



VICTORIA ROAD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

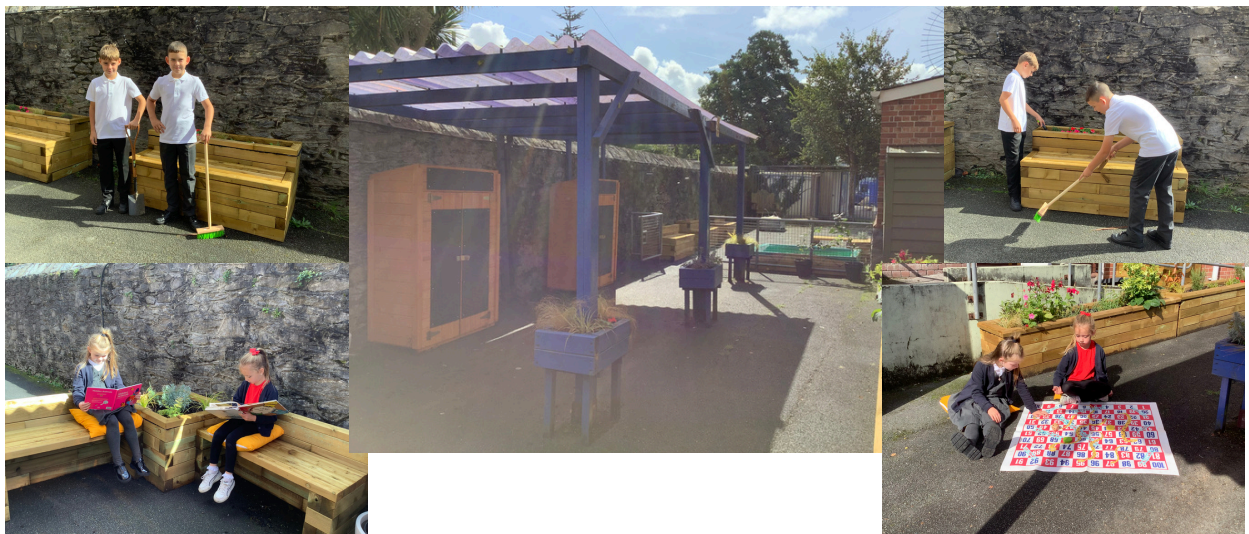
5th September 2025

Welcome back to the new school year!

I hope you have all had a fantastic 6 weeks. The children have had such a good start to their new classes and settled very quickly with their new teachers. A special welcome to any children who are new to the school and to our new Reception class.

This week we have run 'Meet the Teacher' sessions after school for years 1 - 6. This was a chance to find out a bit more about what your children will be learning, their PE days and to meet their class teacher. If you weren't able to attend, the information has been added to the class pages on our website so please take a look there.

Over the holidays, there has been more work done on our nature garden. If you don't walk around the back of the school, you won't have seen it so here are some photos for you.



This is a space where children can chill out and enjoy being in a peaceful environment.



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The office will be sending out a photo consent form by email shortly. Please make sure you respond if you would like your child's photo to be on the newsletter and social media. We love to celebrate the children learning and enjoying school but we need your permission to do this.

From the week beginning the 15th September, we will be opening our school gates a little later in the morning. We are pleased that so many of you are keen to be at school early but we want to make sure that parents have a chance to give messages to the office quietly before school as there may be sensitive information they want to relay and this is difficult to do in a noisy entrance. We hope you understand why this is and ask you to wait outside the gates even if a parent is buzzed in to talk to the office.

Advance notice: We have a Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 26th September. Please join us for a drink and a cake to raise money for this very worthy cause.

You may have seen in the news the importance of attendance in the first week of school so thank you to everyone who has been in school every day this week. It really does matter so let's make this our highest attending year yet!

[School attendance matters | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-attendance-matters)



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05th September 2025

Staffing Update

Please welcome Miss Hennessey who will be joining us in Year 4 as the classroom teacher Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays.



We also welcome Mr Olver as our site manager, you will see him in and around the school throughout the school day.

The children will know Mr Olver as he was previously a meal time assistant with us.



