

# MARINE ACADEMY PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



June 2025



## 'Where stars shine brighter'

...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

Dear Parent/Carers of Marine Academy Primary pupils,

As we head into the final weeks of what has been an exceptionally busy and rewarding summer term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the many highlights we've shared together.

Our Sports Days were a great success, with the weather largely on our side - thank you to everyone who came along to cheer the children on! For those whose events were affected by the rain, we look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn for a second chance to enjoy the fun. We have also really appreciated you taking time to use the links provided to feedback on our events. We used this feedback to adapt them and will continue to do so.

A particular highlight this term was our unforgettable trip to the southern coast of Spain with 30 children from across Key Stage 2. For many of our children, it was their very first time flying abroad- a truly special and memorable experience that we were thrilled to be part of. Closer to home, our Forest and Beach camping residential brought plenty of adventure (and a bit of classic British drizzle), but spirits remained high throughout.

As we approach the end of term, preparations are already underway for the new academic year. We are working hard to ensure all children feel confident about their transitions, meeting their key adults for next year and becoming familiar with their new routines.

And finally, we're eagerly anticipating one of the biggest events of our school calendar: the Summer Fair on Friday 11th July. We hope to see many of you there as we come together to celebrate a fantastic year.

Thank you as always for your continued support as we collectively strengthen our community and make the world a better place.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Georgina Reid and Miss Stacey Mitchell  
Headteacher and Head of School



## DATES FOR YOUR *Diary*

**Monday 7th July** - Deadline for completed 38 Things booklets to be handed in.

**Wednesday 9th July** - Pre-School Graduation ceremony

**Friday 11th July** - Last day of Extra-Curricular Clubs

**Friday 11th July** - Summer Fair 2-4pm

**Monday 14th July** - 1:45-2:45pm 38 Things Celebration Event for children who have completed their booklets.

**Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July** - Families to collect their child's annual report and exercise books from their class teacher (please bring a bag to carry the books!).

**Thursday 17th July** - Last day of Term 6

### Term dates for the 2025-2026 academic year:

#### **Term 1**

First day of school: 2nd September 2025

Last day of school: 24th October 2025

#### **Term 2**

First day of school: 10th November 2025

Last day of school: 19th December 2025 (at 1:00pm)

#### **Term 3**

First day of school: 6th January 2026

Last day of school: 13th February 2026

#### **Term 4**

First day of school: 23rd February 2026

Last day of school: 2nd April 2026

#### **Term 5**

First day of school: 20th April 2026

Bank Holiday: 4th May 2026

Last day of school: 22nd May 2026

#### **Term 6**

First day of school: 2nd June 2026

Last day of school: 16th July 2026



# YEAR GROUP NEWS

## Dreaming Big of Sports Days Successes!

### Reception

Over the last few weeks Reception have been very busy exploring our theme "Our Big Wide World". Both classes had a fabulous time at Dartmoor Zoo where we had a great time learning lots of animal facts. We also had great fun tasting exotic fruits and going on an animal hunt around the school grounds. The children in Reception loved our 'Special Gentlemen Event' where those invited had a chance to watch our phonics lesson and independent challenges and even eat a pasty and a knock about with a football. We celebrated the King's birthday and talked about what we would do if we were King for the day. Dream Big Day was also a bit hit in Reception as we learnt about being a lifeguard, a nurse, an air steward, a policeman and a nail technician. We loved dressing up and we can't wait to dream big next year!



### Pre-School

It's been a very busy and exciting month in Pre-School! We've enjoyed a packed schedule, including our wonderful Sports Day, the launch of our new topic "What's in the Woods?", and special Stay and Play sessions for our children who will be starting Reception in September. A huge thank you to all our families for your incredible support during Sports Day - the turnout was fantastic, and it was such a joy to see so many of you taking part in the races and cheering the children on. We hope you had as much fun as we did! In class, the children have been busy getting creative by painting their very own Gruffalos and bringing the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears to life through storytelling and play. We're now looking ahead with great excitement to our Graduation Assembly for those children moving up to Reception. Please join us on Tuesday, 9th July at 9:15am as we celebrate their wonderful achievements and wish them well on their next adventure!



### Nursery

This month, the children in Turtle Class have been enjoying their new topic rhyme 'Old MacDonald' and their topic book of 'Dear Zoo'. They have explored different animals through fun, hands-on learning experiences. While learning about pigs, the children played in 'gloop mud' and discovered a variety of textures. They also got creative by making their own woolly sheep using cotton wool and glue. As part of their topic learning, they worked together to create a large, colourful collage snake. They also had great fun feeding numbered bananas to a toy monkey, which helped develop their number recognition and counting skills. It's been a busy and exciting start to our new topic!





## Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic June, showing resilience, enthusiasm and curiosity in all they've done. Despite a sudden change of plan due to wet weather, the children enjoyed trying out different activities for their Sports Day. We are also incredibly proud of how well they approached their Phonics Screening Checks, demonstrating all the fantastic progress they've made with reading this year.

One of the highlights of the month was Dream Big Day, where Year 1 loved learning about a range of careers and were full of thoughtful questions and excitement. In English, they have been building on their Geography learning through exploring a non-fiction text that's all about weather. They even had a go at being a weather reporter! Well done, Year 1, for a brilliant month, we are looking forward to finishing the term with more fantastic learning!



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic and busy Term 6! They showed brilliant teamwork and enthusiasm during KS1 Sports Day, even with a change of plans due to the rain. We are incredibly proud of all the children for completing their Key Stage 1 SATs – they approached the challenge with resilience and determination. The children also enjoyed a wonderful trip to Occombe Farm, where they had fun making their own pizzas and learning about farm life. Back in school, our DT lessons have focused on healthy eating. The children designed and made their own healthy wraps, using a range of ingredients to create some delicious and imaginative flavour combinations. It's been an action-packed term and we're excited for more learning and fun as we finish Term 6! Thank you for your continued support.



## Year 3

This month started off with a brilliant Sports Day, where all the children represented Year 3 superbly. They showed fantastic sportsmanship, great teamwork and most importantly had lots of fun. A big thank you to everyone who came along to cheer them on! We also had an exciting Dream Big Day, where the children came dressed as the profession they aspire to be when they grow up. What an amazing range of careers we saw—there were some truly inspiring choices! On top of all that, the children worked incredibly hard learning to play the violin, and put on a wonderful performance for their families. We're so proud of the progress they've made and the perseverance they've shown in mastering this new skill.





## Year 4

We say it every month, but June really has been a busy month in Year 4! The children completed their Multiplication Tables Checks. We are so proud of their hard work and resilience with these, they absolutely smashed it! It has been lovely to see the children enjoying our many events this month too. We welcomed our families into school for our fantastic Dude Date, held our Dream Big event and held our Sports Day, where the children showed incredible sportsmanship and perseverance!

In Maths, the children have worked hard to complete three units; Money, Time and Decimals! In English, Year 4 have studied their text 'Gregory Cool' and investigated information from the RSPB. What a wonderful month, full of amazing curriculum enrichment and focus. Well done Year 4 and thank you to our families for their continued support!



## Year 5

June has been an exciting and enriching month for our Year 5 class. The children enjoyed two secondary taster days, visiting MAP Secondary and All Saints, giving them a valuable glimpse into their next stage of learning. We also took a memorable trip to Central Park, where the class explored the sustainability of our local area and considered ways we can protect our environment. Some of our children attended a residential trip to Forest and Beach, combining adventure and learning as they spent time outdoors, deepening their appreciation for nature.

In Geography, we focused on sustainability and discussed practical actions we can take in our daily lives to live more sustainably. Meanwhile, in Science, the children have been investigating reproduction in plants and animals, building their understanding of life cycles and natural processes. It has been a fantastic month full of learning and discovery!



## Year 6

June has been an incredible month for Year 6! Their annual Sports Day was a success and all the children displayed great determination and resilience, whilst being positively competitive and awesome team players. Year 6 students have been working diligently in their English lessons, to write and illustrate short Autobiographies of their lives so far. They have also worked incredibly hard on their leaver's assembly. We are so proud of their hard work, confidence and effort, and were so proud to share it with you all. July will see lots of secondary school transition events taking place for the children, which we know will be beneficial. We look forward to lots of fun and memories made, as we enter Year 6's final month at Marine Academy Primary!





# In Other

# News

Dream Big Day was a huge success! We welcomed over 30 visitors from a wide range of careers, including police officers, football coaches, lawyers, nurses and many more. A huge thank you to all who inspired our pupils to believe that anything is possible when they dream big - and to Mrs Howard for organising such a brilliant day!



## Forest and Beach Residential 2025

A group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Forest and Beach residential.

They had a fantastic time learning new skills in forest school and tried canoeing!

If your child might like to go next year, check out the video from this year on our Facebook page.

Please can we kindly ask that cars do not park in the designated minibus bays in the Primary Staff Car Park.

The buses leave and arrive at different times each day and need a suitable amount of space for children to get on the bus and also for the drivers to maneuver in and out of the car park. Thank you.



**Minibus Parking**





Singers from three year groups had two incredible musical experiences in just two days this month! They joined five other school choirs at the Academy for the first ever 'Big Sing' - a joyful celebration of music and unity! They also travelled to Exeter Cathedral for the prestigious Chorister Outreach Programme, performing beautiful four-part harmonies to an audience of over 400. A huge well done to all involved!



