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Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!



Despite the weather indicating otherwise, Summer 2 is well under way and the focus is on completing and consolidating the current year's learning while starting to look forward to what the future holds.

This can be a tricky time of year for some, children and adults alike, so we try to stay focused on the excitement of what's ahead while acknowledging that change can sometimes hold sadness – and that's ok!

We still have lots of great things happening this term so please take a good look at the calendar to see what's coming up.

Have a great weekend, Sarah x

Vision for North Marston

This week, we gave the children an overview of what our school values mean and I am delighted to say that we have already had children showing an understanding of how to live the values throughout the school day. It would be great to hear any feedback about how the children are showing their understanding outside of school so please share any examples from home with their class teacher or email the office. As a reminder;

At North Marston School we value:

Kindness

We treat others, and ourselves, with kindness and are thoughtful in all our interactions, being mindful that we don't know the struggles others are facing. We are considerate to others and their feelings. We make a conscious effort not to retaliate, trying to bring others out of the darkness and into the light. We are aware that there are people less fortunate than us and we try to help in whatever way we can.

Determination

Even when we find it tricky, we will stay determined and show our resilience to do our best work, following the high expectations set for us. We strive to keep the light inside us shining bright.

Respect

We show respect for everyone in our school community and for our environment, both local and global. We make an effort to ensure that everyone feels welcome and included within our school so that we can work and grow together. We celebrate the different ways in which people shine their light and we work hard to support those who struggle to shine.

Integrity

We make good choices and do the right thing, even when no one is looking. We work hard to improve ourselves and make a positive contribution to our school community, not because of the rewards we might get but because we aim to be the best version of ourselves. We are fair and honest. We know that our opportunities to

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shine are limitless.

Curiosity

We make the most of the opportunities presented to us and engage in all learning activities, developing our desire to know and understand more. We ask questions if we don't understand and we share our knowledge selflessly to support the growth of our school community, shining our light on those around us. We are keen to find out more about the world we live in and how we can have a positive impact on it.

A message from our Safeguarding Partners

Domestic abuse remains a significant concern in Buckinghamshire, with recent data showing a rise in incidents involving children. Nationally, over 2.4 million adults experienced domestic abuse in the past year, and many of these cases affect children either directly or indirectly. Under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, children who see, hear, or are otherwise impacted by abuse are now legally recognised as victims. These experiences can have lasting effects on a child's emotional wellbeing, behaviour, and learning.

The Buckinghamshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board want to encourage reporting and are looking for your views on ways to make it easier for parents and caregivers who may be looking for support and advice around domestic abuse. Please complete the online anonymous survey below which also contains some definitions of domestic abuse. Below is a link to a video to help you spot the signs of domestic abuse. **The survey is open to everyone regardless of whether you've been affected by domestic abuse. Please complete by 23 June.**

[Unhealthy behaviours to look out for in relationships](#)

[Domestic Abuse survey](#)

If you don't have a device to watch the video or complete the survey, or would like a private space to do this, please come into school and we can provide the space and device for you.

Books Lovers:

Buckingham Literary Festival is taking place over the next few weeks with a variety of readings, workshops and other exciting activities for both children and adults. For more information follow the link to their website <https://www.bucklitfest.org/>

PTA

The PTA would like to thank both North Marston Parish Council and Granborough Parish Council for their kind donations towards a new shed, which the PTA will use for storage (freeing up their garages and lounges!). The next event is the PTA Summer Fair which will take place after sports day on Thursday 19th June. Highlights include the tombola, BBQ and Jolly Jars. Please look out for information about how you can donate goodies to support the PTA.

I would also like to draw your attention to the PTA AGM which will take place on Wednesday 24th September at 7:30pm at the school. Everyone is welcome and attendance does not imply any ongoing commitment so please come along and find out more about what our amazing PTA do for our school community.

The PTA are actively seeking a new treasurer as Matthew Goss will be stepping down at the end of this year. We thank Matthew for stepping up in our hour of need and appreciate the work he has done for the PTA. The

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treasurer role does not necessarily involve being at PTA meetings or events so please speak to me or a member of the PTA if you would like to know more.

Governors

Our governors provide an important strategic role in providing challenge and support. Currently we have spaces for new governors to join the team. If you are interested in finding out a little more about the role and expectations, please email the office and a member of the governing board will get in touch with you.

Reports

Teachers are currently working on composing the children's end of year reports, which will be shared with you at our summer term parent's evenings on 8th and 10th of July. The reports will provide a written summary of your child's achievements from this year which will be discussed in more detail at the face-to-face meeting. Details of booking appointments will be sent out shortly so please look out for the letters.

Granborough Charter Fayre

Saturday 21st June 2025

Join us for a full day of fun starting with a special morning gathering at the church and village hall, followed by daytime games and activities for all ages. Then stick around for fantastic evening entertainment that promises a great time for everyone. Check out the full agenda on the leaflets below.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are looking for local businesses who might like to sponsor our membership to Science Oxford next year which will cost £300. This will enable staff to attend development training to ensure that our science teaching remains up-to-date and that children continue to have opportunities to engage in practical and relevant science work. It also entitles us to borrow some kit from science oxford for the children to use in school which they wouldn't otherwise have access to.

We are also looking at investing in a 'team kit' for when our children compete in sports against other schools as we believe it enhances the experience for them and makes it a special experience which is different from their usual PE lessons. We would be delighted if there were a local company who would like to be involved in this process and would be happy for the kit to include the company logo or name.

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Summer Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>9th June</u> Y1 phonics screening (and Y2 retakes)	<u>10th June</u> Diamond Class Forest School visit Y6 whole class transition workshop	<u>11th June</u> Seed & Sprout – mufti and bring a seed or plant	<u>12th June</u> Opal and Sapphire NSPCC workshops Ruby and Diamond Rabbi visit	<u>13th June</u>
<u>16th June</u>	<u>17th June</u> Sapphire Class Forest School visit Selected group to Science Share in Oxford	<u>18th June</u> 6pm Meeting for Parents of Sept 2025 Reception intake	<u>19th June</u> Sports Day PTA Summer Fete	<u>20th June</u>
<u>23rd June</u>	<u>24th June</u>	<u>25th June</u> 2pm Reception September 2025 Stay & Play session	<u>26th June</u> 2:45pm Read with Rubies	<u>27th June</u> Opal class trip to Southend
<u>30th June</u>	<u>1st July</u> Y6 transition (school dependant) Whole School move-up day	<u>2nd July</u> Y6 transition (school dependent) 2:30pm Opal parents invited to take part in book talk session	<u>3rd July</u>	<u>4th July</u> Class photos and whole school photo
<u>7th July</u> 4pm – 8pm District Athletics	<u>8th July</u> Parent progress meetings & Book Fair	<u>9th July</u>	<u>10th July</u> Parent progress meetings & Book Fair	<u>11th July</u>
<u>14th July</u>	<u>15th July</u>	<u>16th July</u> 2pm Sapphire production	<u>17th July</u> 2:45pm Read with Rubies 6:30pm Sapphire production	<u>18th July</u> 3:10pm PTA treat Friday

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<u>21st July</u>	<u>22nd July</u>	<u>23rd July</u> 2pm Leavers' Church Service END OF TERM		
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Term Dates 2024/2025

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

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

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

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