of Webster the spider ([KS1 Maths: The 10 Times Table with Webster the Spider - BBC Teach](#)).
- We also had fun learning about animal offspring in Science and observing differences in adult animals.
- We are enjoying practising our Dance for Diabetes each day and sharpening our rhythm and moves.
- As historians we had a lovely visit to All Saints Church, finding out how it has changed over time and its connections to James Cook.

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## Year One

- Well done year 1 on a fantastic week of learning! We had an amazing time at Butterfly world and have learnt lots of new facts about butterflies, caterpillars and other animals including meerkats and blue tongued skinks. Ask your child to tell you some facts they have learnt! A big thank you to the PTFA for funding our trip 😊
- Please could we have a volunteer to come with us to the community garden next Thursday afternoon to do some geography and science fieldwork.
- Please see book bags for reading books and spellings.

## Reception

- This week Reception have been busy measuring their farm animals using blocks and writing sentences to record their findings.
- We enjoyed a visit to the community garden and had a first try at observational drawing of plants, flowers and herbs.
- At Forest School we completed signs of Spring scavenger hunts and checklists and tried shadow drawing and leaf rubbings. We will continue to read farm books by our focus author Kim Lewis next week and will be doing writing based around these stories.

## Wraparound Care – Changes to timings from September 2026 'You said, we listened'

From September our Wraparound timings are changing. Breakfast Club will operate from 7.30am and After School Club will be open until 5.15pm. Further information will follow shortly about how to book and the costs for the sessions.

## Dance For Diabetes

The whole school has been having fun learning our Dance for Diabetes steps and some children are keen to practise at home. Please be aware that supervision may be required as it is a YouTube link. We hope to raise lots of money for this amazing cause. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxyDplzj2Gg>

## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year <b>1</b> and <b>2</b> Swimming Sessions start Please send your child into school with their costumes on under their uniforms to maximise their swimming time. Long hair needs to be tied back please and no earrings to be worn. They will need a towel and their pants in a separate waterproof bag. No toiletries are required as there is only limited time for showers.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday - School closed.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm
w.b. 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Dance for Diabetes
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service in Christ Church at 5pm to celebrate 150 years since the first service in the church. ALL are welcome. Marwood children will be singing a song.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for Half Term Maypole on High Green - 1.45pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm
w.b. 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week We will be looking for volunteers to help walk the children to activities, further details to follow nearer the time.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon All Welcome - further details to follow.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Optional Reception</b> Parent Consultations Further details to follow.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Optional Year 1</b> Parent Consultations Further details to follow.  <b>Year 2 Transition Day at their Year 3 school</b> Whole school transition morning.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 2</b> Parent Consultations Further details to follow.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service in Christ Church at 10.45am, ALL are welcome. Duck Race - 2pm.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for the summer <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school

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# Stay and Play!

Parents and carers of children 0 - nursery  
Stay and Play session!

Where: Marwood Church of England Infant School

Low Green, Great Ayton TS9 6NN

When: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

and

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

3.45pm - 4.45pm

*For future dates, please look at our facebook page or school website .*

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Meet our wonderful staff during this session, which will include free choice play and arts and crafts in the Reception classroom and will end with a music and singing session. All children are welcome, from babies to preschool age (school age siblings are also welcome to attend). Children are to be supervised by their own adult.

We can't wait to see you!



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