

## Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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

Service to Others - Walk to School Week

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

Christian Aid



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



Year Two	Isaac
Year One	Ralphie
Reception	Willow

### Thank You

A very big thank you to Derek Passmore for visiting school and talking to the whole school about bees. All children enjoyed making beeswax candles too, thanks to the PTFA for funding the candle making.

### 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 another calm and focused week of learning. We have enjoyed investigating food groups for a balanced diet and studied how particular nutrients help our body to function.
- At the pool, we improved our front crawl and back stroke techniques or increased our distance. Everyone showed great stamina this week.
- Please help your young mathematician to read the time to quarter to, o'clock, quarter past and half past times to consolidate learning before we move on to 5 minute intervals.

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## Year One

- Year 1 have had a busy and fun week continuing their swimming and learning about bees 🐝
- We have been continuing with our modroc project and have begun to write stories based on superworm.
- In maths/ICT we have started learning directions using beebots and have been practising our counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 10s and 5s. Please continue to practise these at home as lots of us get stuck when crossing a ten (e.g. 28, 30, 32) and a lot of us confuse 12 and 20.
- Please see book bags for some homework on counting in multiples and phonics screening practise booklet (this is for over the half term break too).
- There will not be any spellings next week due to maypole practises and event.

## Reception

- This week we were amazed that we managed to dodge the rain and enjoy making our own charcoal paint and creating clay woodland creatures, a very creative forest school afternoon!
- If your child has not come home with an assessment sheet for Summer 1 phonics in their book bag, then they will be doing their assessment early next week. Please use the home learning sheets to practise.
- This week we also enjoyed a balance bike workshop delivered by the North Yorkshire Sustainable Travel team.

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, including jewellery, can be to the children and they are safer at home.

<b>Dates for Your Diary</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	National Numeracy Day (Number Day) Please could children come wearing an item of clothing with numbers or a repeating pattern on it.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	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.  Year 2 attending the 2 minute silence for George Fidler's Memorial Service.

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<p><b>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 and leading a prayer.</b></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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxyDplzj2Gg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxyDplzj2Gg</a></p>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<p>Break up for Half Term Maypole on High Green - 1.45pm. Children can be collected from High Green afterwards. PTFA will be running a cake and drinks stall</p>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NO CHOIR</b> tonight, after school can be booked if needed.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos - <b>please could all children come in school uniform today.</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm for pre-school children
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Walk to Captain Cook's Monument Further details to follow
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	6pm - Meeting for parents with a child starting Reception in September 2026
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

## National Book Tokens

Our annual prize draw is back to give five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to **win £1,000/€1,000 in National Book Tokens** and fill their shelves with new and inspiring books.

Nominate a school using the [form below](#), and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also **win a £100/€120 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop.**

Plus: to celebrate the UK's [National Year of Reading](#), we're giving away even more prizes so that more schools - and more children - have a chance to enhance their libraries and Go All In on reading.

**Each week until 24<sup>th</sup> June, we'll pick a flash winner - selected at random from all entries - to receive a £100/€100 National Book Token for their school, and £25/€30 for themselves!** Keep an eye on our emails, and follow us on [Facebook](#), to see who wins each week.

## Online Safety

### For Parents - Find the Right Words

Virgin Media and Internet Matters have released a wonderful new resource for parents/carers. Called 'Find the Right Words', the video and resources help with some of those difficult conversations about how to keep children safe online.

Link - [Find the Right Words.](#)

### For Parents - Steam Parental Controls

Steam is a huge digital distribution platform for PC gaming and hugely popular with children and young people. Basically Steam acts as a storefront, installer, launcher and social network for 30,000 games. Because of the vast range of games, some of which will not be suitable for children, it's important that parents understand the controls that are available to them on the Steam platform. Internet Matters have a 1-minute video on YouTube which will help with this.

Link - [Parents video guide to Steam parental controls.](#)

A SCHOOL FUNDRAISING COLLABORATION



# DANCE FOR DIABETES 2026



Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

In this week's educational piece to you all, I wanted to share the key features linked to Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

### The key features of Type 1 diabetes

- It tends to affect people before the age of 40 and often follows a trigger such as a viral infection.
- The illness usually develops quite quickly, over days or weeks, as the pancreas stops making insulin.
- If people don't receive treatment, they can develop very high blood sugar levels within days.
- If left untreated, this causes lack of fluid in the body (dehydration), drowsiness and serious illness, which can be life-threatening.
- Because there is no insulin to drive the sugar from the blood into the cells, the kidneys try to remove the excess glucose. This leads to frequent urination, dehydration and intense thirst.
- At the same time, the body starts breaking down fat for fuel to counter the low levels of sugar available to the cells. This leads to toxic levels of acids building up in the blood - a life-threatening condition known as ketoacidosis.

### The key features of Type 2 diabetes

- Feeling tired during the day, particularly after meals
- Often feeling hungry, particularly if you feel hungry shortly after eating
- Urinating more often than normal, particularly needing to do so during the night
- Feeling abnormally thirsty
- Blurring of vision
- Itching of the skin, particularly itchiness around the genitals
- Slow healing of cuts or wounds
- Having regular yeast infections (thrush)
- Having a skin disorder such as psoriasis or dark patches of skin
- Sudden weight loss or loss of muscle mass.

Concerned?

We strongly advise contacting your GP or phoning 111 to discuss your symptoms at the earliest opportunity.

### How does this challenge benefit our school?

Every donation your child raises will be split two ways: 60% will go to DRWF to help support people living with diabetes, and 40% will be donated directly back to your school.

That means your child will be helping make a difference to families affected by diabetes while also raising valuable funds for the school.

Please don't forget to create your child's personal fundraising page by visiting: [Dance for Diabetes Fundraising Page](#).



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# Holiday Art Workshop

Tuesday 26th May, 1.30-4pm

## 'Little Pet Homes'

Come and join us to create and decorate a little pet home using fabric, paint, and collage materials.

**Great Broughton Village Hall.**

**TS9 7AE**

If your child loves to be creative and likes to draw, paint, colour, cut and collage then come to Little Brushes art classes.

The aim is to have a go and more importantly have fun!

**Age 5+**

**£18 per child**

(Please note this is a drop of class, adults are fully qualified with first aid training and DBS checked)

Workshops fill up very quickly so please secure your place with payment in advance.

All materials will be included with a snack and drink at half time. Please wear old clothes or an apron as it can get quite messy.

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