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It feels like this half term has passed in a heartbeat! However, seeing all the work that has been done shows that we've definitely had 6 weeks of full on learning!

As we are now half way through the school year, I have added the term dates for the next academic year to assist those of you who like to plan things in advance. I would ask you to check these dates carefully when booking holidays, taking advantage of INSET days and avoiding term time holidays as these have a negative impact on the whole class.

I always love February Half Term because when we return, sunset will be after 5:30pm, which means the days are getting longer and we will,

hopefully, soon see all the signs that spring is on its way. I hope you have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 24th February at 8:40am.

Sarah x

Learning Showcase

It was wonderful to see so many of you at this event on Wednesday.

The children in **Ruby** class showcased the clapping games they have learnt and were able to teach some to their adults. It was fabulous to see them all having so much fun playing traditional playground games.

Opal class went on a scavenger hunt around the hall, answering questions that showed how much they have learnt in geography this term – luckily the children were able to help the adults with the tricky ones!

Diamonds invited their adults to join them for an early picnic lunch when they shared the sandwiches they had designed. They had made their own bread and I'm told they were delicious!

Thankfully, all of **Sapphire** managed to get out of the escape room, using the knowledge they have accumulated in several curriculum areas this term.

World Book Day

To continue to promote a love of reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March.

Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book if they would like to and we encourage them to bring the book with them to share with their friends (please label any books brought into school).

During the day, the children will take part in different book-inspired activities and we would love you to join us from 2:30pm so they can share with you what they have been doing.

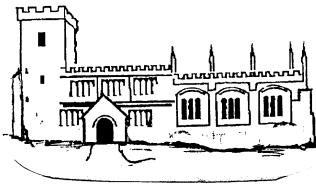
PTA

The school disco was a resounding success last night so thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made this event possible. The children loved it and have already been asking when the next one will be, so watch this space for information about upcoming PTA events.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ashleigh Skinner for her time as PTA treasurer. As Ashleigh has stepped down from this post, Hannah and Matthew Goss have kindly agreed to fill this post until September.

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Young Voices

A massive thank you to all the staff who made this fabulous event possible. The feedback from the children and from parents has all been positive and I really do appreciate the parents who have gone out of their way to express their gratitude. Special thanks must go to Rachel Wilson who worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was planned and thought through, making the event such a positive memory for everyone involved. Remember that we are doing our own mini-concert in school on Friday 28th February at 2pm in the school hall and you are all warmly invited to join us.

I have already had children asking if they can be involved next year and the list of potential staff volunteers is growing every day so look out for details of how to sign up in the summer term and we can take an even bigger North Marston contingent to Young Voices 2026.

School Vision and Values

We have carried out a review of the School's vision statement and the values that sit behind this which should be the driver for everything we do as a school. Having consulted with the diocese, staff and children, I am now seeking feedback from parents and carers on the proposed changes.

After careful consideration of what we want for the children of North Marston C of E School, the suggested values are:

Resilience; Respect; Responsibility; Community; Integrity; Gratitude; Creativity; Kindness; Courage; Honesty; Independence; Determination; Equality; Co-operation; Collaboration; Generosity.

The suggested bible links are:

Noah's Ark; The Good Shepherd; The Good Samaritan; Let your light shine!

Please email the office by **Friday 28th February**, using 'Values' as the subject line to give your feedback on this.

Spring Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10th February Young Voices event	11th February	12th February Learning Showcase 9am – Ruby 9:30 – Opal 10am – Diamonds 10:30 - Sapphire	13th February PTA Disco	14th February Break up for half term
Half Term				

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<u>24th February</u> Back to school	<u>25th February</u>	<u>26th February</u>	<u>27th February</u>	<u>28th February</u> 2pm Young Voices mini-concert
<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> 3:30 – 6pm Learning Progress Meetings	<u>12th March</u>	<u>13th March</u> 3:30 – 7pm 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> 3:10 PTA Bake Sale
<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)

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Wednesday 16th July 2pm – Sapphire Production

Thursday 17th July 6:30pm – Sapphire Production

Wednesday 23rd July 2pm – Leavers' Church Service

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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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	Tuesday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
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