

MARINE ACADEMY PRIMARY NEWSLETTER 🐣 🐤 April 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,

We hope all our families had a wonderful Easter break and that the children returned to school feeling refreshed and ready for more fantastic learning. Although April was a shorter month in terms of school days, it was certainly filled with excitement, community spirit and plenty of learning opportunities.

We ended Term 4 with a joyful Easter-themed event in our outdoor area, complete with an ice cream van! It was a wonderful way to bring everyone together, creating some of our favourite moments and memories. These community events always fill us with so much joy, and it was fantastic to see so many happy faces enjoying the sunshine and sweet treats.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming families to our Science Fair, and we are incredibly grateful for your support in encouraging your children to participate. Thank you to everyone who visited – your involvement makes these events even more special and memorable for the children.

This month, we also said goodbye to Miss Watson as she left for her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and cannot wait to hear the exciting news when her baby arrives. At the same time, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Kennedy back from maternity leave, and we're thrilled to have her back on the team.

April also saw the exciting launch of our Breakfast Bistro, where families can enjoy a free breakfast together in the school hall from 8:15am each day. Thank you to everyone who has visited so far – it has been wonderful to see families connecting over croissants and crumpets! We appreciate your patience as we continue to fine-tune the bistro experience.

Looking ahead, we're already gearing up for a super summer term filled with more learning, community engagement and sunshine!

Yours sincerely,

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



DATES FOR YOUR *Diary*

Thursday 8th May - VE Day and Year 2's trip to The Box

Sunday 11th May - Running Club taking part in Plymouth Half Marathon School's Challenge on Plymouth Hoe

Monday 12th - Thursday 14th - End of KS2 Assessments (Year 6 SATs)

Tuesday 13th May - 3CC Ancient Greece day and Year 5 trip to Barbican and City Centre

Thursday 15th May - 3AW Ancient Greece day

Friday 16th May - Year 6 trip to Mount Edgumbe

Friday 23rd May - Turtles Sports Event in the morning 9-10:30am

Friday 23rd May - Last day of Term 5

Tuesday 3rd June - First day of Term 6

Wednesday 4th June - Reception trip to Dartmoor Zoo

Monday 9th June - Years 3 and 4 Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th June - Residential Trip to Spain

Thursday 12th June - Classes RHR and RTG Father's Day events

Monday 16th June - Pre-School Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Thursday 19th June - Dream Big Day: Children are invited to come to school dressed as a job role they would like to do when they're older.

Tuesday 24th June - Years 1 and 2 Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th June - Forest and Beach Residential for Years 5 and 6.

Monday 30th June - Years 5 and 6 Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Thursday 3rd July - Reception Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

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

Wednesday 9th July - Pre-School Graduation ceremony

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.

Thursday 17th July - Last day of Term 6

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Creativity, curiosity and community

Reception

As the weather is now warmer and spring has sprung, both Reception classes have enjoyed exploring the school grounds and as part of Science Day, the children enjoyed meeting the MAP animals. We had a chance to cuddle the guinea pigs and checked up on the rabbits. The children have really enjoyed learning about our new topic 'Changes' and have loved reading our new topic book, 'Tad'. We have been keeping an eye on Reception's pond outside to check on the frogspawn and we were excited to find tadpoles in our pond. We have spent time using magnifying glasses to check on their progress and can't wait to see what happens next! We loved having parents and carers come in to class to watch our Phonics lessons and to share some stories. We hope you all enjoyed it too!



Pre-School

It has been an exciting start to the new term in Pre-School; we have welcomed new children into our classes who have settled beautifully and are great members of our pre-school team. We have enjoyed meeting 'Silly Sally' who was a friend of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' who treated us to an interactive Jack and the Beanstalk story session. The children had the opportunity to find magic beans, steal a golden hen and even cut down the giant's beanstalk. We are looking forward to growing our own 'magic beans' and learning all about the changes that have happened to us since we were babies. If you could email in some photos of your child as a baby for our learning that would be amazing. The email address is yearpreschool@marineacademy.org.uk.



