

**North Marston Church of England School
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Another fortnight has whizzed by and, despite the bit of sunshine we've seen this week, the temperature is certainly letting us know that autumn is upon us. With the unpredictable British weather in mind, please make sure that children have a coat with them every day as we will get them outside even if there is a little bit of drizzle. The autumn term is always a busy one so please keep an eye on the calendar and the email/text messages which come out regularly so you can keep up-to-date with what is going on.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah x

MHST webinars for parents

Please find attached to this Newsletter details of webinars for parents, which are being run by the Mental Health Support Team. MHST are a team who work with schools to support children directly, work with families whose children would benefit from their input or work with adults in school to help us to support children. They are now running a series of webinars directly for parents which you are welcome to sign up for using the QR codes in the attached flyer.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health or well-being, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance to discuss what support might be available.

Parking

While we all appreciate the beautiful setting of our school, the downside is that the roads are narrow and not designed to manage cars and pedestrians. For this reason, I would ask that you consider very carefully whether you need to drive up to the school when dropping off and picking up your children. If possible, please find a space away from the school and walk up which will help to keep our children safe and show our consideration for our neighbours.

Show Racism the Red Card

We will be raising awareness of this important campaign by inviting everyone to dress in red on **Friday 18th October**. Children will take part in an activity during the day which will develop their understanding of Tolerance which is one of our British Values.

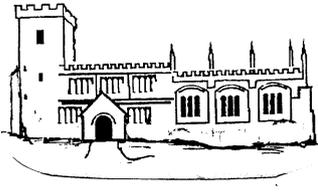
PTA Updates

The PTA AGM took place last night. Hannah Goss who has been the chairperson for the last three years, and a committee member for 11, has sadly decided to step down from her role. Hannah has been an intrinsic part of the team over the years, and really stepped into the role of chair, culminating in a record-breaking year of fundraising last year, with an amazing amount of over £7,000 raised!

The PTA would like to thank Hannah for all her hard work, she will be missed!

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Your new committee for this year is:

Chair: Liz Hale

Vice Chair: Anneka Boyt

Treasurer: Ashleigh Skinner

Secretary: Saskia Miklas

We look forward to another successful year fundraising for our children and their school. If you would like to get involved then please speak to a member of the team (we will be in the hall at Parent's Evening) or email the school office.

At the AGM, the PTA very kindly offered to fund a school trip for each class so please look out for details of your child's school trip which will be coming soon at NO COST to parents!

Forest School

We have now got dates for KS2 classes to visit Forest School.

Diamonds will go on Friday 29th November and Sapphire on Monday 2nd December. We would love to have a couple of parent volunteers for each session so please email the office if you are available to help with either date and Katie will get back to you to confirm.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair at school on both Parents' Evenings. Here you will have the opportunity to browse a selection of books to purchase on the day. We will also be sending out a link where you can view many, many more titles, and purchases made this way will also benefit the school with book rewards. If you would like to purchase as Christmas presents, please let us know and we can make sure they don't get given to the children.

Harvest Festival

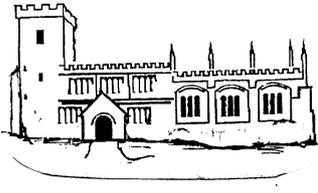
Thank you to all those who came to our Harvest celebration this afternoon. The children did a great job of sharing their understanding and singing (despite the missing words on the order of service!). I would also like to acknowledge Poppy A who was misprinted as Poppy L for her part this afternoon.

Thank you as well to all those who donated towards the food bank. The donations will be delivered to Aylesbury Vineyard.

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Autumn Term 2024 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<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> Artist to visit school to work on a project with the children in KS2	<u>17th October</u> Autumn Term Disco! 5 – 6pm Ruby & Opal 6:15 – 7:30 pm Diamond & Sapphire	<u>18th October</u> Show Racism the Red Card – dress in red!
<u>21st October</u> No clubs this week	<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
<u>4th November</u> INSET day for staff – children do not attend	<u>5th November</u> Children return to school @ 8:40am Individual & Sibling photos	<u>6th November</u>	<u>7th November</u>	<u>8th November</u> PTA cake sale after school <u>Sunday 10th</u>
<u>11th November</u>	<u>12th November</u>	<u>13th November</u>	<u>14th November</u>	<u>15th November</u> Children in Need

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<u>18th November</u>	<u>19th November</u>	<u>20th November</u>	<u>21st November</u>	<u>22nd November</u>
<u>25th November</u> Whole School flu immunisations	<u>26th November</u>	<u>27th November</u> PTA Wreath Making	<u>28th November</u> PTA Wreath Making	<u>29th November</u> Forest School for Diamond (am)
<u>2nd December</u> Forest School for Sapphire (am)	<u>3rd December</u>	<u>4th December</u>	<u>5th December</u> Last day of Autumn Term Clubs	<u>6th December</u> PTA Christmas Bazaar after school
<u>9th December</u>	<u>10th December</u>	<u>11th December</u>	<u>12th December</u>	<u>13th December</u>
<u>16th December</u>	<u>17th December</u>	<u>18th December</u>	<u>19th December</u>	<u>20th December</u> 2pm Christmas Service in the church Break up for Christmas Holidays @ 3:10pm

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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 **Free parenting programmes**

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

Our programmes

- **Little Talkers** (for parents of 18 months to 3-year-olds)
 - focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
 - designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy
 - parents attend with children
- **The Nurturing Programme** (for parents of 3 to 11s)
 - help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
 - think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel
 - parents attend without children
- **Talking Teens** (for parents of 11 to 18s)
 - focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
 - learn more about teenagers and their needs
 - parents attend without children
- **Keeping Your Child in Mind** (for parents of children of any age)
 - work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
 - explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship
 - parents attend without children

Get in touch

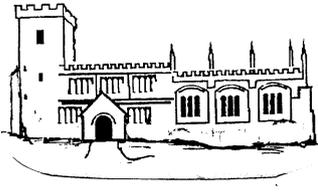
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For information, to sign up or to register interest


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Wellbeing matters

For 7 to 11 year olds

A one-day workshop during October half-term for primary-aged young people

Topics will include your wellbeing, emotions, self-esteem, resilience, and relationships with others

Spaces are limited, secure your place now!

Scan/press the QR code to secure your place or for more information

If you need help completing the form or registering your interest please email familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or call 01296 383293.



**Wing
Family Centre**

Monday
28 October 2024
10am to 4:30pm



**Elmhurst
Family Centre**

Wednesday
30 October 2024
10am to 4:30pm



**Mapledean
Family Centre plus**

Wednesday
30 October 2024
10am to 4:30pm



**Amersham
Family Centre**

Friday
1 November 2024
10am to 4:30pm

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