

North Marston Church of England School

Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!



After a tricky start to the term, things got back on track quickly and the children are all well settled into their routines and their new topics as well as having done their first week of after school clubs. So far this term, we have had a visit from our MP, Callum Anderson, our RockSteady launch assembly and first band practice, and our Prayer Space day – and we're only 2 weeks in! We've also had our first PTA meeting to discuss all the exciting events for this term so, please take a look at the calendar and also look out for the new PTA banner which will be making an appearance on the front fence.

Have a great weekend,

Staffing Updates

Emma Tebbutt has made the difficult decision to explore opportunities outside of teaching and will be leaving North Marston at Easter. Emma will be greatly missed by the children and staff and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her all the best in her future endeavours.

Please also see the attached letter for Mr A's exciting news!

Athlete Visit

On Thursday 5th February, Commonwealth Gymnast, Steve Frew, will be visiting us to inspire the children to be more active and promote resilience. The children will take part in a sponsored event which will raise some money for new sports equipment. The children will be given more information in their launch assembly on Monday and they will then bring home a sponsor form which will provide all the information you need to support your child's participation.

Doodle Bug

A reminder that parents and carers are invited to join us for an assembly next Friday, 23rd January from 2:40pm when Ian Brealey will be summarising the Doodle Bug workshops, promoting growth mindset and resilience which he will be running with the children throughout the day.

Prayer Space

Our Prayer Space day was a huge success yesterday. The children were focused, and engaged well in the activities which helped them to have a better understanding of our School values: Determination, Respect, Integrity, Curiosity and Kindness which will help us Shine our Light to Be our Best Selves! Please chat to your child about their understanding of our school values and how they might show them at school, at home and in other contexts.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the sessions, it was lovely to have you with us.

Callum Anderson, MP

We were delighted to receive a visit from Callum Anderson, MP for Buckingham and Bletchley, on Monday. Callum was interested to hear about life at North Marston C of E and was keen to learn about the journey our school is on. The children were their usual amazing selves in our assembly and asked Callum lots of interesting questions.

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Rock Steady Music!

It was great to have so many of you join us last Friday for the launch of our new Rock Band lessons; the school hall was completely rocking! It was fabulous to have such overwhelmingly positive feedback from both children and adults and we have had a brilliant response to the sign up for lessons. The last few remaining spaces are available for children in Reception to Year 4 but the Year 5 and 6 bands are full for this term.

Spring Term 2026 Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 19th January 7:30pm Governor's meeting | 20th January | 21st January | 22nd January | 23rd January Whole School Doodle Bug Workshop 2:30 Parents invited to join Doodle Bug assembly |
| 26th January | 27th January Bikeability L2- Sapphires | 28th January Bikeability L2- Sapphires | 29th January 7:30 Parent Information Evening – Maths in school | 30th January Bikeability L1 - Diamonds PTA treat Friday – donuts and hot chocolate |
| 2nd February 7:30pm Governors Meeting | 3rd February | 4th February Young Voices | 5th February Steve Frew visit and sponsored event | 6th February Y5 Fire Safety 3.10 – Parents Freshstart Taster Session |
| 9th February NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK Parent's Evening | 10th February | 11th February Parent's Evening | 12th February PTA Valentine Disco | 13th February INSET DAY – children do not attend |

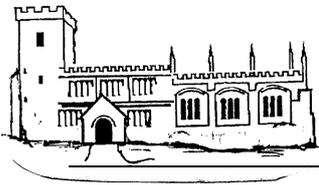
Spring 2 dates to note:

Thursday 26th February: community clean up afternoon
 Thursday 5th March: World Book Day
 Friday 6th March: Young Voices mini-concert
 Tuesday 17th March: Diamonds production
 Wednesday 18th March: Diamonds Production
 Friday 20th March: M & M production of Treasure Island in school
 Wednesday 25th March @ 2:15pm: Rock Steady concert for whole school and parents
 Friday 27th March: Easter Service/ End of Term/ PTA Bingo evening

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Term Dates 2025/2026

| Term | Start at 8:40 on: | Finish at 3:10 on: |
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| Autumn 1 | Thursday 4 th September | Friday 24 th October |
| 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 |

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

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