## Book Donations Welcome!



Do you have any children's books at home that you no longer need? We are hoping to hold a book stall again this year at our Summer Fair and would welcome them for our book stall!

Please bring them to the main Reception or pass them to your child's class teacher. Even if it's just one book, it will all help, thank you!

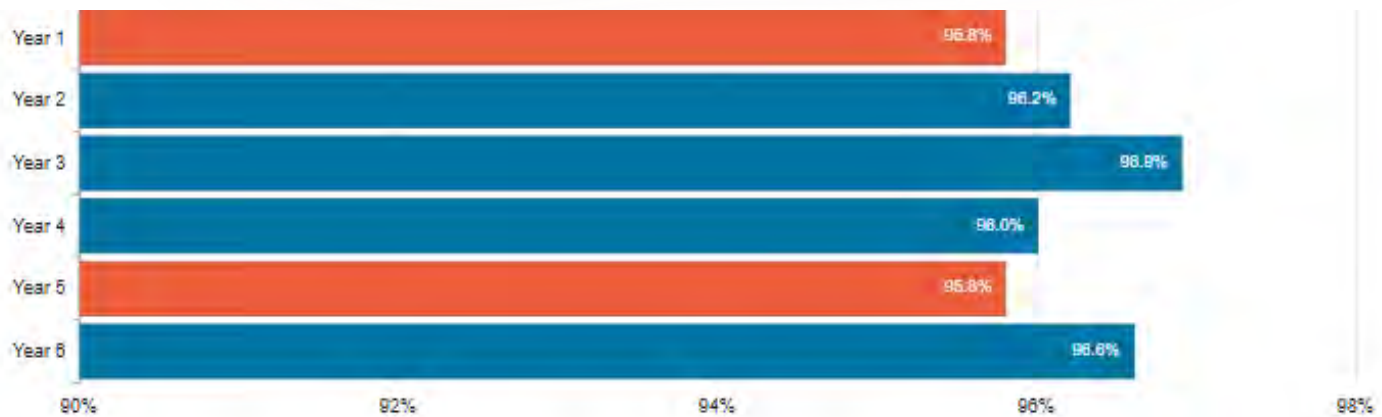
A group of children had the chance to enjoy a brand new experience - watching Somerset vs Nottinghamshire cricket at the County Ground in Taunton!

For many, it was their very first time seeing a professional cricket match in person - and what a match to witness! The children loved learning about the game and soaking up the atmosphere in the sunshine.





# Attendance



Well done to Year 3 for the highest attendance this month!

Please remember to contact the Primary each day that your child is absent.

## Days off school can impact on your success







# ONLINE SAFETY

Welcome to June's online safety bulletin, which provides awareness of some of the latest online risks and offers useful tips of how to be a responsible digital citizen and to ensure experiences remain positive.

If you have any further questions or concerns about e-safety, please contact our Computing leader, Mr Druce, by emailing: [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) FAO: Mr Druce.



## PRIVACY SETTINGS



It is important to develop an understanding of how you can protect your child's privacy online. Any personal information shared online creates a digital footprint and it is vital that we control who sees what.

### What are Privacy settings?

Privacy settings are tools available on most social media apps, websites, and games. They allow users to control who can view what they share online.

### What can we do to support our children with their online privacy?

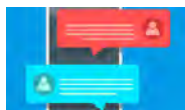
**Talk to your child regularly:** Talk to your child about what is personal information and to think about what they share online. Personal information includes their name, address, current location and the school they attend. This also includes information within photos or videos that they may share, for example does it show their current location?

**Apply appropriate privacy settings:** For any app, game or device that your child uses, check the privacy settings and apply them as appropriate. For example, check if their location is being shared; check who can tag them in posts (as what others tag them in can also affect their digital footprint); check who can share their content; check these settings regularly as new options may become available or sometimes updates can change previous settings.

**Children learn from us:** Think about what you are sharing online – do you share photos of your child in their school uniform or their current location?

**Set strong/complex passwords:** Teach your child to create strong/complex passwords and to never share them with others.

**Search their name** – search their name in a search engine to see what information can be seen about your child. Remind your child that they can delete any information that they no longer want others to see.



## TEXTING DICTIONARY



Internet Matters have created a list of text language terms to help you understand some of the text slang that your child might be using. This includes abbreviations for certain phrases and what emojis can represent.

Find out more here by visiting this website:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/text-dictionary/>



# TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT ONLINE MISTAKES

The online world is difficult to navigate and mistakes will inevitably happen. When they do, it is important that as a parent you are ready to respond.

## Stay Calm

If your child tells you about something that they have done wrong online, then try to stay calm and listen, reassuring them they will be ok and reaching out was the right choice.

## Be Honest

You may not know how to solve the issue but tell them you will help them work it out.

