



**North Marston Church of England School**  
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***Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!***

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Welcome to the penultimate Newsletter of the school year. We have survived the heat wave and managed to complete Sports Day and transition day with some minor tweaks along the way! We were very grateful that the weather held to enable the class photos and our whole school photo to take place outside this morning.

Please take the time to read the Newsletter so you are aware of what's happening in school and talk to your children about their experiences. Research shows that 'back and forth' conversations are a great way to develop children's language skills and vocabulary which, in turn, builds confidence and resilience as well as positively impacting academic outcomes: it's a win-win!

Have a great weekend everyone, Sarah x

### **Looking Forward**

I'm sure the children have shared with you which support staff were in their class on transition day but just to ensure all parents and carers know which adults will be supporting in their child's class next year, I have outlined the staffing structure below. As always, staff might be moved around throughout the year, depending on the needs of the children but, this is the starting line up!

**Ruby** Class (Reception) will be taught by Mrs Karen Avery and supported by Elaine Jackson and Terri Iacofano

**Opal** Class (Year 1 & 2) will be taught by Mr Chris Armstead & Mrs Emma Tebbutt and supported by Karen Hunter

**Diamond** Class (Year 3 & 4) will be taught by Miss Helen Giggins and supported by Nicola Abrams, Lizzi Bonson-Forbes and Carla Duggan

**Sapphire** Class (Year 5 & 6) will be taught by Mr Tom Onan-Read and Mrs Rachel Wilson and supported by Sue Bennett, Mariana Daviu, Bessie Hockaday and Louise Smedley

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**Introducing Amy!**



I am delighted to be able to introduce our newest recruit for September – Amy! Amy is Terri Iacofano's dog and will be coming to work at North Marston C of E School to support children's and staff's well-being and emotional regulation.

Amy, Terri and Karen Hunter will be fully trained in September and then training will be rolled out to all staff and children so that everyone can interact safely with Amy if they wish to.

There will be a further letter coming out next week with details of the benefits of a school dog but I was so excited, I had to introduce her as soon as I could!

**Parent's Evening**

You should have received your appointment slip already so please make a note of the time/s. Remember to leave plenty of time for your visit as there is the book fair and the parent survey, as well as your child's books to look at. You will receive your child's written report at the appointment.

**A Message from our Safeguarding Partners**

While we might like to believe that the dangers posed by online harm and child exploitation are more prevalent among older children, I believe it is never too soon to familiarise ourselves with the risks and the warning signs to be aware of, and to begin to take steps to build the trust and start the transparent conversations that will help to protect our children in the future. Please take some time to watch the linked videos and come in to chat to me if there is anything that worries you. There is lots of support available for the child victims of these awful situations.

<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/news/pcc-supports-new-videos-for-educators-parents-and-carers/>

**Learning Environment**

After some training and a visit to another local school to see best practice, staff have been working really hard to ensure that our displays are engaging and a true celebration of the work that the children have produced. Other displays that we are producing are to celebrate our values and develop the children's cultural capital – this is where we need your help!



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This is one of our new displays which shows some famous landmarks around the world and The British Isles to develop the children's curiosity. We would love to celebrate the diversity within our school community, showing the respect we have for other cultures, and therefore we are asking parents and carers to send us details of your family heritage if you would like to feature on our map.

If you would like to be included, please send an email to the office with details of your family connection to a place outside of the UK. If you would like to include a photo, either a shot of the landscape, or a family picture 'on location' then we would love to include that too. Thank you for your support with this project.

**Forest School**

I am delighted that Forest School will continue to be offered across the school next year to enhance the children's learning.

Reception and Year 1 children will go on a Friday morning (after celebration assembly).

Year 2 children will go on a Monday afternoon.

KS2 will again have a termly visit – dates to be confirmed.

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# Summer Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>  4pm – 8pm District Athletics	<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> Parent progress meetings	<b><u>9<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	<b><u>10<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> Parent progress meetings	<b><u>11<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> Last celebration assembly of the year!
<b><u>14<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	<b><u>15<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	<b><u>16<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>  2pm Sapphire production	<b><u>17<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>  2:45pm Read with Rubies  6:30pm Sapphire production	<b><u>18<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> No celebration assembly  9am Y6 Leaver's Assembly (Y6 parents and carers invited)  12:30 – Y6 picnic and sports afternoon  3:10pm PTA treat Friday
<b><u>21<sup>st</sup> July</u></b>	<b><u>22<sup>nd</sup> July</u></b>	<b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> July</u></b> 2pm Leavers' Church Service  <b>END OF TERM</b>		
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> September</u></b> Summer Holidays	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> September</u></b> Summer Holidays	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> September</u></b> INSET day – children do not attend	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Children return to school – gates open @ 8:40am	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> No celebration Assembly No Forest School
<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> PM: Year 2 Forest School	<b><u>9<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Y6 secondary transfer test (11+) practice	<b><u>10<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>	<b><u>11<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Y6 secondary transfer test (11+)	<b><u>12<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> 9am Celebration Assembly AM: Reception & Y1 Forest School

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**Term Dates 2024/2025**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start at 8:40 on:</b>	<b>Finish at 3:10 on:</b>
<b>Summer 1</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
<b>Summer 2</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025

**INSET days** (for staff only): Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September; Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November; Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January; Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Term Dates 2025/2026**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start at 8:40 on:</b>	<b>Finish at 3:10 on:</b>
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 1</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
<b>Summer 2</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026

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