Nursery

This term, we have welcomed everyone back after the Easter holidays into Turtle Class, including some new friends. It has been wonderful to meet everyone and watch the children build some new friendships. The children have been excited to begin our new topic 'Row, Row, Row your Boat', where they have been enjoying learning the rhyme. They have also enjoyed sailing boats with their friends in the water tray, making paper plate boats, created a collage tree and discovered spiders in the sand tray. We have also been celebrating World Space Day, where the children have explored a space-themed tuff tray and created their own planets using neon paints.



Year 1

The children in Year 1 had another busy month in April! The children enjoyed taking part in British Science Day. They watched an assembly from 'Fizz, Pop Science' where they observed lots of exciting experiments with some of the children even joining in. In the classroom, the children have continued to work hard in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check in June. They have been reviewing previously learnt sounds and tricky words. The children rounded off their excellent Geography learning by answering questions in their books about Plymouth and the wider area. It has been great to see the progress the children have been continuing to make in their learning over the past month. The children as a whole are becoming more independent in preparation for Year 2.



Year 2

In April, Year 2 have been diving into World War Two, with a particular focus on Britain and Plymouth's role during this period. The children are thoroughly enjoying discovering new facts! In English, we are exploring the book *From Seed to Flower* and learning how to write instructions. This ties in with our Science topic on plants, where we've been learning about their growth and needs. We were lucky to have Mrs. King visit and teach the children about gardening. They were excited to ask her questions and even got to plant their own sunflowers!

In Maths, we've been learning about fractions and key terms like numerator and denominator. In Art, we started experimenting with charcoal for mark-making. We can't wait to see how the term unfolds, especially our sunflowers' progress!



Year 3

The children in Year 3 finished Term 4 by drafting and writing high quality Geography essays, showing all their excellent learning from their topic 'Villages, Towns and Cities'. In English, the children wrote their own stories inspired by the book *Blue John*, using a wide range of writing skills including adjectives and similes. Before Easter, the children enjoyed finishing their Whole-Class Reading book, *Varjak Paw* and this term, have dived into their new text *Operation Gadgetman*.

In Science, the children have been introduced to their new topic, 'Forces', and have explored different types of contact and non-contact forces. We absolutely loved the fantastic effort the children put into their Science Home Learning over the Easter break! Well done!

In History, the children have started their new and exciting learning on Ancient Greeks. We are also really looking forward to having our Ancient Greece themed day later in the term, where children will be invited to dress up. A letter has been sent out with more information on this. Keep up the great work, Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have had another productive month of learning, with more outstanding progress. In Maths, the children have gained a strong understanding of fractions and decimals and can now order tenths and hundredths. The children are now practising their times tables ready for the MTC in June and have enjoyed learning the times tables songs! In English, the children have been learning about record breaking animals, in their non-fiction text 'Book of Bones' which they will base their non-fiction writing on this term. In Science, the children have learnt about how animals and plants adapt depending on their environments. In History, the children's learning for the History topic, 'Vikings', has been broad. The children have learnt about Viking life, the Lindisfarne raid in 793CE and they have studied a timeline for the period, where they have made links to their previous 'Anglo-Saxons' and 'Roman Britain' topics. In Computing, the children have been investigating repetition in games and have programmed their own games. Well done to all Year 4 children for their resilience and creativity in another busy month!



Year 5

Year 5 have made an excellent start to the Summer Term. They have started their new topic, 'Plymouth, A City of Voyage and Discovery', by learning about Plymouth's geographical location in the world, recognising the development of Plymouth from small settlement to city and its importance as a centre for trade in Tudor times. To support this topic, the children have been focusing on historical buildings in Plymouth and replicating them in their Art.

In Computing, Year 5 have revisited previous learning on 'selection' and identified how 'conditions' are used to control the flow of actions in a program. They have also been introduced to the blocks for using conditions in programs using the Scratch programming environment. In Maths, the children have used their fractions knowledge to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. Well done Year 5!



Year 6

This month, Year 6 have had a tremendous start to Term 5. In Maths, the children have mastered how to calculate angles in various 2-D shapes. In English, they have been focusing on the features of a newspaper article, ready to write their own, focusing on their previous descriptive writing final write.

