

**North Marston Church of England School
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Summer 2 is whizzing by and the children (and staff!) have been working their socks off to ensure they are continuing to make progress right up until the end of term. As well as ensuring all of this year's work is completed, staff are also making plans for next year which starts with our transition afternoon next week.

Sports Day and the Summer fete were a resounding success and we were grateful that the weather turned in our favour in time for the events. I would like to thank Chris and all the staff, and our wonderful PTA for working so hard to make it such a wonderful afternoon for the whole North Marston community. Thanks also to Michael Morton for allowing us to use the field for parking. I really do feel so blessed to be headteacher of such a fabulous school. Have a wonderful weekend, Sarah.

Transition Plans

On Tuesday 2nd July, our year 6 children will venture off to their new schools and the rest of the school will spend the afternoon in their new classes, being introduced to their new adults and class.

Our new Reception intake will join us to spend some time exploring their new classroom and the other children will be engaged in activities with their new teacher, in their new classroom (if applicable!).

Reception – Mrs Karen Avery

Year 1 – Mr Chris Armstead

Year 2 – Miss Georgia Simms

Year 3 & 4 – Mrs Helen Giggins

Year 5 & 6 – Mr Tom Onan-Read and Mrs Rachel Wilson

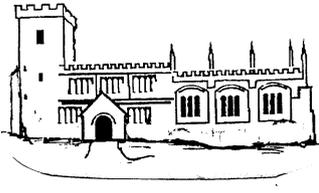
Our new Year 5 & 6 teacher, Tom, will be joining us for the afternoon so the children will get to meet him, and Rachel will also be coming in for the afternoon so they can all spend some time getting to know each other.

On **Tuesday 16th July**, there will be an opportunity for parents to see their child's new classroom and meet their new teacher (or have a chat with the current one!) if they wish to. We will be holding an open afternoon straight after school so, once you have collected your child, they can take you to their current class to have a look at any work they wish to share and to give you the opportunity to discuss their report with their current class teacher and you will also be able to go to their new classroom and chat to their new teacher if you would like to.

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D-Day 80th Anniversary



To mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day celebrations, the children took part in assemblies and specially planned lessons. As well as learning about the events surrounding this historical occasion, the children were encouraged to reflect on the sacrifices made by everyone involved in the events of D-Day as well and how their efforts reflected our school values. The children produced some fabulous work which is now being displayed in the front entrance if you would like to take a closer look.

Mobile Phones

We respectfully ask all adults attending the school not to use their mobile phone **within the school grounds**:

Greet your child with a smile, not a screen!

This also supports our work in safeguarding our children, and we thank you for your cooperation. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to finish your call, or put your phone away while on our school site.

Online Safety

Smartie the Penguin

During the week commencing 1st July, Reception children will be learning about staying safe online with the help of 'Smartie the Penguin'. Smartie encounters different scenarios, for example, seeing upsetting content or being asked for personal information. The stories are age-appropriate and help to prepare the children for times when an adult may not be next to them, supervising their viewing.

For each scenario, learners are encouraged to talk about what has happened, and explain what they think Smartie should do and why. In every story, learners are also asked to join in with Smartie's special song, to help him make his decisions!

*Before you **tap** and click...*

*You need to **stop** and think...*

*And **TELL** someone!*

If you would like to find out more and reinforce the message with your child please click on the link below.

[Smartie the Penguin | Childnet](#)

Attendance

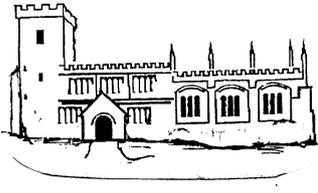
A big thank you to everyone for your efforts in getting to school on time – I have seen a marked improvement since my last Newsletter which is really encouraging to see. As a reminder, the gates close at 8:50 each morning so please make sure your child is here before that.

Our whole school attendance is currently 93% which puts us in the 'poor attendance' category and, with new statutory guidelines in force from August, might put North Marston on the map for the wrong reasons! I am keen to work with parents and the community to improve our whole school attendance and ensure that children who are in school, every day they are well enough to be here, are rewarded for their efforts. I look forward to bringing you more news of this in September.

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School Lunches

We continue to have children who arrive with no packed lunch and no hot meal ordered for them. Please remember to finalise your hot meal orders by Wednesday each week ready for the following week. If you forget to order a hot meal for your child, they should bring a packed lunch to school. The office team are spending valuable time every morning contacting parents of children who do not have lunch for the day. We appreciate your support with this.

Uniform

Please remember to donate any 'too small' clothes to our pre-loved stock and get in touch if you would like to make a purchase ready for September. Not only is this a much cheaper way of updating school uniform but it supports our work on sustainability as well. Please contact Emily Betts (dremilybetts@gmail.com) if you would like to purchase any items at a cost of £1 per non-branded item and £2 for items with the school logo. All money raised goes back into school funds.

PTA

The PTA would like to thank all the staff and parents for supporting the Summer Fete on Friday. We raised just over £700 which is fantastic.

Special thanks to the PTA members for their time, Loren Radwell for organising the raffle, Parrotts Butchers and Maria & James Manthorpe for supplying the BBQ meat, Karl the Baker for supplying the bread rolls and Mike Henderson & Martin Tanner for doing such a fab job cooking the BBQ.

Please remember to bring some cash for our Friday treats on **5th July** and for purchasing refreshments at the Year 5/6 production on **10th & 11th July**.

School Linking Network (SLN)



As you can see from our Before, During and After photos, Ground Force Day was a resounding success and I would like to firstly thank Helen and the Year 3 & 4 children for their hard work in getting it all organised. Secondly a massive thank you to our wonderful school community who came out in force to support us on the afternoon, particularly to Sean Abreu who made clearing the sensory garden look like a walk in the park! Many of our volunteers suggested that we make this a termly event so watch this space...!

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Summer Term 2024 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>1st July</u>	<u>2nd July</u> Y6 transition day (secondary school dependant) Whole school move-up afternoon	<u>3rd July</u> Y6 transition day (secondary school dependant)	<u>4th July</u> KS1 Forest School	<u>5th July</u> Reception Forest School 2:40pm Y3 & 4 Celebration Worship PTA Friday Treats	<u>6th July</u>	<u>7th July</u>
<u>8th July</u> Young Carers assembly (for children only)	<u>9th July</u>	<u>10th July</u> 6:30pm Y5/6 Production	<u>11th July</u> KS1 Forest School 6:30pm Y5/6 Production	<u>12th July</u> Reception Forest School 2:40pm Y2 Celebration Worship End of year reports sent home	<u>13th July</u>	<u>14th July</u>
<u>15th July</u> Y6 walk to Granborough	<u>16th July</u> Y6 Trip to Bletchley Park Open afternoon for parents	<u>17th July</u> Music concert (for children only)	<u>18th July</u> KS1 Forest School Y6 Sports afternoon	<u>19th July</u> Reception Forest School Y6 Graduation celebration 2pm Leavers service in Church 3:10 End of Term	Children return to school on Thursday 5th September 2024	

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