

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

To Understand the Meaning of Harvest

Our Collective Worship Theme for next week will be:

Different Ways to Celebrate Harvest



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



Golden Ribbons Awarded to:

Year Two	Riley
Year One	Margaux
Reception	Lottie

Is your child due to start school in September 2027 or due to move on to Year 3? Please read on for further information.

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are due to start school in September 2027 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

The admissions process is now open.

If you would like to come and visit our lovely school, you would be most welcome. Please contact the school office on 01642 722389 or email admin@marwood.n-yorks.sch.uk to book an appointment.

If your child is in Year 2 now, then you will need to apply for their next school for Year 3.

The deadline to submit your application is 15 January 2027.

You must apply for a school place even if your child has an older sibling at the school you would like them to go to or they are attending a nursery attached to the school.

This information is for families living in North Yorkshire. Families living outside North Yorkshire will need to contact their home authority to obtain their information regarding school admissions.

Class News

Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 for a settled and focused week of learning. WE made a start on our shoebox habitats and applied our scientific knowledge well. We will add our food chains and moving mechanisms to them next week.
- Please challenge your young mathematicians to have instant recall of fact families number facts - using the same three numbers, e.g. $7+4=11$; $4+7=11$; $11-7=4$; $11-4=7$. Dominoes are a great way to practise these. Can they place the = sign in different positions in their equations? Any examples of fact families can be sent into school for a classroom display.
- Fantastic reading by all Year 2s this week!
- Please practice reading aloud the children's Harvest Poems in readiness for the Harvest Service next week.

Year One

- This week in Maths, we have been learning about number sentences and fact families. The children have been working hard to spot the links between addition and subtraction facts and explaining their mathematical thinking. We have also uploaded a new Power Maths game for children to enjoy at home. It is a great way to practise and reinforce their learning in a fun and engaging way.
- In Literacy, we have been exploring the story The Enormous Turnip. As part of our work, we introduced some exciting new vocabulary, including 'colossal' and 'perplexed'. Ask your child if they can remember what these words mean and if they can use them in a sentence!
- Phonics next week will be recapping what we have learnt this half term so no new homework sheet will be sent home.
- We have enjoyed lots of autumn-themed learning across the curriculum too. The children showed great creativity when making leaf hedgehogs and had lots of fun on our autumn scavenger hunt, searching for signs of the season around us.
- In Science, we learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees, identifying the differences between them and exploring examples of each. We also made beautiful autumn calm jars (snow globes) and talked about how they can help us when we experience bigger emotions. The children discussed the benefits of taking a moment to watch the glitter settle, helping them to feel calm, regulate their emotions and refocus when needed.
- There is **NO FOREST SCHOOL** next week due to Harvest Festival activities.
- It has been a wonderful week of learning and we are very proud of everything the children have achieved. Thank you for your continued support at home.



Reception

- Children have really impressed me this week with their attitude and ability in phonics, all are working really hard to remember their new sounds and to blend CVC words. Next week we will be assessing what sounds the children know to date so please use the home learning sheets to recap these over the weekend.
- Harvest poems to learn for the Harvest Festival are in book bags but we will be working on those in class next week too.
- Discovery Centre Library books were sent home on Thursday, please return these directly to the library rather than to school.
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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. NO FOREST SCHOOL session today
Friday 23 rd October	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Tuesday 10 th November	Reception and Year 1 Parent Consultations - booking form to follow
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Consultations - booking form to follow
Friday 13 th November	Spots/Stripes - Children in Need
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
Friday 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
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Return to school
Sunday 24 th January	PTFA Quiz in the Royal Oak, further details to follow.

Harvest Festival



Please join us for our Harvest Festival Service in Church on Thursday 22nd October at 10.45am.

We will be delivering Harvest hampers to our community, which are always so eagerly anticipated and appreciated by the residents of Church Drive and your contributions to our Harvest celebration are greatly appreciated.

Please could children bring a small box or basket containing a selection of fruit, vegetables, cake, tins or packet foods - suitable for an individual harvest gift.

E.g. a selection of vegetables, some small tins, biscuits or cake.

The children will be making gift tags in their classes so there is no need to label your gift.

Please take your Harvest offering to Christ Church before school starts on Thursday morning (22nd October) and leave it in the porch.

Your gifts will be distributed by the pupils, staff and parents on the Thursday afternoon to the residents of Church Drive/ and Guisborough Road.

A very Happy Harvest to all of our families and many thanks for all your generous gifts.



Online Safety

For Parents - Protecting Children's Images from AI Abuse

AI tools can now be used to manipulate ordinary photographs of children into sexual or otherwise harmful imagery.

The Internet Watch Foundation and the National Crime Agency have produced practical guidance for parents and carers about reducing the risk of image misuse.

The advice includes thinking carefully about privacy settings, who can see photographs, how much identifying information is shared and involving children in decisions about posting their images as they get older.

The guidance also explains what parents can do if an image has been manipulated or misused.

Link:

[IWF - Parent Guide: Stopping AI Child Image Abuse](#)

For Parents - Understanding AI Companions

AI chatbots are increasingly able to hold long, personal conversations and may sometimes feel more like companions than simple information tools.

For parents, it's useful to understand how repeated conversations with an AI system can encourage trust or emotional attachment, particularly for children who may find the interaction supportive or easier than talking to another person.

Children and Screens has produced a short research overview explaining some of the opportunities and concerns around AI companions and young people.

Link:

[Children and Screens - Chatbots, AI Companions and Youth](#)



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