In Science, they have been understanding how heat affects the properties of an object. In History, we have unpicked the reasons that led to the start of World War II and debated whether it was appropriate to not include Germany in the discussions for the Treaty of Versailles. In DT they designed, measured, cut and sewed their own pencil cases. We have really enjoyed seeing them throw themselves into rounders and love the resilience they are continuing to show towards their upcoming SATs assessments.



In Other

News

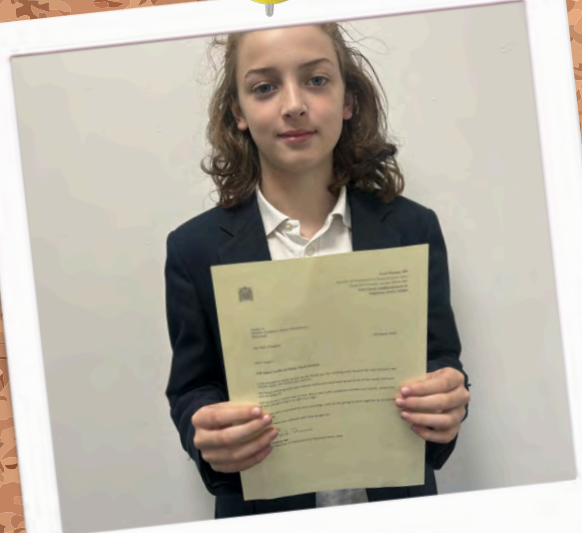
We are fortunate to have an incredible Outdoor Area.

With the nicer weather our After School Club is often outside but they are not able to do this until all families have left the area.

Please can we ask that children and families do not stay and play in the Outdoor Area, including the grass and trim trail, after school.



Our Academy Parliament reps were thrilled to receive a letter from the House of Commons and even more excited to find personal letters from Fred Thomas MP addressed to each of them! A huge thank you to Fred Thomas for taking the time to respond, for listening to the children's campaign and for showing his support. He's committed to working with us to enforce the no right turn policy and make our streets safer for pupils and parents.



The Breakfast Bistro is open! We have loved welcoming our community in for our Breakfast Bistro each morning. This will be available every single day for you to enjoy a moment of connection and fill up on breakfast. All members of the family welcome and please bring a reusable mug for hot drinks if you're able to. A special thanks goes to our Ted Wragg Trust CEO, Moira Marder, for cutting the ribbon and declaring it open!



We wrapped up last term in the most loveliest way - with families joining us outside for a sunny (and windy!) afternoon of ice creams and egg-themed fun!

Thank you to all the families who came along and joined in, helping to raise money for FaTMAP and Animal Care Club.



We're delighted to be welcoming 60 new families and children who will be joining Marine Academy Primary in September 2025!

We're so excited to start this journey with them and can't wait to make lasting memories together. Here's to new friendships, exciting learning and a brilliant year ahead!

Our Science Fair was a fantastic success, filled with brilliant projects showcasing the creativity, curiosity and hard work of our children. It was wonderful to see such a wide range of ideas brought to life. The whole school visited the fair and every child voted for their favourite project - all the entries were winners to us though!

A huge thank you to all our families and friends who came to visit and support the event - your encouragement means so much to our young scientists! And a huge thank you to Mrs Impey for organising the whole event!



DREAM
BIG
Day

THURSDAY
19TH JUNE
2025



CAN YOU HELP US?