Ms C Brake
Headteacher

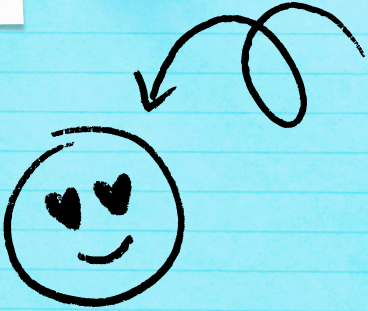
ARBOR



Please ensure all contact details are up to date with the school office and you are checking your outstanding balances.



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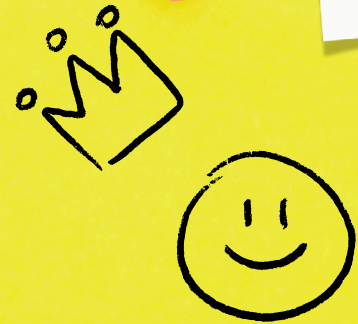
WATER BOTTLES

Please send children into school with named refillable water bottles.

Facebook!

We are working on using our social media platforms to get information out to parents, so please find us on Facebook.

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Community Larder

Can be located next to reception window.

Please continue to help yourselves or if you need something you can't see, speak to the office.

Donations also welcome.



Nursery places available now for 2 and 3 year olds!



“Children in the Nursery learn how to get the most out of their play” -OFSTED 2023

Victoria Road Primary
and Nursery School

For more information-
Call: 01752 365411

Email: office@victoriaroad.uk



Free School Meals

From 1 April 2025, the way families apply for Free School Meals is changing.

Applications will now be made through the Plymouth Citizen Portal, not via schools or online forms.

Apply here: [Plymouth Citizen Portal](#)
The Citizen Portal allows the Local Authority to contact parents directly via email about their application and eligibility.

What's changing?

- From 1 April 2025, all new applications for Free School Meals will be rechecked.
 - every half term.
- The portal will notify you if your child remains eligible or if eligibility changes after a recheck.

Already receiving Free School Meals?

- If you applied on or before 31 March 2025, your child's eligibility is protected until: the end of their current school phase (Year 6 for primary or Year 11 for secondary).
- No need to reapply until they move to a new school phase (e.g. Year 6 to Year 7).

If you have any questions, please contact:
FreeSchoolMeals2@plymouth.gov.uk



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support
people living with cancer.

Victoria Road Primary and Nursery School

26th September 2025

9am

Contact: holly.lewis@victoriaroad.uk

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**





SEND Workshops: September 2025



This is just a reminder that we have some upcoming face-to-face or virtual free workshops for parents/carers running this month on:

- **Choosing a Secondary School for September 2026** – for parents/carers of children in years 5 or 6 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or an education, health and care plan (EHCP).
- **Annual Reviews** – for parents/carers of a child/young person with SEND who has an EHCP.

If you haven't signed up already, you can still sign up below.

Please also share with your families, friends and networks.


SEND Workshop: Choosing a Secondary School for September 2026



Scan me

For parents/carers of
children in years 5 or 6 with
SEND and/or an EHCP

www.plymouthias.org.uk



The Next Steps: Choosing a Secondary School

Do you have a child who will go to secondary school in September 2026 who has SEND and/or an EHCP and is currently in years 5 or 6?

If so, parent/carers can join PIASS at one of the sessions below.

If your child has an EHCP – Choosing a secondary school for September 2026:

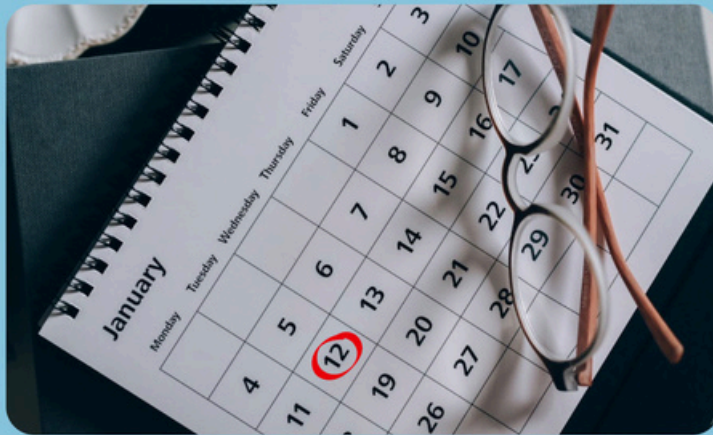
- Tuesday 16 September 2025, 9:30am-12:00pm – Face-to-Face (Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre) or
- Thursday 18 September 2025, 9:30am-11:30am – Virtual

