hello Winter

Friday 28th November 2025

Marlbrook Primary School Newsletter
Headteacher Miss C Smethurst

School gates open 8:30am with a finish of 3:15pm. Attendance number is 07470708788 or email on attendance@marlbrook.hereford.sch.uk

Dodgeball Tournament

On Tuesday, a group of Year 6 children took part in a dodgeball tournament at Kingstone High School. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part and enjoyed wins over Kingstone Primary School, Clehonger Primary School and Longtown Primary School.

English workshop

A few children from years 3 and 4 were selected to take part in an English workshop with visiting author Colin R Parons. Where the children took part in a writing workshop. They had the opportunity to imagine and write their own stories that he asked lots of questions about. The children had a brilliant time and really enjoyed making their own stories.

Fine Motor Skills

Recently we were delighted to welcome in our Reception grownups for a motor skills workshop. We learnt about the importance of supporting our children in both their gross and fine motor skills and different ways in which we can help from home. We then got to engage in some of these ideas with our children, lots of fun was had!

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Year 3 Christmas Letters

Year 3 have been workig hard writing their letters to Santa this week, and today they were able to walk down to the post box to post them. They were all very excited.

AMAZING ATTENDANCE

Last Weeks Attendance winners are:

1A with 99%
2D with 99%
6W with 96%

This Weeks Attendance winners are:

1A with 100%
2B with 98%
4L with 98%

From The Attendance team

Why Reporting Absences Matters

Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and wellbeing. Every day in school helps them build knowledge, confidence, and friendships. If your child cannot attend, please let us know as soon as possible following our school's attendance policy 01432266642/07470708788 attendance@marlbrook.hereford.sch.uk. This ensures we can record the absence correctly and offer support if needed. Please consider bringing your child in later rather than missing a whole day off.

If we do not hear from you with a reason for your child/children being absent or we are not satisfied with the reason given as stated in school policy, we have to mark the absence as **unauthorised** and follow our safeguarding procedures. These procedures may include calling your child/childrens's listed emergency contacts and making a home visit. This includes regular updates from you to why your child/children are still off.

Unauthorised absences can quickly add up and may lead to formal action under national guidelines. ***The Department for Education's framework states that after 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a 10-week period, schools must consider requesting a penalty notice. These notices carry a financial cost and, if unpaid, can lead to court proceedings.***

Most importantly, missing school means missing lessons. This can make it harder for your child to keep up and feel confident. We want to work with you to prevent this. If you are facing challenges that make attendance difficult, please talk to us—we are here to help.

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