

## **North Marston Church of England School**

***Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!***



As we head into December next week, life everywhere seems to step up a gear. This is no less true in school as we look towards the end of term, making sure we get all of our curriculum covered while providing plenty of opportunities to acknowledge and enjoy the Christmas season. The children (and adults) continue to show their resilience in working around the disruption caused by our roofing works which is still on track to be completed by Christmas.

Have a great weekend all,

Sarah x

### **The Emerald Forest**



We are delighted to be able to have officially launched our Reading Shed – **The Emerald Forest**. The ‘ooohs’ and ‘aaahs’ were audible from across the playground as the children got their first glimpse inside and, to add to the excitement, they were able to explore our new box of Christmas and Winter themed books, bought especially for the launch.

This has been a real community project with funding being provided from The Rotary Club and the PTA and the shed being built by our handy man, Ben Pepper.

A massive well done to Tom and Mariana who have worked tirelessly to turn the garden shed into a reading paradise which will inspire our gems further on their Reading for Pleasure journey.

Parents and Carers are welcome to visit The Emerald Forest after school when our Book Swap boxes will be available for you to help yourselves to a book.



### **Parent Survey Feedback**

Thank you to all those who responded to the Parent Survey regarding timings and content for our future Parent Information Evenings. We had 23 responses in total.

Parents and carers would like further information on:

Maths (16); Well-being (15); Behaviour (14); Writing (12); Reading (9); Phonics (6).

There was also a suggestion that we have a session which could be shared between other curriculum subjects.

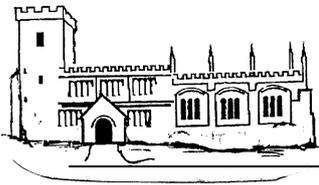
The most popular choice of what time to present the meetings was 7:30pm (15) with 6pm and 9am being second favourite (6 each) and 2 pm (3) being least popular.

There was also a suggestion of having the presentation at pick-up time and school providing club or creche for the children.

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Face-to-Face was the favourite option (15) but online was also popular (9) with further suggestions of a hybrid or 'on demand' option.

Having considered all the feedback, our next session will be a **maths** evening at **7:30 – 8:30pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. This will be a **face-to-face** meeting as there will be an opportunity to see the resources we use and have a look at some of the children's work. I hope lots of you will be able to join us.

### PTA

Less than a week to go until the 🎄 📺 🗳️ \*CHRISTMAS BAZAAR\* 🎁 🎭 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**\*WE NEED YOUR HELP\***

We're looking for the following:

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.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> December** in exchange for donations to the chocolate and bottle tombolas.

We look forward to seeing you there! ★

### Governors

We are delighted to announce the newest recruits to our Governors who were appointed at the last Full Governing Board meeting.

Chris Dunmall, who will take on responsibility for PP and English, and Max Burton, who will oversee SEND, PE, Forest School and history & Geography join our current serving governors:

Katherine du Plessis (Chair of Governors, development, finance, RE, Worship)

Rachel Johns (Vice Chair, Art, Early Years, MFL, Science)

Emily Betts (Well-being, School Council, PSHE, Equalities)

Steph Reddington (Maths, Assessment, Computing & IT, Data Protection)

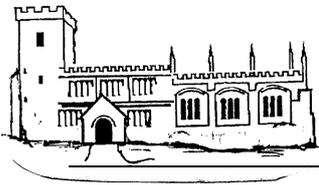
Simon Hall (H & S, Safeguarding, Music)

I would like to thank all of our governors for their support and the work they do to ensure our children get the best experience possible at North Marston.

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### **Thank you**



A big thank you to Alder Roofing who have sponsored the purchase of our new school sport kit. The new kit will be a great way for our Gems to feel even more like a team in all our future sporting fixtures.

We would also like to thank Saskia for purchasing 6 chess boards to supplement those bought by school for our newly formed lunchtime chess club. The children were totally engrossed in their games, including those new to chess who were watching closely and learning from the experts!

Another thank you to Bucklands for providing our Christmas Tree which will be taking pride of place outside of Dimaond Class so it can be enjoyed by all the children and staff every day.

### **Keeping Our Children Safe**

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

Please see the attached poster for some top tips on avoiding potential risks, including connecting with strangers and viewing inappropriate content. If you have any worries or concerns regarding online harm, please come in and speak to your child's class teacher or drop us an email through the office.

### **Christmas at the Church**

It was lovely to welcome Petra to our celebration assembly this morning when she introduced The Travelling Crib to us. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a moment of quiet during this busy period to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and how the story relates to our modern lives and can help us to understand the struggles of others. I would urge you to find out more and sign up for this wonderful tradition.

There are lots of other activities happening in both North Marston and Granborough over the next few weeks:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2 -4pm Christmas Art & Craft at Granborough Village Hall
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am Advent Holy Communion Service at The Wesley Centre
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10:30am Advent Café Church at Granborough Village Hall
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4:30pm Lighting of Christmas Tree followed by refreshments at St Mary's Church
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4:30pm Christingle Service and Tree Lighting at Granborough
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4:30pm Christingle Service at The Wesley Centre

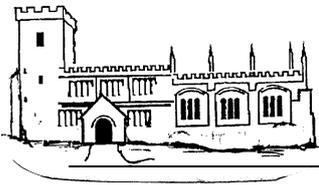
Please follow the link below for more details regarding all of these fantastic events

<https://www.nmgchurches.co.uk/>

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# Autumn Term 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b> Mufti Day for tombola donations	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>  PTA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9am celebration assembly 11am – Diamonds – Meet the Paralympian
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>  2pm Ruby and Opal Nativity	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b> AM – Sapphire Forest School 9:30am Ruby and Opal Nativity	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9am celebration assembly 10.30am – Fire Safety visit for Year 5
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b> Christmas Jumper Day Children’s Christmas Lunch	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>  2pm Christmas Church Service Break Up for Christmas Holidays	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>INSET DAY – children do not attend</b>
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>				
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>				
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>  Back to School – gates open at 8:40am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9:30 Callum Anderson (MP) visiting school	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b> Prayer Space activities	<b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>  7:30pm Governor’s meeting	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Whole School Doodle Bug Workshop (details to follow) 2:30 Doodle Bug assembly for parents

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<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b> Bikeability L2 Group 1	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b> Bikeability L2 Group 1	<b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b> Bikeability L2 Group 2  7:30 Parent Information Evening - Maths	<b>30<sup>th</sup> January</b> Bikeability L2 Group 2
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>  7:30pm Governors Meeting	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>  Young Voices	<b>5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b> Bikeability Level 1
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b> PTA Valentine Disco	<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b><u>INSET DAY – children do not attend</u></b>

### Term Dates 2025/2026

Term	Start at 8:40 on:	Finish at 3:10 on:
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 1</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
<b>Summer 2</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026

**INSET days (for staff only):** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December; Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February; Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June; Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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