## Solve It Together

Try and resolve the problem together to help your child learn and understand what went wrong. This will also develop their digital literacy skills.

You should also take the opportunity to review/set up any available parental controls.

## Help and Support

If you feel like you may need support from an external organisation, then Parent Zone have listed some of the different organisations available:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/help-and-support> Further information:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/what-todo-when-your-child-sendsinappropriate-things/>

## Deepfake content

Deepfake content, also known as synthetic media, is computer generated content that looks and sounds real. Deepfake content can be used to spread misinformation, be used in scams, or used to cause upset to others. It can be difficult to spot, so it is important to be aware of it.

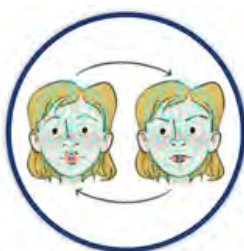
Find out more by visiting the following websites:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/synthetic-media-deepfake/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/69009887>



May generate deceptive or harmful content



Can be used to violate people's privacy



Affects people's trust in what they see online





FATMAP INVITE YOU TO  
THE

# SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY 11TH JULY  
2PM - 4PM

Please  
bring  
change for  
the stalls

- RAFFLE • BOUNCY CASTLE •
- FOOD STALLS • ICE CREAM •
- CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA •
- AND MUCH MORE! •

Children will be dismissed at the following times from their  
normal collection points:

**1:40pm Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4**

**1:45pm Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6**

**Pre-School and Nursery can be collected early or at their  
usual time from their classrooms.**





## Meet your local Community Builder Mike Hookway

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month  
between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the  
Wellbeing Cafe, William Sutton Hall,  
St Budeaux & Barne Barton Wellbeing Hub  
6 Shelley Way, St Budeaux, Plymouth, PL5 1QF

### What is a Community Builder?

We work with residents and members of the community  
around issues that affect you.

We support finding local solutions, together with friends,  
neighbours and other members of the community.





# 2nd Time Mum's Antenatal Sessions at Jump



**Come and join us for a free  
antenatal information session  
in the toddler area  
running 9:30 - 10:30am**

Sessions on  
Wednesday :  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Jump : Christian Mill  
Business Park, Plymouth  
PL6 5DS

**BARNARDO'S**



**Meet ups for Young Independent Proud  
Parents Encouraging Each Other  
(Y.I.P.P.E.E)**

**For parents and parents to be under 25**

**Remember  
suncream,  
hats &  
water**

**THUR  
10  
JULY**

**STAY AND PLAY AT THE BARN FAMILY HUB  
1.30PM - 2.45PM**

The Barn Family Hub, Kit Hill Crescent, Plymouth, PL5 1EJ

**TEDDY BEARS PICNIC, GAMES AND PICNIC IN  
CENTRAL PARK**

**11.30AM - 1.30PM**

Meet outside the Life Centre (bring a picnic)

**WEDS  
16  
JULY**

**TUES  
22  
JULY**

**MOUNT EDGCUMBE DAY TRIP 11AM - 3PM**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Call The Barn Family Hub to  
book on 01752 362320 by 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**FREE SOFT PLAY AND DROP IN  
1.15PM - 2.30PM**

Discovery Cafe, Central Methodist Church Hall, Eastlake  
Street, Plymouth City Centre, PL1 1BA

**TUES  
29  
JULY**

**WEDS  
30  
JULY**

**FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE BARN  
11AM - 3PM**

Come and join us in the park outside The Barn Family Hub,  
Kit Hill Crescent, Plymouth, PL5 1EJ



# The Summer Book Boost

Keep your 7–11 year old reading, laughing, and learning all summer long — the easy way.



🍌 The Reading Rocks [Summer Book Boost](#) is now open for sign-ups!

It's designed for **ALL** readers aged **7–11** — from bookworms to the “I-don't-like-reading” crew — and best of all, **you don't need to do much at all.**

- ✓ Parents just enter their **email address** — that's it!
- ✓ Over the holidays, we'll send them **6 weekly emails** packed with:
  - Short, snappy **videos from authors**
  - A **free reading extract** to dive into
  - Fun, creative **activities** to keep engagement high



**BARNARDOS**



**INVITE YOU TO OUR...**

# Community Fun Day

at  
**The Barn  
Barne Barton**

**WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY, 11-3PM**

FREE ENTRY & ACTIVITIES INCLUDING BOUNCY CASTLE,  
FOOTBALL, PIZZA MAKING, BABY AREA, ARTS & CRAFTS AND MUCH  
MORE

ALSO  
REFRESHMENTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND INFORMATION  
STALLS

**NORTH YARD**  
COMMUNITY TRUST

**OPEN TO THE LOCAL  
COMMUNITY OF ALL AGES**

\*ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND AVAILABILITY