

## Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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**Head teacher: Mrs Dorothy Walton**



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

Christian Value of Service

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

Global Examples of Service



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



Year Two Chloe

Year One Riley

Reception Elsie

### Can You Help?

If we have any parents available w.b. 18<sup>th</sup> May to come in and talk to the children about how they use maths in their jobs, perhaps with a short follow up STEM activity (e.g. engineer and building bridges - children could build spaghetti bridges) then please speak to Mrs Spenceley.

### Class News

#### Year One and Year Two

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. If your child has goggles, please send them with them.

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.

#### Toys

Please could we ask that children don't bring in extra items unless teachers have asked them to. We know how precious toys and other items can be to the children and they are safer at home.

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## Year Two

- Well done to our Year 2 children for another hardworking week. We impressed the instructors at our first swimming lesson with our good behaviour and 'I can' attitude.
- In Science, we discussed basic needs for survival and created some posters to show our knowledge. It was interesting to separate the essentials from the things that make us happy.
- In RE, we shared the dramatic story of Pentecost and make connections with our Christian Values. Next week we will investigate global Pentecost celebrations.

## Year One

- Year 1 have had another super week of learning! We thoroughly enjoyed our first week of swimming and we've made the most of the nice weather by taking our learning outside, visiting the community garden to do a mini-beast hunt for science and have created maps of our local area.
- For our Geography and PSHE learning, please can children learn their address off by heart by next Tuesday (5th May).
- The phonics screening is in just a few weeks so please prioritise reading, more phonics activities to support will be coming home in book bags so please keep an eye out for these.

## Reception

- This week we enjoyed another lovely sunny forest school session. We foraged and made our own wild garlic pesto, we hope you enjoyed it! We also had a first try at the Japanese art form of Hapa Zome and produced some spring pictures.
- If your child has been Christened, please could they either bring in, or could you email in, a Christening photo. Thanks.
- In Maths we have been looking and heavier and lighter and enjoying lots of practical activities using scales to weigh things. Next week we will be looking at capacity.

## 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.

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday - School closed.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year <b>1</b> and <b>2</b> Swimming Sessions 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. If your child has goggles, please send them with them. 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.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm for pre-school children
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.  Dance for Diabetes and National Numeracy Day Please can children come dressed in their sporty kit (along with suitable trainers) and if their clothing has is blue or has a number/repeating pattern on it, that would be fantastic. The YouTube link if your child would like to practice at home is <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxyDplzj2Gg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxyDplzj2Gg</a>
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 for pre-school children
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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