

North Marston Church of England School
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A big, warm welcome 'back to school' to you all. I am so excited for this new school year and have shared with the children how much I have missed them all over the summer holidays.

The children have all settled well into their learning straight away and I have been particularly impressed at how well Ruby class have settled, particularly those who are completely new to school!

Opal class have welcomed some new friends in the form of two terrapins who have joined us at North Marston. The children will be naming them shortly.

Diamond class got straight into their new topic by exploring a range of Egyptian artefacts yesterday and Sapphire class have been learning some self-regulation strategies and the new expectations which come with being the oldest class in the school. All the children across the school have enjoyed an end of day read with

their class teacher which will now be a daily event so please talk to the children about what books they are reading in class.

It really is great to be back and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you all to make North Marston the best school in Buckinghamshire.

Sarah x

Staffing

Unfortunately our lovely Emma Tebbutt has not been able to return to school yet as she is awaiting an operation. She is sorely missed by staff and children and we look forward to her return later in the term. In the meantime, I am very excited to be back in the classroom doing some maths teaching in both Opal and Diamond classes on a Monday morning.

We are delighted to welcome Mark Lambert to North Marston School from Monday 9th September. Mark will be here every Monday to teach PE across the school. He is a qualified teacher with many years of experience and has a passion for PE which he is excited to be sharing with the staff and children at North Marston. This means that all children will have PE on a Monday and should arrive in their PE kit. In addition, Ruby & Diamond classes will have PE on a Wednesday and Sapphire & Opal classes will have theirs on a Thursday.

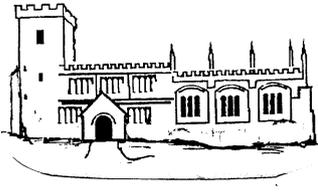
Meet the Teachers

A reminder that these events will take place next week. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and find out a little more about the adults in your child's class, and their plans for the coming year. You will also receive information such as PE days, homework expectations etc. If you are unable to join us, the information will be sent home to you instead but it would be lovely to see as many parents and carers as possible at each class event.

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Tuesday 10th September @ 2:50pm – Opal Class
Wednesday 11th September @ 2:50pm – Ruby Class
Thursday 12th September @ 2:50pm – Diamond Class
Friday 13th September @ 2:50pm – Sapphire Class

Birthdays

In Liaison with School Council, we have changed the way we acknowledge and celebrate children's birthdays in school. Everyone wants to feel noticed on their birthday so the children will now be invited to wear their own clothes on their special day! When they arrive at school, they can visit Katie in the office who has birthday badges and birthday glasses which the children can choose to wear as well, if they want to. We hope the children will enjoy this special treatment.

If your child's birthday falls at the weekend, they can come in non-uniform on the Friday before.

Attendance

It is great to see lots of children keen to be in school and arriving before the gates open at 8:40 – please make sure that there is an adult to supervise them until school staff are out on the gate. I am usually out by 8:35 and then the playground gate is opened by one of the teachers at 8:40.

A reminder that if you arrive after the gates close at 8:50, then you will need to come into the office to sign your child in late. While we appreciate that very occasionally being late is unavoidable, it is vital that parents endeavour to get their children in on time as learning starts promptly.

Clubs

We have an exciting choice of clubs for the children to select from this term. Please see the clubs letter which will arrive in your inbox shortly as it has information about each of the clubs and instructions as to how to book your child into them.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see all our North Marston Gems arriving looking smart in their school uniform so thank you for supporting with this.

A reminder that, for Health and Safety reasons, all long hair must be **fully tied back** neatly for school and that only **one pair of plain studs** is worn in the ears. No other jewellery is to be worn at school. Children may wear a watch, but no smartwatches please.

Our pre-loved uniform is available all year round so please consider using this as a way to promote sustainability as well as keep costs down. Please ask at the school office if you would like to purchase from our pre-loved stock.

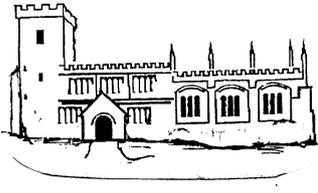
Parents' Progress Update Meetings

These meetings will take place in the week before October half term and will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and find out how they are progressing towards the year group expectation and how their behaviour and attitude to learning is impacting their learning progress. Please look out for a letter in a couple of weeks which will give guidance on how to book an appointment. In the meantime, you are welcome to catch the teachers on the playground at the end of the day, or call the office to make an appointment with a teacher if you need a more detailed, or private conversation.

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Strengthening Science – a business opportunity!

As you are all aware we had another successful year in the Big Science Event last year with special commendations and a team making it through to the grand final. We are very keen to build on that success and develop the children's scientific knowledge and understanding and hope to ignite their curiosity to the possibilities of the future.

In order to do this effectively, our staff need to be kept up-to-date in the latest methods of delivering high-quality lessons. In the past, we have subscribed to The Science Hub who provide ongoing training to teachers but unfortunately, their funding has been withdrawn by the DfE. Therefore, if the Science Hub are to continue supporting us, we will have to pay to subscribe. Luckily, they provide great value-for-money and are offering businesses the opportunity to support Primary Schools with this subscription.

If you work for a business (particularly a STEM-based one) who you think might be interested in sponsoring North Marston School to cover the £250 subscription fee, please get in touch with me ASAP to discuss.

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Autumn Term 2024 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>9th September</u>	<u>10th September</u> 11+ Practice Test (Y6) 2:50pm Opal class 'Meet the Teacher'	<u>11th September</u> 2:50pm Ruby class 'Meet the Teacher'	<u>12th September</u> 11+ Test (Y6) 2:50pm Diamond class 'Meet the Teacher'	<u>13th September</u> 2:50pm Sapphire class 'Meet the Teacher'
<u>16th September</u> After School clubs start this week	<u>17th September</u>	<u>18th September</u>	<u>19th September</u>	<u>20th September</u>
<u>23rd September</u>	<u>24th September</u>	<u>25th September</u>	<u>26th September</u>	<u>27th September</u> MacMillan Coffee Morning – details to follow
<u>30th September</u>	<u>1st October</u>	<u>2nd October</u>	<u>3rd October</u>	<u>4th October</u> 2pm Harvest Service – details to follow
<u>7th October</u>	<u>8th October</u>	<u>9th October</u>	<u>10th October</u>	<u>11th October</u>
<u>14th October</u>	<u>15th October</u>	<u>16th October</u>	<u>17th October</u>	<u>18th October</u>
<u>21st October</u>	<u>22nd October</u> Parents' Progress Update Meetings	<u>23rd October</u>	<u>24th October</u> Parent Engagement Morning – details to follow Parents' Progress Update Meetings	<u>25th October</u> Break up for half term @ 3:10pm

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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 4 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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