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The term is whizzing by and the children are well under way with their new topics. I seem to have had a constant stream of children coming to visit me with fabulous work, which is evidence of the good learning that is happening in the classroom. I know the children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you in our Learning Showcase, which will be happening before half term. As usual, please keep an eye on the calendar at the bottom of the newsletter or check the one on the website so that you don't miss any of our exciting events.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah x

Staffing

Georgia's operation went well and she is at home recovering. She is missing the children and can't wait to be back with them as soon as she is able to. Thank you to those who have shared well-wishes, I have passed those on to Georgia. In the meantime, Opal class are enjoying continuing their learning under the care of Tom and Emma and I thank them for stepping in to offer cover for the class.

Learning Showcase

You are all warmly invited to join us on the morning of Wednesday 12th February for an opportunity to share in the children's learning. I know each class is planning something special so it really is an event not to be missed.

PTA

Thank you to all who supported the hot chocolate and donut event – I hear I missed out on some delicious treats!

The PTA are busy preparing for the much anticipated Spring Disco on Thursday 13th February so look out for details coming your way very soon.

Greet your child with a smile, not a screen!

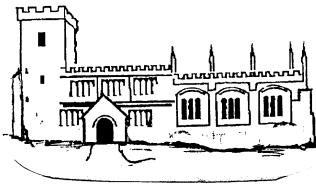
A reminder to all parents and carers to not use your mobile phones on the school playground. Please keep them in a bag or pocket while collecting your child. If you need to take a call or send a message, please complete this before entering the playground. This is part of our safeguarding process to help keep all of our children safe and I thank you for your support with this.

Walking Home

It has been brought to my attention that children have been seen on the walk home from school running down School Hill and not observing appropriate road safety measures. We will be addressing road safety with the children in school and I would ask that you discuss this with your children at home too. We are very lucky to enjoy relatively quiet roads in North Marston but we must remain alert to the potential dangers and ensure our children give due care when they are walking around the village.

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I have also had complaints about NM children playing 'knock and run' on the local houses which is anti-social behaviour. If your child walks home alone then please discuss expectations of their behaviour. Children identified as behaving in a way which is below expectation will have the privilege of being a 'walker' removed and will need to be collected so that they can be appropriately supervised.

MHST

Please find attached to the Newsletter a flyer from the Mental Health Support Team. They are running a webinar for parents of primary school children on 3rd April about supporting your child to deal with change and transition. This is perfectly timed just before we go into the summer term when we start to prepare the children for the transition to their next class/year group/ school in September. If you are interested then please scan the QR code on the flyer.

There are also lots of resources for parents and carers on the MHST website to support you to help your child if they are experiencing any difficulties and we also have access to the team who could offer further support if necessary so please do come and speak to us if you think this might help.

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/carers/>

Spring Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>3rd February</u>	<u>4th February</u>	<u>5th February</u>	<u>6th February</u> PTA meeting	<u>7th February</u>
<u>10th February</u> Young Voices event	<u>11th February</u>	<u>12th February</u> Learning Showcase 9am – Ruby 9:30 – Opal 10am – Diamonds 10:30 - Sapphire	<u>13th February</u> PTA Disco	<u>14th February</u> Break up for half term
<u>24th February</u> Back to school	<u>25th February</u>	<u>26th February</u>	<u>27th February</u>	<u>28th February</u>

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<u>3rd March</u>	<u>4th March</u>	<u>5th March</u>	<u>6th March</u> World Book Day	<u>7th March</u>
<u>10th March</u> No clubs this week	<u>11th March</u> Learning Progress Meetings	<u>12th March</u>	<u>13th March</u> Learning Progress Meetings	<u>14th March</u>
<u>17th March</u> Clubs back on	<u>18th March</u>	<u>19th March</u>	<u>20th March</u>	<u>21st March</u>
<u>24th March</u>	<u>25th March</u>	<u>26th March</u> Sapphire Residential	<u>27th March</u> Sapphire Residential	<u>28th March</u> Sapphire Residential
<u>31st March</u>	<u>1st April</u> 2pm Diamonds Production	<u>2nd April</u> 6:30pm Diamonds Production	<u>3rd April</u>	<u>4th April</u> 2pm Easter Church Service Break up

Other dates for your diary

12th – 15th May KS2 SATS week

Tuesday 20th May – Learning Showcase afternoon

Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) window

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Year 1 Phonics screening (and Y2 retakes)

Thursday 19th June – Sports Day and Summer Fete

Tuesday 1st July – Whole School ‘Move-up Day’

Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th July – Summer Term Learning Progress Meetings (Parent’s evening)

Wednesday 16th July 2pm – Sapphire Production

Thursday 17th July 6:30pm – Sapphire Production

Wednesday 23rd July 2pm – Leavers’ Church Service

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Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start at 8:40 on:	Finish at 3:10 on:
Autumn 1	Thursday 5 th September	Friday 25 th October
Autumn 2	Tuesday 5 th November	Friday 20 th December
Spring 1	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
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

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