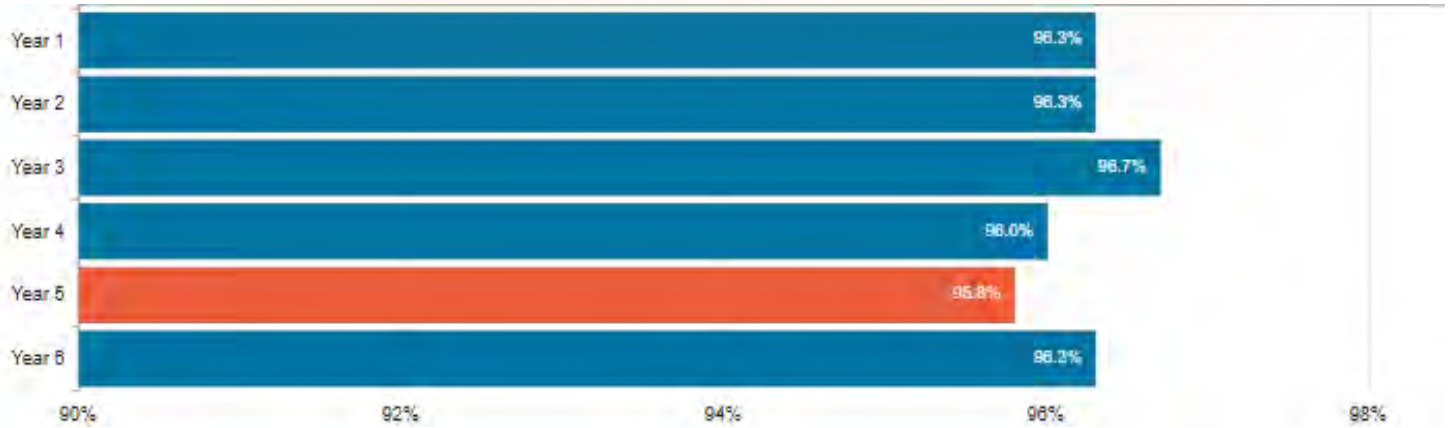


On Thursday 19th June 2025, it is our whole-school 'Dream Big' Day. The day is all about raising our children's aspirations for their futures and learning about a wide variety of jobs and challenging stereotypes. We're looking for a variety of visitors to talk to the children about their careers and occupations.

Last year, we had several parents/carers, family and community members come in to talk about their jobs and we would love to have the same again! If you or anyone you know are able to help, please could you scan the QR code above or follow the link <https://forms.office.com/e/eQexhQQtG7> to complete a form and we will get back to you with more details soon.

Please do this by Friday 16th May, thank you!

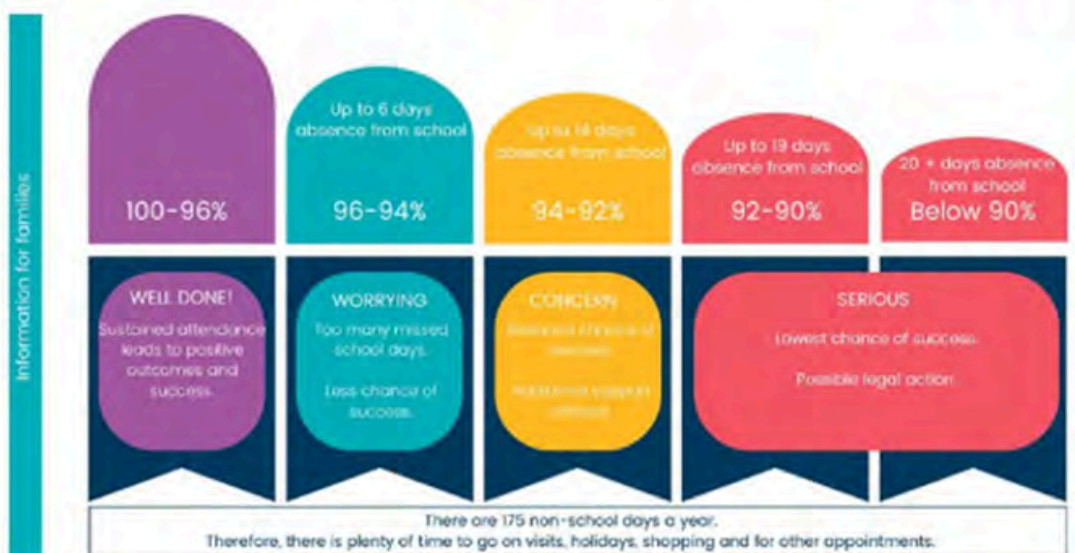
Attendance



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

Don't forget to contact the Primary every day your child is absent.

