

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

Newsletter 8th May 2026

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

Global Examples of Service

Our Collective Worship Theme next week will be:

Service to Others - Walk to School Week



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



Year Two	Elijah
Year One	Vinny
Reception	George

Can You Help?

If we have any parents available w.b. 18th 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.

Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a settled week. We are seeing progress already at the pool with improved technique and distance.
- As mathematicians, we are coming to the end of our fractions learning and have focused on $\frac{3}{4}$ this week. Please continue to apply this fraction knowledge with toast, pizza, cake or anything around the house. Any photos would be appreciated.

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- We are working hard to perfect our Dance for Diabetes and practise daily. Please use the link in the newsletter to encourage home practise to boost performance confidence.
- We are very grateful to Mrs Hewitt for a guided visit to the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum. Ask your little historians what they have learnt!

Year One

- Year 1s have had a busy week continuing our phonics and guided reading. Please continue to read books and practise spellings (in book bags).
- We have also been practising making and partitioning numbers to 50 into tens and ones. Please practise this at home as some of us are finding this tricky.
- We have been looking at the artist Kandinsky and have created some art in the style of Kandinsky using the laptops.

Reception

- This week has been a very exciting week as we were able to see our chicks hatch! We have 6 little chicks and are looking forward to weighing, measuring and caring for them next week.
- We have been using our water area to talk about capacity in maths and had a lovely time at our Forest Schools, using our garlic to make garlic bread on the campfire and carefully drawing the minibeasts we could see. What a lovely week!

Easter Service Feedback



We received some lovely feedback from the recent parent/carer survey regarding the Easter service. Thank you to everyone who responded, your comments are very much appreciated, we are pleased to share some of your comments below:

- Y2 were all such eloquent speakers, Y1 sang so loud and proud and YR sang and actioned their song so beautifully.
- All of the children sang beautifully and read their lines clearly so we could hear all the way at the back of the Church. We loved the variety of songs and all of the super actions! Huge well done to all of the children and teachers. It feels lovely to all gather in the beautiful church and share the Easter story together. Thank you.
- Lovely Service, enjoyed the variety of music, and the mix of prayers, Easter messages and Easter facts. And as ever the warmth and enjoyment of the school radiated from the children and parents.
- I rarely get a chance to attend the family events due to work, so it was a real pleasure to be able to attend today. I love that the Year 2s get the responsibility and opportunity to read and lead the service. The group singing

was fabulous - such a joy to see so many students singing, doing actions and having a lovely time. It was the perfect length of service as well. The work the school does with the children is clear to see, as the fact so many of them sat so sensibly and respectfully while the service was happening is impressive. Thank you to all of the staff who work so hard with the children to learn songs, actions, routines. It's no mean feat! A wonderful way to spend a morning.

<h2 style="color: red;">Dates for Your Diary</h2>	
Tuesday 12 th May	<p>Year 1 and 2 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.</p> <p>Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm for pre-school children</p>
Monday 18 th May	<p>National Numeracy Day (Number Day) Please could children come dressed in something with numbers on it.</p>
Wednesday 20 th May	<p style="color: red;">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. If you are intending to attend please could you let us know and if children could please come in their Marwood jumper then that would be appreciated, thanks.</p> <p>Dance for Diabetes Please can children come dressed in blue and wearing trainers/shoes suitable for dancing. The YouTube link if your child would like to practice at home is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxyDplzj2Gg</p>
Friday 22 nd May	<p>Break up for Half Term Maypole on High Green - 1.45pm. Children can be collected from High Green afterwards.</p>
Tuesday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Tuesday 16 th June	Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm for pre-school children
Sunday 28 th June	<p>PTFA Walk to Captain Cook's Monument Further details to follow</p>
w.b. 6 th July	<p>Sports Week We will be looking for volunteers to help walk the children to activities, further details to follow nearer the time.</p>

Monday 6 th July	Sports Afternoon All Welcome - further details to follow.
Tuesday 7 th July	Optional Reception Parent Consultations Further details to follow.
Wednesday 8 th July	Optional Year 1 Parent Consultations Further details to follow. Year 2 Transition Day at their Year 3 school Whole school transition morning.
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 2 Parent Consultations Further details to follow.
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers' Service in Christ Church at 10.45am, ALL are welcome. Duck Race - 2pm.
Friday 17 th July	Break up for the summer NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY
Tuesday 8 th September	Children return to school

Marwood CE Infant School



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 12th May

and

Tuesday 16th 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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