



## An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

2024-2025

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas tree ☺ Nativity Play ☺ Christmas show ☺ Carols ☺ Christmas lights ☺ Turkey ☺ Crackers ☺ Sprouts ☺ Presents ☺ Tinsel ☺ Father Christmas ☺ Laughter! ☺

What a busy December we've had! Many, many thanks to the marvellous Marlborough team, for always going above and beyond to give our children such a wonderful build up to Christmas. The children have managed to keep kindness at the heart of Christmas and, despite their giddy excitement, they have embraced the season with smiles. As this is the last newsletter of 2024, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas break with your wonderful children. We'll see you back in school at 8.30am on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January.

### Learning Out and About and in School

*REMINDER: Events marked with **VC** indicate that voluntary contribution payments have been added to Parent Pay.*

**Christmas Concert** – All our junior children, from Classes 3 to 6, are involved in our **Christmas Top of The Pops Concert** at All Saints Church this evening. Children can wear their festive outfits. The concert starts at 6pm, so please can children arrive at 5.45pm.

**Whole School Winter Walk – Tomorrow** we are heading out on a whole school Winter Walk. Children can wear Christmas clothes and wellies as we'll be walking along Madeira Walk. We'll sing Christmas songs and hopefully, if we've been good, we might meet a jolly fellow along the way! If you are able to join us for this, please let Olivia know. We will be leaving school at 10am and will be back by 11.30am.

**Christmas Dinner** – Ruth, Kay, Cheryl and Amanda have been busy preparing for a wonderful Christmas dinner **tomorrow**. Please make sure you have booked a dinner on Parent Pay so they know how many sprouts to cook!

**Sunrise Celebration** – You are invited to join us on Swanpool beach from 7.15am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of January to welcome in the new year. Please remember that for this event you are in charge of your own children. Any musicians are welcome to perform. Bring a flask and breakfast!

### Kerry Finnegan's Fantastic Friday

Friday will be our lovely Kerry Finnegan's last day at Marlborough School before she takes up her new role working with the Vision Team in the west of Cornwall. Kerry has taught all of our Marlborough children from Class 1 and above and has had a huge impact on the children she has taught, as a class teacher and a music lead. Kerry has such a marvellously chilled way of working, yet is always focused on progress and providing the best provision for the children. After 10 years of teaching here, Kerry will be greatly missed from our staff team and we wish her all the best for the future. We'll be sending thanks to her on Friday and children are welcome to wear a Miss Finnegan inspired outfit!



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## Autumn Term Attendance

Well done to everyone who has come into school when they are well enough! We will send you a letter in the new year if your child's attendance is concerning to see if there is anything we can do to support you. We will be meeting with the Education Welfare Officer in January who may be contacting families where attendance is low.

	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Whole School
Autumn Term Attendance	95.4%	96.1%	96.3%	94.3%	97.4%	95%	96%	95.8%

## Staffing Update

**Harry Gooby** is joining the Marlborough team and will be teaching Class 1 from January. We also have two teacher training students starting with us; **Mike Sutton** is here for a term working with Hannah Bridges in Class 2, **Darcy Norton** is training alongside Martin Gimenez in Class 4 this term and with Lou Gall in Class 5 in the Summer Term.



Harry Gooby



Mike Sutton



Darcy Norton

## CIL Funding

Exciting News! We have been successful in our application for funding to develop play spaces at Marlborough School. We have been allocated £89,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to develop our outside areas in 2025. This money is ring-fenced and cannot be used to support our main school budget. We will be coming together with stakeholders in the new year to identify what we need and create an action plan. Many many thanks to the brilliant team for putting together the bid. It's extra-exciting as we will be celebrating 60 years of Marlborough School in the summer!

## Marlborough Sponsored Cycle Ride 2025

Preparations are well underway for the Marlborough Sponsored Cycle 2025! As in previous years, we are looking for businesses to sponsor the event, by making a donation in return for their logo appearing on the event T-Shirts. If you are interested in sponsorship, or know a business who might be, please drop us a line ASAP at [mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk)

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm – Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 Carol Concert at All Saints' Church

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Winter Walk

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – School Closed for INSET day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Children back to school

You are invited to Family Carols around the piano at All Saints Church, Killigrew Street, 4pm Saturday 21st December. All are welcome.

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## Autumn Term Menu

Please book your child's food choice in advance via Parent Pay.

Please note that Friday's menu has changed due to Christmas Dinner on Thursday.

Marlborough Kitchen's Autumn Menu					
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weeks beginning: 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Macaroni Cheese or Tomato and Basil Pasta  Yogurt and Oats or Fruit	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans Or Sweetcorn and Red Pepper Pancakes  Fruit	Beef Chilli Or Hummus and Breadsticks Fruit	Christmas Dinner Day! Turkey or Veggie options with all the trimmings	Jacket Potato Or Tomato Soup and Focaccia  Fruit

### Wrap Club

Plymouth Argyle are providing Breakfast Club and Wrap Club every school day which can be booked through this link: [Booking Link](#)

