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As I reflect on my first year as Headteacher of North Marston C of E School, my overwhelming feeling is how lucky I am! I have a fabulous job and get excited driving to work every day. I would like to thank you all for working with me to ensure that our children have the best experiences and that each of them achieves their full potential. I relish the opportunities before us as we enter the summer term and look forward to the challenging new topics the children will be presented with to further their learning.

Have a peaceful Easter break,

Sarah x

Staffing Updates

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that Victoria has resigned from her TA post at North Marston and therefore will not return after the Easter break. Victoria has decided to explore other opportunities and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the best. Victoria popped in this afternoon to say goodbye to the children in Opal class who presented her with a card which they had made and a plant to show their thanks for the support Victoria has given them during her time as their TA.

For the Summer Term Opal class will be supported by Mrs Bonson-Forbes & Mrs Iacofano.

Warmer Weather

We have all been enjoying the warmer weather and hope it continues through the holidays and into the summer term. The children have loved being able to play on the field at playtime and lunchtime.

Unfortunately, warmer weather brings some risks as well – namely, dehydration and sunburn! To overcome these, please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day and apply suncream to your child before school. I am happy for children to bring suncream in if you feel they need to reapply at lunchtime but please ensure the bottle is labelled and that your child is able to apply it to themselves.

Please follow this link for more information regarding sun safety:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Fresh Start

We have had a great uptake for our new food provider and the feedback has been very positive, evidenced by a practically empty food waste bin this week!

The children have said the food is, "Incredible," (Maci); "Amazing," (Henry); "The best school dinners ever," (Annie) and "They are a gazillion % brilliant!" (overheard but not sure who said it!).

All this positivity on a reduced service so we are very much looking forward to the full service starting after Easter. Please look out for the summer term menu and get your orders placed by **9am on Thursday 17th April** for

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the first week back after the holidays.

Diamonds Swimming

The children are very excited to be starting their swimming lessons at Aquavale on Wednesday 23rd April. Thank you to all the parents who have made their payments and filled in the required paperwork. Swimming will count as the children's second PE lesson each week so please continue to send them in PE kit on a Wednesday with their swimming kit on underneath (make sure they have packed underwear for afterwards!). We look forward to seeing the progress they make through the term.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to all those who took part in this event on Wednesday. The children were rewarded for their efforts with a chocolate egg and the winners received an Easter Egg in celebration assembly this morning.

Congratulations go to:

Lower school winner: Toby

Upper school winner: Chloe

'Move 100 Miles in March'

Having walked and run around the field during March in support of RNOH nurses and their 'Move 100 Miles in March' campaign, we furthered our support by raising some money and placing the coins around the track. The children enjoyed walking the track during the month and challenging themselves to be active and to help a good cause. Thank you all for your donations and thank you to June Heath for bringing this charity event to our attention.

Dragon Days

What a treat Diamonds performed for us this week! Singing dragons and jokes by the dozen were all part of the Diamond class production which they shared with the whole school and well over 100 guests over 3 days this week. I am very proud of each and every one of them and would like to thank the adults in Diamond class for their hard work in putting this together, as well as the other adults in the school who supported and all the parents who helped with learning lines and getting costumes organised. It is an experience the children will always remember.

Residential

Sapphire Class had the best time on their residential! The children all fully immersed themselves in some challenging and demanding activities and demonstrated teamwork, cooperation, courage and resilience. Some of the children faced their fears when rock climbing and ascending Jacob's Ladder, while others showed skill and proficiency during archery and when fencing. Other activities included a blindfolded task called Nightline that required effective communication, orienteering, a basketball-like game on trampolines called Aeroball and Quidditch. The children were beautifully behaved and did all the adults proud. I'm sure all of Sapphires will be keen to recommend the trip for the current Diamond class and we look forward to sharing the experience with them when the time comes!

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Shut-Down Afternoon

We had a very successful 'Shut-Down Afternoon' when the school reduced its use of electricity, which was organised and led by the Eco-Council. The children took part in 3 different activities, linked to environmental protection, energy efficiency and the importance of recycling. In groups, the children discussed environmental issues and what can be done to care for the environment. Each house created sculptures, sorted items into the correct category of recycling and competed in a scavenger hunt. The children and teachers all thoroughly enjoyed these activities and the whole afternoon was a huge success. Special thanks go to Miss Simms for working with the Eco-Council to help organise and facilitate the afternoon.

Other Information

Please see the posters at the end of the newsletter which may be of interest to parents and carers. As the holidays begin, I thought it would be timely to share the attached information leaflet which has guidance for screen time which I would encourage you to look at as the statistics are quite sobering.

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Summer Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Easter Holidays				
<u>21st April</u> Easter Monday Bank Holiday	<u>22nd April</u> 8:40 Return to school	<u>23rd April</u>	<u>24th April</u>	<u>25th April</u>
<u>28th April</u>	<u>29th April</u>	<u>30th April</u>	<u>1st May</u>	<u>2nd May</u>
<u>5th May</u>	<u>6th May</u>	<u>7th May</u>	<u>8th May</u> 6pm Parent Information Evening – Reading	<u>9th May</u>
<u>12th May</u> KS2 SATS	<u>13th May</u> KS2 SATS	<u>14th May</u> KS2 SATS	<u>15th May</u> KS2 SATS	<u>16th May</u>
<u>19th May</u>	<u>20th May</u> Learning Showcase: 1pm Sapphire 1:30pm Diamond 2:00pm Opal 2:30pm Ruby	<u>21st May</u>	<u>22nd May</u> PTA Disco	<u>23rd May</u> PTA Break the Rules Day Break up for Half Term

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Other dates for your diary

Monday 2nd June – INSET day (children do not attend)
 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’
 Friday 4th July – Class photos & Whole School Photo
 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 followed by End of Term

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

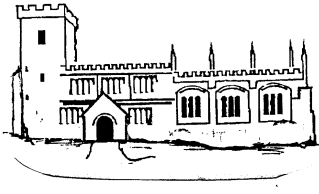
Term Dates 2025/2026

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	Tuesday 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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Wellbeing matters
for primary school aged children

One-day workshops for primary-aged young people where you will cover topics including wellbeing, emotions, self-esteem, resilience, and relationships with others.

Spaces are limited, secure your place now!

For more information, to find your nearest session or to book a place, **scan the QR code**.

If you need help completing the form or registering your interest please contact us by:

- Email: familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
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