

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

Newsletter 2nd October 2026

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

Keeping Safe

Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:

Black History Month



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



Golden Ribbons Awarded to:

Year Two	Austin
Year One	Hermione
Reception	Ianto



Health and Safety Before and After School



Supervised children by parents/carers are welcome to use the timber trail before and after school but please ensure that they are using this area safely. Please do not allow your child to hang from the goalposts as this could damage the posts.

Please do not send your child to school with any jewellery or toys.

Class News

Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a busy and focused week of learning. We enjoyed our minibeast hunt in our Science session and were surprised at some of our findings. Next week we will be making pictograms with our minibeast data.
- We all quickly made sliding mechanisms in DT to build our understanding of moving parts.
- Please continue to read daily with your children as we are starting to see the love of books and confidence in reading.
- In our computing learning we sorted IT around us. See if your young technicians can identify the IT around your home and out and about.

Year One

- It has been an action-packed week of learning, beginning in maths where the children have been using the <, >, and = symbols to compare numbers; your child's online Powermaths homework games have been uploaded, and you can find their login details stuck inside their reading records.
- In literacy, we have been diving into "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", practising writing captions and using exclamation marks to bring our stories to life.
- Our adventures continued outside in Forest School, where we used autumnal berries to naturally tie-dye fabric, and inside the classroom, we had fantastic fun learning to play the ukulele.
- In PSHE, we focused on important life skills by discussing toilet etiquette and learning the NSPCC's PANTS rule to help keep ourselves safe. Thank you for your wonderful support, and have a lovely weekend!

Reception

- This week we have been working really hard on our letter formation using paintbrushes in sparkly salt, board pens on paper and our hands in shaving foam! Children have been very enthusiastic about this which has been lovely.
- In order to develop our fine motor skills further, children will receive a 'fine motor skills weekend box'. Please return the box on Monday and these boxes will be rotated around the children each weekend.
- Please note that Forest School is on Wednesday 14th October instead of Thursday 15th October, please speak to Mrs Anderson if you're able to help with the session.

Dates for Your Diary	
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
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Bedtime Stories 5.30-6.30pm, further information to follow
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas

Climate Action

Please find the latest Climate Action Group newsletter [here](#).

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School Lunches

Due to supplier issues, the food this week was not always as per the menu, the catering supplier has advised that next week will be week 3. The menu is available [here](#).



PTFA Newsletter

September 2026



Hi all, welcome back to a new school year!

The PTFA are busy planning the events for the year, so it seemed like a good time to introduce (or re-introduce!) ourselves.

Our Leadership Team

Frances
(Sam's mum Yr1)
Chair

Jo
(Bea's mum Y1)
Vice Chair

Lauren
(Matilda's mum Y1)
Treasurer

Secretary position remains vacant.

What we do

The PTFA is not just about meetings (these are a great social event too!)

We run a range of activities over the school year. Some are purely for the enjoyment of the children (welcome disco, bedtime stories, film night) and others are fundraising events (coffee mornings, pub quiz).

We help support the school to run events and are currently looking for volunteers for the harvest festival (see below) and there are lots of other opportunities to join in across the year.

Fundraising

Last year we raised

£4,500

through our fundraising events!

Thank you to everyone, we could not do what we do without your generosity.

Our next fundraising event will be a coffee morning before the harvest festival service.



What the money was spent on last year

We spent our funds in the following way last year:

- Pottery painting for the whole school – hope you loved your bowls, thanks to Buttercup Pottery.
- New water channel stands for the outside Reception classroom.
- New Beebot mats including one with the school in the middle of an OS map.
- Reception enjoyed a trip to The Owl Centre at Kirkleatham.
- Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Butterfly World at Preston Park.
- Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Ryedale Folk Museum.
- Whole school trip to the Theatre in Stockton before Christmas.
- Snacks for the film night at school and the bedtime story night.
- A new fire pit for forest school.
- We have also agreed to fund music lessons for all of key stage 1 for the next 2 years.

As you can see, PTFA funds help to enhance your child's time at Marwood School.

Harvest Festival – 22nd October

The school/PTFA are looking for volunteers for the following, please contact Frances if you are interested.

- 2–3 people to help set up the hampers in the Church first thing (from 8.45am).
- Someone to video the service.
- 2 people to man the PTFA cake and coffee stall in the church hall coffee lounge from 10am.
- Walkers/cars to help deliver the hampers to residents in the afternoon (meet at school at 1.10pm).
 - 2 walkers and one car for Reception
 - 4 walkers and one car for Year 1
 - 2 walkers and one car for Year 2

The car and one of the walkers can be the same person in each year group.

Sacred Space

The school is looking to have a refresh of the murals on the wall in the sacred space in the corner of the playground.

Are you or a family member good at art and keen to get involved in painting this area?

Please let us know!

Dates for the Diary

- Harvest festival – 22nd October (PTFA coffee morning before hand)
- Nativity – 2nd December 1.30pm and 3rd December 6pm – PTFA wish tree and raffle
- PTFA pub quiz – 24th Jan 2027

Next PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting is on
Wednesday 7th October at 8pm
at The Royal Oak.

There is also a Teams link if you are unable to attend in person. We'd love you to come along and you don't have to feel any pressure to speak if you don't want to!

Your PTFA needs you!

Even if you don't want to join the committee, there are other things you can do to help:

- Join easy fundraising
- Donations of books and used school uniform to sell at events
- Coming up with new fundraising ideas

Get in touch

Thank you again for all the support and please get in touch if you'd like any further info.

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