



North Marston Church of England School

Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!



Autumn 2 is well underway and I make no apologies that Christmas preparations are in full swing! Nativity parts have been allocated and the PTA Bazaar is coming together so please keep an eye on communication coming out from school so that you don't miss out on any vital information. We continue to make sure the children have access to a range of opportunities in addition to the full curriculum they study in class. On that note, don't forget to use the Waddesdon Manor voucher that children brought home after taking part in the artist workshop earlier in the term. A big thank you to everybody who bought books from our Scholastic Book Fair. We now have a wonderful £93.65 to spend on free books for our school.

Have a great weekend all,

Sarah x

Remembrance

It was lovely to see so many of our children representing their uniformed groups at the village remembrance service on Sunday. They all looked very smart and behaved beautifully, showing respect for the occasion. Our head pupils did a wonderful job of reading the names of the fallen and I was very proud of their efforts. I would like to thank Pete York for coming into assembly last week to speak to the children about his experiences and helping them to gain a better understanding of remembrance Sunday. He also returned for another morning with our Sapphire Class, teaching them about the role of the RAF in WWII.

We observed the two-minute silence at 11am on Tuesday 11th as a whole school and, once again, the children showed a great level of respect by standing and taking a moment to pause to remember those who lost their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms we do today. **We will remember them.**

PTA

There was a great turn out for what was probably the best PTA disco so far! The children looked fab and they joined in with singing, dancing and games. A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA and also to all the parent helpers who gave up their time on Friday evening to support this fantastic event – the children had a fabulous time. The PTA are now busy preparing for the Christmas Bazaar, please see below for further information,



The Guide!

Our Christmas Bazaar will take place after school on 4th December.

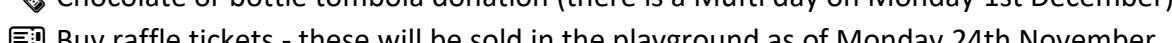
WE NEED YOUR HELP

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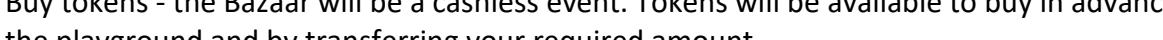
Jolly jars donations - empty jars will be available for collection outside the office as of Monday



Secrets Room donations



Chocolate or bottle tombola donation (there is a Mufti day on Monday 1st December)



Buy raffle tickets - these will be sold in the playground as of Monday 24th November.

Buy tokens - the Bazaar will be a cashless event. Tokens will be available to buy in advance of the event, both in

the playground and by transferring your required amount.

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Bank details are:

North Marston School Association

Account number: 49565054

Sort code: 23-05-80

As always, these events can't run without the support of the whole community so if you are able to spare an hour to support the event on Thursday 4th December, please speak to a member of the PTA, or to Laura in the office.

We will be holding a whole school mufti day on Monday 1st December in exchange for donations to the chocolate and bottle tombolas.

We look forward to seeing you there! ☆

Information Forms

Thank you to the parents and carers who have returned the forms from parents' evening. If you have any outstanding forms, please return them to the office ASAP so we can update our records. There was also a parent questionnaire regarding our termly Parent Information Evenings – thank you to everyone who filled this out. If you didn't get a chance to complete a questionnaire, please contact the office and they will provide you with a copy. It is important that we have feedback from parents and carers so that we can ensure we are delivering the information you want in the best way possible to enable us to continue to work together.

Poet Zoom

On Tuesday 4th November Diamonds joined a live national online video call hosted by children's poet Joseph Coelho, the British Library and The Linking Network. The children were able to ask Joseph questions about his writing and how he comes up with his ideas. He also shared information about his life, and we found out he used to be an archaeologist.

He then joined us in creating a poem together and gave us ideas about how to explore the question 'Who am I?' The British Library and The Linking Network are very excited to be working together. The British Library have made a padlet for all the linking schools to upload and publish images of our children's 'Who am I?' work.

Author Zoom

Yesterday Sapphires joined an on-line chat with author Alan Gratz who talked about his World War 2 Books. This inspired the children and they have now requested to read his latest book, The Refugee Journey.

Keeping Our Children Safe

It is always lovely to have family and friends join us to celebrate the children's achievements at our Friday celebration assembly and we appreciate your desire to take pictures of your children to capture these moments (they will love these being shared at their 21st birthday party!).

If you choose to share these pictures more widely, please be mindful of other children who appear in your photos and ensure that any photos you share with friends or family, or post on social media do not show other children.

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Roof update

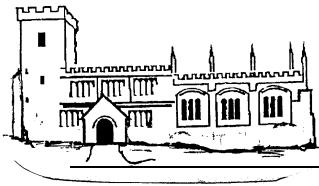
Despite the weather doing what British weather does, the roof work is progressing well and the weekly reports show that all is still on track for completion before Christmas. The supervisor checks state a good standard of work and the team on site are doing their best to cause as little disruption to school life as possible.

Autumn Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Half Term</u>				
<u>17th November</u>	<u>18th November</u>	<u>19th November</u> 2pm Open Event for Reception September 2026	<u>20th November</u>	<u>21st November</u> 9am celebration assembly
<u>24th November</u> 10am Open Event for Reception September 2026	<u>25th November</u> Flu Vaccination YR-YR6	<u>26th November</u>	<u>27th November</u> AM – Diamonds Forest School	<u>28th November</u> 9am celebration assembly
<u>1st December</u> Mufti Day for tombola donations	<u>2nd December</u>	<u>3rd December</u>	<u>4th December</u> PTA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	<u>5th December</u> 9am celebration assembly 11am – Diamonds – Meet the Paralympian
<u>8th December</u>	<u>9th December</u>	<u>10th December</u> 2pm Ruby and Opal Nativity	<u>11th December</u> AM – Sapphire Forest School 9:30am Ruby and Opal Nativity	<u>12th December</u> 9am celebration assembly 10.30am – Fire Safety visit for Year 5
<u>15th December</u>	<u>16th December</u>	<u>17th December</u> Christmas Jumper Day Children's Christmas Lunch	<u>18th December</u> 2pm Christmas Church Service Break Up for Christmas Holidays	<u>19th December</u> <u>INSET DAY – children do not attend</u>

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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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