

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

Newsletter 11th September 2026

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

All Things New

Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:

We can all make a fresh start

A very warm welcome to all of our new parents and children and a "Welcome back to school" to all of our existing children and their families!



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



Golden Ribbons Awarded to:

Year Two Ralphie

Year One Charlie

Reception Henry

Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a settled and calm first week back. We enjoyed our first Sporty Wednesday with Mark Shimwell and kept busy in our classrooms creating our own rules and asking big questions about the world. Please remember to come dressed in PE kits on a Wednesday.
- We also met our class pets and our new VIP bear. Mrs Grossett and Mrs Walton are looking forward to seeing you all at our Welcome evening next week!
- Please could children bring in some large, dry leaves next week for an art activity.

Year One

- We have had a lovely first week back to school focusing on getting to know the rules and routines of year 1, our classroom and have enjoyed playing with all of our friends again.
- We enjoyed a walk to the community garden to explore and pick apples.
- Please see book bags for LW phonics sheet, this can be used to practise before or after next week when we will begin daily phonics lessons again.
- Please remember to read as much as possible, whether that's signs, messages, books, etc. Please see 'Try me books' in red book bags.

- We are excited to join reception for forest school starting next Thursday afternoon after our exciting music lesson. Please bring the appropriate clothing.
- Please remember to come dressed in PE kits on Wednesday.

Reception

- A huge well done to our new Reception class who have made a wonderful start to their time at Marwood! This week we have enjoyed exploring Reception classrooms, the mud kitchen has been especially popular! We have met the hens, had a go on the bikes, trikes and scooters and painted self portraits for Stokesley Show.
- Next week we will be working on our pencil grip and will learn our first Poetry Basket poem.
- On Thursday we will be going to Forest schools. Please make sure children bring a named bag with appropriate footwear to change into and waterproofs if needed (label everything!) Please can girls wear leggings on Thursdays to protect legs. On Thursday 17th September, children will also need an extra empty water bottle to bring home the yummy apple juice we will hopefully be making.

Attendance

The Department for Education has set clear guidance and expectations for all schools around attendance. It states that holidays are not to be authorised and that those who choose to take their child out of school for a holiday run the risk of being fined. Please read the attached attendance [policy](#) and information about the [National Framework](#).

Absence Procedure Reminder

It is important that you either telephone or email the school (admin@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk) between 8.30am and 9.00am to advise that your child will not be attending school that day, please also give us a reason for their absence. There is an answer machine to leave a message if no-one is available to take your call.

Could parents please watch out for the following which happen every so often in School. We have members of our school community who are immunocompromised/vulnerable so it is important to inform us as soon as possible of absences for illnesses such as diarrhoea/vomiting; chicken pox; measles, etc.

- Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting - please keep your child away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Chicken Pox - please watch out for any chicken pox spots and keep your child away from school for at least 5 days until the spots have crusted over and are no longer scratchy - or follow the advice of a doctor.
- German Measles - please keep your child away from school for at least 5 days and advise school as soon as possible in order that we can tell staff or parents who may be pregnant/immunocompromised.

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- Impetigo - please keep your child away from school until the lesions are crusted or healed.
- Threadworm - please be aware of any signs. It is very easily treated with tablets from the chemist. Could parents continue to remind children to wash their hands after using the toilet as this, obviously, helps to avoid passing on any germs.
- Headlice - please check your child's hair each weekend and treat if there is any sign of eggs or headlice. Please contact the chemist for advice. Please then check after a week or a fortnight as often all the eggs and lice are not cleared fully in the first instance of treatment so, even if you have treated your child's hair, please keep checking.

Privacy Notice

Our updated [privacy notice](#) can be found on the school website

Hens

If you are interested in you and your child(ren) joining the rota to feed our hens on a weekend, please email the school office. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary	
Tuesday 15 th September	All parents - Curriculum and welcome meetings in classrooms, 6pm (for around half an hour)
Tuesday 22 nd September	Vaccination UK will be in school to administer Flu Vaccinations. Please look out for the consent email from them if you haven't already received it
Tuesday 29 th September	Stay and Play session for pre-school children 3.45pm-4.45pm Open evening for prospective parents for September 2026 entry, 5-6.30pm, please email school to book an appointment.
Saturday 3 rd October	PTFA New Starters Disco 3-5pm in Christ Church Hall, £3/child. Tickets from Jo (Bea's mum Y1) or Lauren (Matilda's mum Y1).
Thursday 22 nd October	Break up for half term Harvest Festival, in Christ Church (am) - ALL are welcome to join us. We will confirm the time as soon as we are able to.
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas

M S Coaching
Multi Sports for Boys & Girls Aged 4 to 7

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB!

FUN & ACTIVE
Enjoy a variety of exciting sports

BUILD SKILLS
Develop confidence, coordination & teamwork

MAKE FRIENDS
A great way to meet new friends!

FIRST & LAST SESSION DATES
Wed 16th Sept to Wed 21st Oct

TIME
3:25pm - 4:15pm

ONLY £30
for the 6 Wednesdays

CONTACT MARK ON 07966626816

All staff are qualified coaches with DBS, Safeguarding and First Aid Certificates

Marwood ASC SepOct26 (ALL Sections must be filled for Health and Safety Reasons)

Name of child:.....Date of Birth:/...../.....

Allergies / Medical Conditions.....

Emergency Number during the club.....

I consent for name above to take part. Signed:.....(Parent/Guardian)

PTFA

Welcome to new starters and welcome back after the summer holidays to everyone else. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the summer fair and the raffle, £1237 was raised which is amazing.

We are getting the new year rolling with the new starters disco on the 3rd October.

We will have a meeting date in the diary very soon for the first meeting of the year, we hold these at the Royal Oak but also via teams to allow as many people to attend as possible. All welcome, so why not come along and see what we have planned for the next year.

Thanks

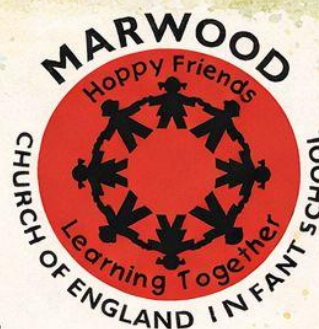
Frances (Chair, on behalf of the PTFA)



Our school's PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) helps organise fun events and raise funds to support the children's learning and experiences at school.

Over the past year, the **PTFA has helped fund** things like books, a fire pit for forest school, school trips and special activities for the children.

None of this would be possible without the support of parents and families.



Many parents simply help in small ways such as:

- **Baking** for a cake sale 
- **Helping run a stall** for 30 minutes
- **Sharing ideas** for events
- **Helping set up or tidy up** at school events 
- **Signing up to easyfundraising**

The good news is getting involved doesn't mean attending lots of meetings.



Even one small contribution during the year makes a real difference. ★ ★ ★

If you'd like to be part of the **PTFA helpers group** or find out more, contact **Frances** on **07743454752** or contact us on our email **marwoodptfa@gmail.com**

Thank you for helping make our school such a wonderful place for the children to learn and grow.





Brownies

2nd Great Ayton



are celebrating their 60th anniversary!

Monday 14 September, 6:00pm – 7.15pm,
Methodist Church Hall, Great Ayton.

Open to anyone who's been connected to the unit over the last 60 years, whether that's as a Brownie, parent, leader or young leader.



Enjoy an evening of sharing memories with cake and refreshments. Please bring along any photos, uniform and other items you may have.