If your child has SEND (without an EHCP) – Choosing a secondary school for September 2026:

- Tuesday 23 September 2025, 9:30am-12:00pm – Face-to-Face (Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre) or
- Thursday 25 September 2025, 9:30am-11:30am – Virtual

Book at: [Choosing a Secondary School](#)

SEND Workshop: Annual Reviews



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For parents/carers of a
child/young person with
SEND who has an EHCP

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Annual Reviews :

Are you the parent/carer of a child or young person with SEND who has an EHCP?

Would you like to learn more about annual reviews which are used to monitor a child/young person's progress?

If so, join PIASS for one of the following free sessions:

- Monday 15 September 2025, 9:30am-12:00pm – Face-to-Face (Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre) or
- Friday 19 September 2025, 9:30am-11:30am – Virtual

Book at: [Annual Reviews](#)

Connect with us on Facebook

We regularly post SEND information on our Facebook page, so stay up to date by liking us on Facebook.





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BIRTHDAY PARTIES

HOME PARK STADIUM

WHITE
OR GOLD
PACKAGES



We are delighted to run Birthday Parties for your children...

- Coaching sessions
- Fun games and matches
- Stadium tour
- Fun for all ages

White Package

Coaching session at Harpers, Home Park Stadium Tour, goody bags for all, and a special bag for the birthday girl/boy.

2.5 hours for £200

Gold Package

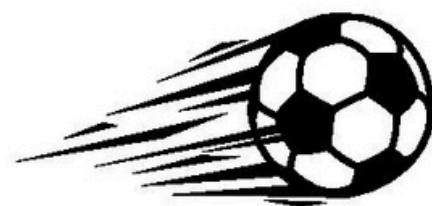
Coaching session at Harpers, Home Park Stadium Tour, food supplied for up to 16, visit from Pilgrim Pete, goody bags for all, and a special bag for the birthday girl/boy.

3 hours for £400

Maximum of 16 children

JACK.GOVIER@PAFC.CO.UK

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL AT **MARINE ACADEMY** **PLYMOUTH**



WINTER PROGRAMME

SESSION	SCHOOL YEAR	DAY / TIME	FACILITY
Mini Kickers	Reception Year 1	Friday 4.30-5.30pm Friday 5.30-6.30pm	Sports Hall Sports Hall
Total Football	Year 2/3	Monday 5-6pm	Sports Hall
Monday Night Football	Year 4/5/6	Monday 5-6pm	3G (Moulded Boots)
Girls Football	Year 2/3/4	Monday 6-7pm	Sports Hall

FUN, INCLUSIVE, EVERYONE WELCOME

DBS & Qualified FA Coaches
Potential pathways into Marine Academy Plymouth FC
Only £3 per session
Places need to be booked

For further information email:
darren.stewart@marineacademy.org.uk
Tel: 01752 213951



MARINE ACADEMY
PLYMOUTH

GIRLS FOOTBALL AT MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH

NEW SESSIONS



School Years 2, 3 & 4
Monday 6-7pm

Only £3 per session

Part of the FA accredited
Wildcats scheme

Sessions to be held indoors
in Sports Hall

Open to all abilities

Places need to be booked



**For further information & to book a space email:
samantha.drewery@marineacademy.org.uk
Tel: 01752 213951**

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL AT MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH



**MARINE ACADEMY
PLYMOUTH**

MINI KICKERS FOOTBALL SESSIONS



Fridays 4.30-5.30pm
Ages 4-5
School Year Reception

Fridays 5.30-6.30pm
Ages 5-6
School Year 1

£3 a session

Sessions to take place in
the Sports Hall

Places need to be booked



**For information on our community programme
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