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Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!



The end of the year is within touching distance, which always comes with a mixture of excitement and sadness. While we are sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 cohort, who have been delightful, we are also excited to be sending them off on their next adventure and look forward to hearing about all the amazing things they will undoubtedly achieve.

We are also eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new intake of Reception children. They have been for a couple of visits and settled well so we are predicting a smooth start on **Thursday 4th September** when we open the gates for all the children to return at **8:40am**.

Have a great summer everyone, Sarah x

Pupil Leadership Team

Congratulations to all the Year 5 children who put themselves forward to be head pupils next year. We had planned on just having 2 children in these posts but, the voting was so close that we have decided to have a team. Therefore, from September, our Pupil Leadership Team will be: Lucinda, Adriel, James and Holly. They will receive their new 'Head Pupil' badges in church on Wednesday when Poppy, Frankie, Tilly-Rose and Jacob hand over the candle to signify them 'shining their light'.

These children will meet with me half termly to discuss plans for the school and how we can develop our provision for the children – they had some great ideas in their speeches and I look forward to working closely with them to bring some of their plans to fruition.

In September, we will also be holding elections for Year 6 House Captains and School/ Eco Council members for other year groups. This is a big part of school life because it is one of the ways that we ensure the children have a voice to tell us what they want for their school. Some of the changes they have been a part of this year have been: The Reading Shed, the library move, Forest School sessions for KS2, seed and spout day, new lunch provider – look out for how Pupil Voice influences our plans in the future.

District Sports

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in this event on Monday 7th July. We were extremely lucky with the weather, which was warm but not too hot, and even luckier that our fabulous parents were willing to bring the children to this exciting event. There were lots of other schools to compete against and North Marston children did themselves proud running, jumping and throwing. Unfortunately, we didn't place in the top 3 but getting out on the track and giving it their all makes them all winners to us (but, next year a trophy would be nice!).

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Summer Reading Challenge

With a long summer holiday starting next week, there will be plenty of time to enjoy some reading. Therefore I am delighted to share details of The Summer Reading Challenge which is a National initiative to inspire children to keep reading over the summer holidays. This is the best way to ensure they don't lose any ground while not at school and will give them a wealth of interesting things to talk about with friends and staff when they return in September. Please follow the link below for further details and to get signed up.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

PTA

A big thanks to our PTA for all their help and support this year. Thank you to those of you who have filled in their questionnaire and returned it already. If you haven't yet, please do as they are already planning next year's events and would really value your input.

We are also looking for volunteers for The Gran Marstonbury event, which takes place on Saturday 13th September – this event is going to be a huge community celebration but will only be possible with support from the whole community. There are lots of different ways to be involved and offer your support so please get in touch if you would like to help.

Parent's Evening

Thank you to all who attended parents evening last week. It really was a calm and purposeful event and I would like to thank those of you who took the time to share your feedback (I'm still considering the addition of Aperol Spritz to the refreshment options!). If you would like to send any feedback on your child's report, or anything else, please complete the return slip at the back of the report and return it to school before the end of term. Alternatively, you can send an email to the school office – your feedback is really important to us and helps us to guide our plans moving forwards.

Good News Story!

We are delighted to share with you that the Food Standard Agency visited us this week and awarded us the top Food Hygiene Rating of 5. Well done to our wonderful cook, Kerry, and our amazing team of TAs who keep the kitchen spic and span to ensure the health and well-being of our children.

Lunches

Fresh Start have asked us to remind you that menus for September will go live during the holidays so please keep an eye out for them and make sure you order by the deadline.
New Reception parents, please remember to register your child with Fresh Start so you can order their meals.

New Roof

We are very excited that the Local Authority have agreed to provide a new roof for our school. We have met with the project manager who has shared that the recent heatwave has put the contractor behind schedule and unfortunately the work will not be able to be completed during the summer holidays as first planned. Therefore when we return to school, you should see the scaffolding up and work taking place.

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Summer Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>21st July</u>	<u>22nd July</u>	<u>23rd July</u> 2pm Leavers' Church Service END OF TERM		
<u>1st September</u> Summer Holidays	<u>2nd September</u> Summer Holidays	<u>3rd September</u> INSET day – children do not attend	<u>4th September</u> Children return to school – gates open @ 8:40am	<u>5th September</u> No celebration Assembly No Forest School
<u>8th September</u> PM: Year 2 Forest School (on site)	<u>9th September</u> Y6 secondary transfer test (11+) practice	<u>10th September</u>	<u>11th September</u> Y6 secondary transfer test (11+)	<u>12th September</u> 9am Celebration Assembly AM: Reception & Y1 Forest School (on site)

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

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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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