

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

Black History Month

Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:

To Understand the Meaning of Harvest



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



Golden Ribbons Awarded to:

Year Two	Florence
Year One	Nancy
Reception	Louie

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help us on our nurdle clean up. It's not too late to sign up! [Nurdle Hunters - We need you! - Fill in form](#)



Uniform/Coats

Please could all coats and uniform be labelled, it's difficult to ensure the right item goes home with your child otherwise!

Class News

Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a busy week of learning. We enjoyed investigating wheel and axle mechanisms in DT.
- As mathematicians we counted forwards and backwards in 3s, using matchstick triangles. Please continue practising counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards with your budding mathematicians.
- We are starting to see ourselves as authors and have loved developing some stamina for writing this week, writing sections of 'Grace and Family'.
- Our keen geographers have learnt the names of all the oceans in order this week. Ask them to sing the Oceans song to you.

Year One

It has been another fabulous week in our classroom, filled with music, outdoor adventures, and some truly wonderful discussions. I am so proud of how hard the children are working, and I wanted to share a few of our favourite moments with you:

- **Maths on the move:** We have been mastering the **"5 and a bit" structure**, exploring **more and less**, and using the **number line** to build our confidence.
- **Forest School fun:** The children absolutely loved making **conker necklaces** to practice counting forwards and backwards. A massive thank you to the wonderful parent who **drilled the conkers** for us and made our outdoor maths session possible!
- **Musical moments:** Our music lesson was a joy, so please help your child **keep practising their ukulele** at home this week.
- **Thoughtful reflections:** In RE, we explored big questions about **God and where God might be**.

Thank you for everything you do to support our classroom community. Enjoy the weekend!

Reception

- On Tuesday, children will be visiting the Discovery Centre for an Autumn themed story time. Those who are already members, please bring your library card in on Tuesday (named please). If your child is not already a member we can sign them up on Tuesday.
- Next week, please note that Forest School is on Wednesday 14th October instead of Thursday 15th October.
- Please could children bring in a jar (jam or pasta type) next week.
- Children have wipe clean name cards for home use to practise name writing, please ensure correct letter formation.

Chair of Governors

Following the recent Full Governing Body meeting, Holly Barnett has been appointed as Chair of Governors for this year.

We'd like to thank Vicky Bradley for the years of service she has given in this role and we are very grateful that she remains part of the Governing Body of the school, also undertaking the role of Vice Chair of Governors for this year.

School Photos – Message from Tempest

Have you ordered your child's school individual photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 18th October 2026**. Order through the Tempest website using the code on the paper order form visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk

Dates for Your Diary	
Thursday 22 nd October	Break up for half term Harvest Festival, in Christ Church (10.45am) - ALL are welcome to join us. PTFA - coffee in the coffee lounge at 9.30am.
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
Weds 9 th Dec	Whole School Trip to see the Snow Queen at ARC - PTFA funded
11 th Dec	Elf Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Bedtime Stories 5.30-6.30pm, further information to follow
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas

Online Safety

For Parents - Helping Parents Navigate Online Gaming

LGfL has published a useful new guide for schools on helping parents understand online gaming.

The advice is practical rather than technical. It encourages parents to:

- ask what their child is playing;
- check whether games are age-appropriate;
- talk about who their child plays with;
- discuss what information should not be shared;
- agree rules around spending;
- talk about bullying and what to do if something goes wrong;
- review safety settings together;
- agree reasonable limits around play.

The guidance also makes an important point about age ratings: a higher PEGI rating does not mean a game is more difficult — it means the content may be less suitable for younger children.

This is a useful resource to share through newsletters, parent pages or online-safety sessions.

Link: [LGfL - Helping Parents Navigate Online Gaming](#)

For Parents - Gaming Safety for Neurodivergent Children

Online gaming can provide friendship, enjoyment and a strong sense of community for neurodivergent children, but some children may also need extra support around social cues, scams, communication, rules and recognising when an interaction is becoming unsafe.

Internet Matters has produced a practical guide for parents and carers of neurodivergent children, with advice on supporting safe and positive gaming experiences.

It is particularly useful because it recognises the benefits of gaming rather than treating gaming itself as the problem.

Link: [Internet Matters - Gaming and Neurodivergent Children](#)





BIG SALT BURN NURDLE HUNT!

CAN YOU BE A BEACH DETECTIVE?

Join Mrs Walton – HELP TO PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE
BY COLLECTING PLASTIC NURDLES

ALL WELCOME!



SATURDAY
10th October



SALT BURN BEACH
– THE PIER



Between
9am – 10am



A FREE FAMILY EVENT –
ALL WELCOME!

Children **must** be accompanied by an adult
and be **supervised by their adult** at all times.
Gloves must be worn when handling the pellets.
Some sieves are available.

HUNT • COLLECT • PROTECT

Tiny plastic pellets called **NURDLES** are washing up on our beaches. Only **28%** of nurdles recently spilled in Tynemouth have been found. These pose a threat to our wildlife. Birds and sea creatures can eat the pellets which can make them poorly. The plastics can also break down further into very small particles and enter our food chain.



Help spot them



Protect wildlife



Care for our coastline



Let's see how many we can collect together!



WHAT TO BRING



Warm clothes/ gloves



Sensible footwear



Water bottle



Lots of enthusiasm!



Sieves
(Some available)



Jam jars

