



North Marston Church of England School

Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!



A big, warm welcome to those parents and carers who are joining us for the first time, and welcome back to those who are returning. The children have come back rested and raring to go and it was delightful to see every class settled and engaged in learning by 9am yesterday morning (even our brand new 4 year olds!).

I trust you have all had a wonderful summer (I've already heard about some of your fabulous adventures!) and that you are as excited as I am for the year ahead. As you can see, the diary for this half term is beginning to fill up so, please make a note of the important dates below.

Have a great weekend everyone, Sarah x

Pupil Leadership Team

Our new Head Pupils have made a start on their leadership journey by helping me in my welcome back assembly. We are now in the process of undertaking the electoral process for choosing Year 6 House Captains and school and eco-council representatives from other year groups.

Year 6 House Captains will be voted for in House Assemblies on Monday 15th September and each class will hold elections for school council and eco-council reps later that same week. All new badges will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Friday 19th September – parents of chosen candidates will be invited to join us.

PE Days

Mark Lambert will be returning to continue teaching PE to each class on a Monday.

Each class will also have a second PE lesson, taught by their class teacher as follows:

Ruby: Thursday

Opal: Friday

Diamond: Wednesday

Sapphire: Wednesday

Children should come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Please make sure that hair is tied back securely and that earrings and watches are left at home on PE days to avoid issues with these items becoming lost.

Before School Club

We still have spaces at our Before School provision. Children can be booked in to arrive from 7:45am and, although we don't provide breakfast, we will provide provision for them to eat, should they wish to bring an on-the-go breakfast with them!

Each session is £3.50 and can be booked by emailing Katie on office@northmarston.bucks.sch.uk

Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse Appeal

Mrs Avery has been volunteering at the Aylesbury Vineyard foodbank for many years and reported that during that time, baked beans and pasta were the two items they never ran out of, even during Covid.

However, this summer, at one point there were only 25 tins of baked beans on the shelf - not even enough for one per family group.

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So, while most of us have enjoyed some extra treats and experiences over the summer, many local families have had no choice but to turn to the foodbank for help. The cost of living, price rises and the cost of childcare have all contributed to this.

How can you help? We thought this would be great opportunity to show our school value of KINDNESS by gathering some essential items to donate for families in need.

In the week beginning 15th September, please bring into school cans of baked beans or pasta (of any variety) and place them in the box at the front of school. To help children understand the benefit this could have for a family, you may wish to note how many cans of beans or packets of pasta you use in a week, and then decide how many to donate.

Thank you for your support with this appeal. We will as usual be collecting and donating the produce from our Harvest Festival next month to Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse.

Summer Reading Challenge

If you took part in this wonderful event, please share your successes with us. We would love to hear about the books you read and what you thought about, as well as any recommendations for the library or reading shed. Please encourage your child to bring in their certificate or just chat to us about their participation.

PTA

Starting the year in style, the PTA are delighted to be a major part of the upcoming GrandMarstonbury festival and Dog Show on Saturday 13th September. We will be holding a mufti day in school on Wednesday 10th September and would really appreciate any donations which might be appropriate for the tombola – unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates etc. Please leave your donation in the boxes outside the main entrance on Wednesday morning.

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help at the events as well so if you are able to spare some time on 13th, please speak to Anneka Boyt who will be only too happy to find a role for you!

Keep an eye out for future PTA events which we will bring you news of (once they've recovered from the Dog Show!).

Guitar Lessons

If you would like your child to learn to play the guitar, we have a peripatetic teacher who visits once a week to deliver tuition. Lessons start next week, so please see the attached information if you are interested.

Clubs

Our Autumn term selection is now available! Please see the attached letter with details of our Autumn term clubs and how to sign up. Please make a note of the relevant start and end dates.

New Roof

If you've been at drop off or pick up this week, you will have spotted that the scaffolding is all in place and most of our car park has been taken over by contractor's paraphernalia!

The current time frame we are working to is as follows:

Week beginning 15th September work will begin on raising the pipework on the roof to allow for the roofing contractors to be able to do their work. This pipework will take approximately 3 weeks.

Week beginning 6th October – roofing contractors begin.

Week beginning 1st December – work will be completed and scaffolding will be taken down.

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The children have accepted the new look and been very sensible in working around it. While it is not ideal, it is a necessary inconvenience to allow for this essential work to take place. The Local Authority are working closely with us to minimise disruption and the main contractor, Stoic, are being flexible as necessary – they have lots of experience of working with schools and therefore a good understanding of the accommodations we might need.

I will endeavour to keep you updated with how the works are progressing but if you have any questions or concerns, please pop in to see me or drop an email to the office.

Autumn Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8th September PM: Year 2 Forest School starts back	9th September Y6 secondary transfer test (11+) practice	10th September Mufti Day for tombola donations	11th September Y6 secondary transfer test (11+)	12th September 9am Celebration Assembly AM: Reception & Y1 Forest School starts back GrandMarstonbury tomorrow!
15th September House Assemblies to choose House Captains Clubs start	16th September	17th September	18th September	19th September 9am celebration assembly
22nd September Whole School Art Workshop	23rd September Whole School Art Workshop	24th September 7pm PTA AGM	25th September	26th September 9am celebration assembly
29th September	30th September	1st October	2nd October	3rd October 9am celebration assembly

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6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October Diamonds Trip to Milton Keynes discovery centre	10th October 9am celebration assembly
13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October	17th October 9am celebration assembly
20th October NO CLUBS THIS WEEK	21st October Parents' Evening	22nd October	23rd October Parents' Evening	24th October 9am celebration assembly 3:10pm finish for half term

Term Dates 2025/2026

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

INSET days (for staff only): Wednesday 3rd September; Friday 19th December; Friday 13th February;
Monday 1st June; Wednesday 22nd July

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