Days off school can impact on your success





MARINE ACADEMY CAMPUS

FOOD CO-OP



FOOD TOO EXPENSIVE?
JOIN A FOOD CO-OP AT MARINE
ACADEMY

HOW TO JOIN?

A food co-op is a neighbourhood buying group where members get quality groceries at very affordable prices.

Co-ops buy food and household products in bulk and in addition get free supermarket surplus.

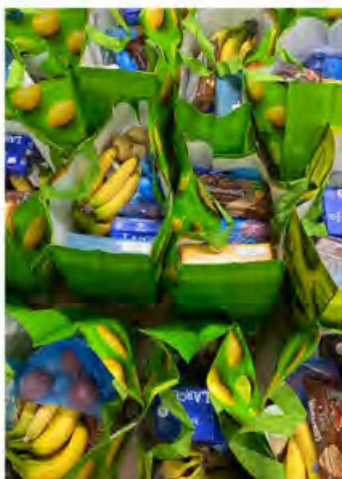
Co-op members save up to 40% off their weekly food costs by organising with friends, family and neighbours.

Food co-ops are managed by members who together decide what to buy and how to run the project. No bosses, no managers.

Contact: Kelly Fritsche on
07943101834
or Rachel Earley on
rachel.earley@asap.org.uk to
express interest and they will be in
touch.

WHAT IS NEEDED?

We need 20 member working
together.
All paying an equal amount of £3.
All Sharing the food equally.
All owned and run by the members





ONLINE SAFETY

Welcome to the latest online safety bulletin, where we aim to raise awareness of and highlight current risks on the internet with the purpose of ensuring that our community are protected from potential harm.

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

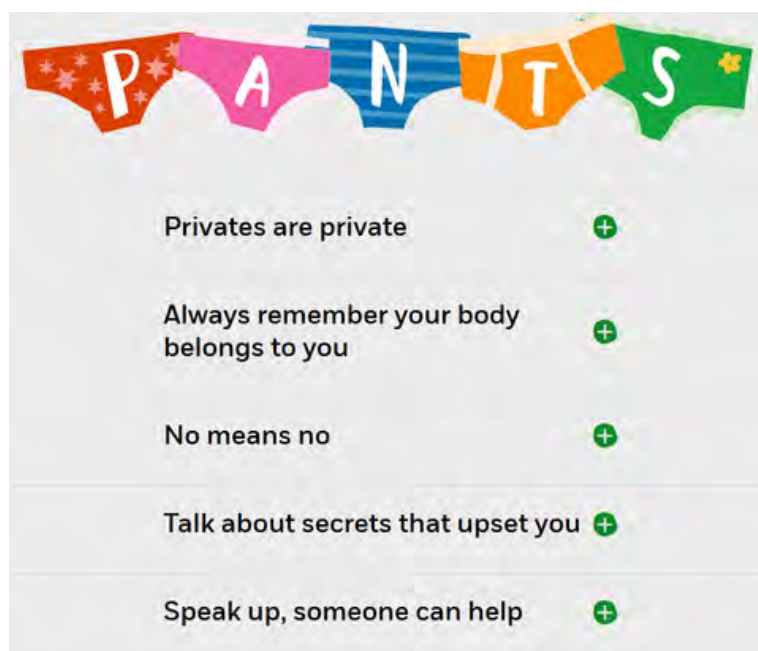
TALK PANTS WITH THE NSPCC

Talk PANTS was developed to help you have conversations with your child to help them understand that their body belongs to them.

Here is the link to the website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Some examples of times you can talk PANTS are:

- After school – if they've had a lesson on personal relationships or Talk PANTS at school, ask them what they remember when they get home.
- Bathtime – you could start a conversation when you're running your child's bath, or helping them get dressed.
- Car journeys – this can be a great time to talk, and your child will have plenty of time to ask questions if they need.
- Singing – sing along to our PANTS song with Pantosaurus!
- Swimming – a great time to say that what's covered by swimwear is private.
- Walking – walking home from school, or a weekend walk to the shops can help you both feel more at ease as you stroll and chat.
- Watching TV – if a TV show features a sensitive storyline, you can encourage them to talk about anything that upsets them.



