



Report to Parish Council meeting MAY 2025

Note from the Head Teacher:

I have been delighted to lead Marhamchurch C of E Academy this academic year, as well as taking on the headship at St Marks, Morwenstow. Time is split between the 2 schools and we are growing a leadership team within the school. Our school vision 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) has been demonstrated fully through our full offer to the children, academically, socially, morally, culturally and spiritually. We have had a tough term this Spring with the sad loss of our colleague Miss Martin - a teacher at the school for 16 years. She is deeply missed and we have a condolence book in the school lobby for anyone who wishes to add their wishes, memories or sympathy to the family.

Below, I have outlined some of the highlights this year so far and there are yet many more to come, such as a trip for Y5/6 to London and visit to the Houses of Parliament; our Year 3 and 4 children are joining their hub schools at Porthpean in June also.

I wish to thank the incredible staff team for pulling together this year, in particular in the past weeks.

Kindest regards,

CONTEXT -

Marhamchurch C of E Adademy is part of the LAP (Learning Academy Partnership) SW. Our school vision is 'Life in all its fullness' and our core Christian values are respect, friendship, thankfulness, hope, compassion and courage.

Our Trust values are EMPOWER, EXCEL, TOGETHER. We believe the Christian ethos that permeates our Trust leads to trusting relationships, productive classrooms and an inclusive, caring community. We learn, reflect and grow together towards a future where everyone can flourish.

Pupil numbers - The school has grown further and we have gone beyond capacity to 145 children. We have a healthy new intake of 17 pupils to Reception in September. The school has been awarded a council grant for exceptional growth.



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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT -

Our focus on having the best teachers in front of every child has driven school improvement this year. We have done extensive staff development around SEND and adaptive teaching as well as upskilling pedagogy so that we have a more universal and accessible approach to learning for all children to access.

Our Year 6 SATS have gone well this year - we are set to have the best set of results since my arrival at the school and this should lead us very well through our next Ofsted inspection.

ENRICHMENT, TRIPS and VISITS -

Opportunities this academic year have included Beach school with the Two Minute Foundation for Owls and in school workshops for Puffin class; Surfing lessons for Y6 will be concluded in the Summer term. Trips to Rosemoor, a visit to Mousehole for Theatre trip and local walks to enrich the curriculum as well as use of the local village Forest School area. We have also had visits from authors and poets through the Bude Literary Festival and were able to join the community on the beach to raise the St Piran flag on St Piran's day.

Music - increase in peripatetic lessons - woodwind, guitar, piano, brass coming in the Summer term.

Pupil participation in Triggshire orchestra events.

School choir growing - Songfest, singing in the community.

Sport - Gymnastics County finals, Cross country finals, Small School Athletics, Cornwall School Games, Primary School Games Netball, KS2 Football festival, Sports Day, Cricket, Hockey and Football festivals as well as a wide variety of clubs/ after school provision.

Church and wider community - Messy Church club weekly, Open the Book weekly, Explore Easter/ Christmas, Bude Methodist Church, Easter service St Marwennes. PFSA Easter fayre and hunt, Leavers Service, use of the Church as a learning space (RE lessons).

LOOKING AHEAD -

As we look to the next academic year, class structure and planning is underway. We are engaging in enhanced transition for all children so that they can start the year easily. Teachers are working hard to continue to offer a full curriculum as well as the national curriculum coverage. Next year, our focus subjects are Art, DT and RE. We will be continuing the momentum on our Trust core offers in Reading, Writing, Phonics and Maths.