

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

Newsletter 25th September 2026

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

Values for Life - Friendship

Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:

Keeping Safe



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



Year Two	Arthur
Year One	Bea
Reception	Max



Duplo

We're hoping you may be able to help, we need some white and some light blue of the 2x4 size (as illustrated) please if anyone has any spare. Thanks.

Data Collection and Consent Forms

Please could Year 1 and 2 parents return any Data Collection and Consent forms you may still have. Thanks.

Cauliflower Cards

Your child will come home tonight with a Christmas card design that they have been working on in school. Please could these be returned to school on **Monday**. We use Cauliflower Cards to convert this lovely artwork into Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs and more. If you would like to order any items, please see the instructions on the artwork form that your child brings home. Any artwork not returned to school cannot be printed as we have to send the artwork off for the cards to be made!

School earns a small commission through the sales of cards, etc which is put to good use for enrichment activities for the benefit of all children within school.

Many thanks for your support.

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Conkers

If anyone has any spare conkers they're willing to donate to school, Mrs Anderson would be very grateful.

Class News

Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a hardworking week. We are starting to pick up our pace and focus for longer periods of time.
- Thank you to the adults who have sent in white shirts/t-shirts for Science lab coats. We will decorate them this half term and wear them in our Science lessons next half term.
- It's been great to see everyone being so well organised in school this week.
- Along with Year 1, we have enjoyed our first ukulele lesson this week, we learnt to strum and hold our ukuleles.
- Ask your little Geographer where the hottest parts of the world are and why it's hot there.

Year One

- Year 1 have been focusing on the 'Magic Porridge Pot' story this week in English, joining in with the repetitive phrases throughout the story.
- In Maths we have been practising our backward counting from 10 to 0, one more, one less than a given number to 10. This would be a great concept to practise more at home or out and about e.g. collect conkers or with our toys and say how many we have (subitising if possible) then practising taking one away to say one less.
- Please can children bring in a glass jar in next week for an autumnal art/DT project.
- If anyone would like to collect conkers over the next few weeks and bring them in for us to use in the classroom and for different activities, it would be much appreciated 😊

Reception

- This week we have enjoyed reading lots of different versions of Red Riding Hood and have been dressing up and acting out the story during Forest Schools.
- We met Clive the counting crocodile and have made up some rules to help him with his counting as he really wasn't very good at it! Ask your child if they can remember the counting rules or what mistakes Clive made.
- Our focus vocabulary words this week were 'disguise' and 'terrified', see if you can include these in conversation!
- All children did a great job with their poetry basket poem and their first week of phonics lessons, well done!

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Hambleton and Richmond - Northallerton

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in advice session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapist, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services. **Booking is essential.**

Where & When

- Thursday 3rd December 2026, 09.30am to 12.00pm,
- Alverton Children Centre, Mount Road, Northallerton, DL6 1RB

Who will be there?

Emma Pollock - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Rachael Hussain - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant



PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT

rachael.hussain@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 29th September 	Stay and Play session for pre-school children 3.40pm-4.40pm Open evening for prospective parents for September 2027 entry, 5-6.30pm, please email school to book an appointment. Please share with families you know with pre-school children.
Thursday 1 st October	Individual School Photos
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 (10.45am) - ALL are welcome to join us.
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 nd December	Nativity Performance in Christ Church Hall, 1.30pm - ALL are welcome
Thursday 3 rd December	Nativity Performance in Christ Church Hall, 6pm - ALL are welcome
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas

Message from the Children's Commissioner

"The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government."

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



Reception 2027 Open Evening

Tuesday 29th September 5-6.30pm – please email
admin@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk to book an appointment

We invite all prospective parents to meet our wonderful staff,
tour our grade II listed school and ask any questions

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Stay & Play

Tuesday 29th September
3.40pm – 4.40pm
Ages 0 - Nursery

Meet our wonderful staff whilst engaging in free play, arts and
crafts in our Reception Classroom, ending with music and singing

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What Ofsted say about us...

♥ "All children thrive and flourish in the pre-school. They develop individual character, personality and high levels of self-confidence as staff support them to begin their learning journey when they join the preschool at 2 years old. Children arrive eager and enthusiastic to start their day in the small, home from home setting."

♥ "Staff are exceptional role models for children and consistently speak to them and each other with kindness and respect."

♥ "All children achieve well in the pre-school. Leaders and staff provide families with a warm, welcoming inclusive environment where every child is supported to thrive."

♥ Children show consistently high levels of engagement and enjoyment in the activities and experiences provided by leaders and staff. Leaders have high expectations for all children and provide an ambitious curriculum."

♥ "All children demonstrate high levels of self-esteem and are proud of their achievements. They maintain high levels of focus and attention, beyond typical expectations for their age."

♥ "All children demonstrate a consistently positive attitude to learning. They are resilient and determined."



Contact Lauri for
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