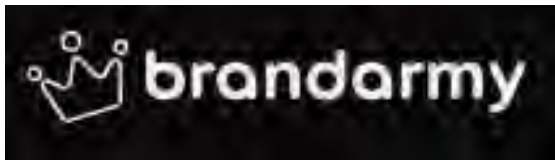
BRAND ARMY

We have been made aware of a concerning new app called 'Brand Army' that is being described as the junior equivalent to 'Only Fans'. The app allows young people to upload content but subscribers have to be over 18. This is deeply concerning so please be vigilant in ensuring that your child does not access this app on their devices.

What Parents Should Know:

Children as young as 13 can join with parental permission, but adults are the ones who can view and pay for their content.

The platform allows "implied" adult content, which may include suggestive poses or attire. There are reports of users requesting outfits or gifts, which may expose minors to unwanted or unsafe adult attention.



Screen time and healthy balance

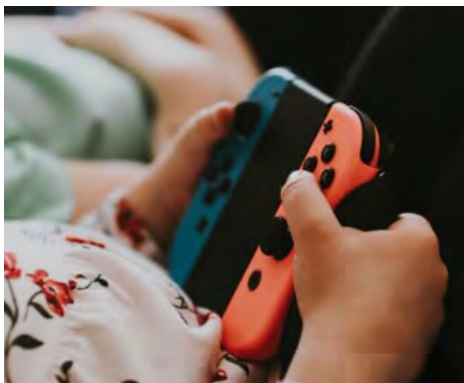
Screen time is classed as any time spent in front of a screen, so it includes everything from watching tv to completing homework on a laptop. Whilst there is no recommended screen time (except for under two, which is zero), it is important that we find a balance. Screen time can obviously be beneficial, both for educational and entertainment purposes, however it is important to be aware of the risks including:

-Eye strain

-Disrupted sleep

-Less time for other activities and being outdoors

-Affects our attention span.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHAPE RESEARCH PRIORITIES IN SAME DAY AND URGENT CARE RESEARCH?

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for *members of the public* who have used...:



- The Ambulance Service
- General Practice or Community Pharmacy
- Emergency Departments and Urgent Treatment Centres
- Urgent Community Response Services e.g. Hospital@Home, virtual wards or mental health crisis teams

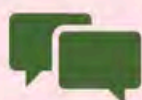
What would this involve?



Attending online meetings



Reading documents



Sharing knowledge based on your experience

How long would this take?



Approximately 2 hours a month

Contact

If you'd like to get involved or have any questions please contact us!



SURGE@uwe.ac.uk



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Lind
Alliance**
Priority Setting Partnerships

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Latch on Rees - 1 - 2.30pm	Latch on High View - 10.00 - 11.30 Elburton - 10-11.30	Latch on Nomony - 1 - 2.30pm Phoenix Centre - 1-2.30pm	Latch On Drop In Plymbridge - 1 - 2.30pm	Latch On Fourwoods - 10-11.30am
Chatterbox with baby weigh Southway Church of the Holy Spirit, 10-11.30am Step by Step The Barn 10 - 11.15am Perinatal Mental Health Support Group (Invite only) Nomony 10-11.30am Chatterbox with baby weigh Rees 1-2.30pm	Chatterbox with baby weigh Elburton Methodist Church, 10 - 11.30am Step by Step Nomony 10 - 11.15am Bump, Baby and Me (Baby group for pre walkers) FourWoods - 10 - 11.30am Free Soft Play with Family Hub Support Plymouth Methodist Central Hall, Eastlake St, PL1 1BA 1.15 - 2.30pm Free Soft Play sessions for Dads and little ones at JUMP 1st Tuesday of every month 3.30-6pm	Café Connect The Barn 10-2pm Twins Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday every month Rees, 10-11.30am Step by Step High View 1.30-2.45pm Chatterbox with baby weigh St Francis of Assisi 1 - 2.30pm Compton Church 1 - 2.30pm Bump, Baby and Me (Baby group for pre walkers) Nomony - 1 - 2.30pm Open Youth Space Ages 11-14 Rees 5-6.30pm	Chatterbox with baby weigh High View - 9.30 - 11am The Barn 10-11.30am Multicultural Group for 0-5 years old Onward House 9.30 - 11am Baby and Toddler at Christ Church, Elm 10-11.30 Step by Step Whiteleigh 10 - 11.15am Y.I.P.E.E (Young Independent Proud Parents Encouraging Each other) Various Locations (check Facebook) 1.15-2.45pm Bump, Baby and Me ((Baby group for pre walkers) Plymbridge 1-2.30 Dads and Dinkies YMCA 0-7 Years 1.30-3pm Bookable on the YMCA	Chatterbox with baby weigh Tothill Community Centre: 10 - 11.30am Fourgreens, Whiteleigh: 10- 11.30am Peep Communication & Play Nomony 10-11am PEEP Dads Sessions for dads and little ones at Jump 1.30-2.30 Open Youth Space Ages 7-11 The Barn 3.45-5.15pm



