

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

Different Ways to Celebrate Harvest



Our Golden Rule this half term has been 'Listen'.



Well Done to:

Year Two	Arabella
Year One	Maisie
Reception	Arthur

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.

Harvest Festival

A very Happy Harvest to all of our families and many thanks for all your generous hampers and your donations to Middlesbrough food bank, £119.85 was raised. These will be very much appreciated by the community.

It was lovely to see so many families at our Harvest Festival service this morning.



Class News

Exiting News! Lunchtime extra-curricular clubs will be starting after half term.

Year Two

- What a fantastic first half term it has been in Year 2. We couldn't be more proud of how focused our children have been and how they have risen to the challenge of being the oldest in our school.
- Next half term will bring much excitement when we travel back in time to learn about the Great Fire of London.
- Please enjoy sharing lots of books over the holidays and keep that love of reading going.

Year One

- Year 1 have had a wonderful start to the half term and the children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of their learning.
- In English, we have been enjoying *The Gruffalo* and learning how to use adjectives to describe characters. The children created their own *Gruffalo* creatures before using exciting descriptive language to write about them.
- In Mathematics, we have been continuing to focus on number bonds to 10 and would greatly appreciate your support at home. Children should be able to recall these facts quickly and confidently and understand that the order of the numbers can be changed without affecting the total. For example:

$$7 + 3 = 10$$

$$3 + 7 = 10$$

This is known as the commutative property of addition, which the children have learnt. Regular practice of these number facts for just a few minutes each day will help to develop fluency and confidence.

- As we begin preparing for our Christmas performance, your child's Nativity lines have now been sent home in their book bags. Please could you spend some time helping your child to learn their words. Songs will be sent home at a later date. Becoming familiar with their part early will help them feel confident and enjoy performing for you later in the term.
- Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated and helps make a real difference to your child's learning and progress.

Reception

- A huge well done to Reception for completing their first half term at school, they are well and truly part of the Marwood family.
- Enjoy a well-earned rest over the holidays, next term we will be busy learning all about castles.

Dates for Your Diary	
Friday 23 rd October	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Tuesday 10 th November	Reception and Year 1 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Consultations
Friday 13 th November	Spots/Stripes - Children in Need Children are welcome to come to school in clothing with spots and stripes.
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.

Online Safety

Online Safety for Under-5s

Children are experiencing digital technology from increasingly younger ages, whether that's watching videos, playing simple games or using tablets and other connected devices.

To help with this, Internet Matters has a dedicated online safety resource for parents and carers of children aged 0-5.

The guidance covers topics including:

- choosing age-appropriate apps, games and content;
- setting up parental controls;
- managing screen time and developing healthy habits;
- sharing photographs and information about young children;
- helping children begin to understand online safety.

The advice is particularly useful because it focuses on building positive digital habits from the beginning, rather than waiting until children are older before discussing online safety.

Link:

[Internet Matters - Online Safety Advice for Children Aged 0-5](#)