For more information about any of the events on our timetable, scan the QR code above...



Our Centres & Other Venues

The Barn Family Hub,
 Kit Hill Cres, Barne Barton, Plymouth, PL5 1EJ
 01752 362320
Opening times:
 Mon-Thurs 8.30 - 4.30 & Fri 8.30 - 4
plymouthccwest@barnardos.org.uk

Nomony Family Hub,
 27 St John's Rd, Cattedown, Plymouth,
 PL4 0PA
 01752 261844
Opening times: Mon-Thurs 8.30-4.30 & Fri 8.30-4
plymouthcceast@barnardos.org.uk

Rees Well-Being & Family Hub,
 Mudge Way, Plympton, Plymouth PL7 2PS
 01752 340550
Opening times: Mon-Thurs 8.30-4.30
 & Fri 8.30-4
plymouthcceast@barnardos.org.uk

Sweetpeas Children's centre
 Compton Church Hall, 2 Revel Road, Compton
 PL3 5LF
 07808 200207
plymouthcccentral@barnardos.org.uk

Fourwoods Family Hub,
 415 Crownhill Rd, West Park, Plymouth,
 PL5 2LN
 01752 366795
Opening times:
 Mon-Thurs 8.30-4.30 & Fri 8.30-4pm
plymouthccwest@barnardos.org.uk

High View Children's Centre,
 High View Primary School, Efford, PL3 6JQ
plymouthcccentral@barnardos.org.uk

Whiteleigh Family Hub
 Four Greens Community Hub, 15 Whiteleigh Green,
 Plymouth PL5 4DD
 01752 875933
Opening times: Monday-Thurs 8.30-4.30 & Fri
 8.30-4
plymouthccnorth@barnardos.org.uk

Plymbridge Children's centre
 C/O Plymbridge Nursery, Miller Way, Plymouth,
 PL6 8UN
 01752 875933
plymouthccnorth@barnardos.org.uk

Tothill Community Centre
 119 Knighton Road PL4 9DA

Onward House
 55 Greenbank Road, PL4 8PE

Mainstone
 Mainstone Social Club, Pattinson Drive, Plymouth
 PL6 8RU

Church of the Holy Spirit
 Cliffe Rd, Southway PL6 6EJ

Plymstock, Elburton Methodist Church,
 Springfield Road, Elburton, PL9 8PR

St Francis of Assisi, Honicknowle, 57 Little
 Dock Lane, Plymouth, Devon, PL5 2LP

Southway Youth & Community Centre
Hendwell Centre, Hendwell Close, Plymouth
 PL6 6TB

Phoenix Centre
 64 Little Dock Lane, Plymouth, PL5 3PX



Summer Term Time
 Timetable
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 July 2025



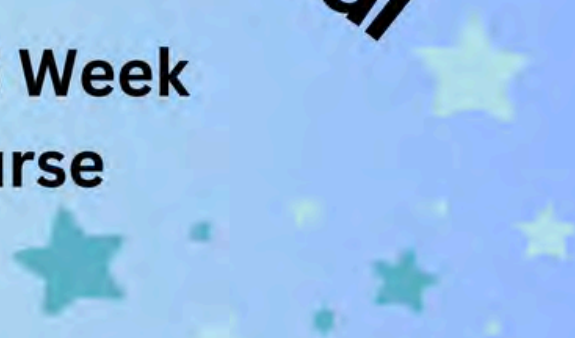
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Solihull Antenatal

**Free 5 Week
course**



Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby

Topics covered in this course are :

- What is the Solihull Approach
- Helping you and your baby through pregnancy and birth
- Getting to know your baby in the womb
- Signs and stages of labour and birth
- Birth and beyond
- Feeding your baby
- A practical session looking at bathing a baby, holding a baby, safe sleep and much more

Please scan this QR code to reserve a space, the ideal time to attend this course is from 28 weeks pregnant.

We advise booking early to avoid disappointment !



**Solihull Antenatal
Programme**

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Healthy Families Group Programme

Give your child a great start in life.

Free programme.

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us!

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Available!
(Limited)



HENRY is an evidence-based programme which supports families with children (aged 0-5) to give them a great start in life and develop a healthier lifestyle for the whole family!

Course Information: (8-week programme week commencing 5th May)

Tuesday (AM) - Four Greens Family Hub

Wednesday (AM) - Four Woods Family Hub

Friday (AM) - The Barn Family Hub

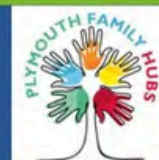
To book your place, please contact:

Email: plymouthchildrenscentres@barnardos.org.uk

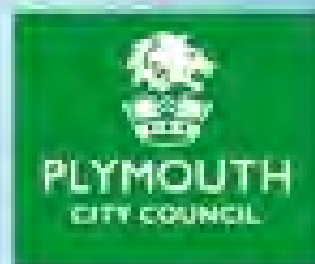
or Phone: 01752 366795

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Changing lives.



Men's Health Support Groups Gathering



A chance to speak to other Men's Health Organisations and find out common ground, support and collaboration with nice food.



Thursday 15th May
6:00pm - 8:00pm



The Plot, 80-84
Union St,
Stonehouse,
Plymouth PL1 3EZ



Parents - We need your help!

Receive £30 in
vouchers

Confidential,
Non-judgmental and
Anonymous
Data not shared outside
of research team

2 appointments in 12
months
Questionnaires and child
weight measurements.
(Parent measurements
optional).



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Leeds Institute of Clinical Trials Research

Do you have a child under 5?

We are looking for volunteers
to take part in a research
project.

The HENRY trial is a research project that
is being conducted by the University of
York in collaboration with HENRY and
University of Leeds.

Taking part in this study is optional and
you are not obliged in any way.

Please speak to a member of staff for further information

01752 366795 / PlymouthChildrensCentres@barnardos.org.uk



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If you and your child join:

- You will receive £30 in vouchers for taking part (£15 at each appointment)
- You will have 2 appointments with a researcher, one at the start and another other one 12 months later
- You will be asked to answer some questions about you and your child
- The researcher will ask to measure your child's height and weight
- We would also like to measure you at the same time, but this is optional
- You will be talked through some questionnaires on your family's eating habits, dental health and confidence as a parent
- If you have been invited to enrol on a programme called HENRY, you will be expected to attend this during the trial
- We also need people to take part who are not on a HENRY programme

What will happen to my data?

- The research data collected from you will be kept strictly confidential
- All the information will be stored securely at the University of Leeds
- Data that identifies you or your child(ren) will not be shared outside of the research team



Please speak to a member of staff for further information:

<< 01752 366795 / PlymouthChildrensCentres@barnardos.org.uk >>

Our Groups

DID YOU KNOW??

All of our Latch On Groups are drop in sessions!

No need to book, just pop along when you can

Most offer a Stay and Play option so you can
come along to socialize as well as get support

You can pop along antenatally and get some
great information before your little one arrives!

We are here to help, wherever you are on your
Breastfeeding Journey



Visit plymouth-latchon.org.uk for our current
timetable or, find us on Facebook



BARNARD'S



BARNARD'S INFANT
FEEDING TEAM PADLET

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🌐 <https://padlet.com/plymouthcccentral/infant-feeding-h19um06hs7as0dqz>

