



## North Marston Church of England School

*Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!*

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It would appear that spring has finally sprung and I'm sure we're all delighted to have spotted the sun on a few occasions over the last few weeks. However, we must not let the sun's appearance lull us into a false sense of security...please continue to send jumpers and jackets as we are fully aware that the British weather is likely to change several times within one day! Even more important to ensure everything is labelled as jumpers are frequently discarded at this time of year so it saves a lot of time if we can return them to their owner (without having to resort to the 'sniff test' that the children are all so skilled at!). With this being a short half term, we are packing lots in and already looking forward to the Summer Term so please read on so you are fully updated with school life.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah

### **Community Clean-Up Project**

A massive well done to Henry and his team of trusty volunteers who came to help us tidy up the school grounds. Despite the grey skies and the windy afternoon, our planters are all weeded, the front fence is clean (who knew it was meant to be black!) and I'm sure you've all noticed the playground fence has been painted! Thank you to those parents and children who worked so hard for the afternoon. We will be having another session in the summer term so please look out for the date and come and join us if you can spare the time – it really does make a big difference.

### **Thank you from Mark Payne**

I would like to share an email regarding the request for the community to show respect during the funeral last Thursday:

Hi Sarah,

I just wanted to pass on my thanks to you, all the staff, the parents and especially all the children. We didn't hear a peep from them! They certainly showed the value of respect.

Kind regards,

Mark

*Rev Mark Payne*

**Assistant Curate in North Marston and Granborough**

### **Science Week**

This is always a big part of our school year and this year Miss Giggins is determined it will be no different! Science Week will take place during the week beginning **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. The children will be planning their pupil-led investigations the week before, and we are very excited to see the scientific questions and enquiries they choose to explore.

We are also pleased to share that we have arranged for the '**F1 in Schools**' team to come in to speak to the KS2 children on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. This promises to be a fantastic and inspiring session for Diamonds and Sapphires.

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As part of our celebrations, our school will once again be taking part in **The Great Science Share for Schools** and we are delighted to invite you to join us on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at 2:15pm to see the children's amazing science learning and hear them talk about their investigations.

We are always interested in any parents, relatives, or friends of families who work in STEM roles (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) who would be willing to talk to the children about their job. A talk of 10–15 minutes would be perfect. These visits do not need to take place during Science Week—please just let us know when you are available, and we will do our best to accommodate your visit.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We look forward to a wonderful and inspiring Science Week.

### **Keeping our Children Safe**

I am as always grateful to those parents who drive and park carefully when dropping and collecting their children. However, I am still getting messages from neighbours and other parents to say that this is not the case for everyone. A reminder that there is a voluntary one-way system in place in the village which goes up Church Street and down School Hill (keeping the church on your left the whole way round).

If you are stopping outside the school to drop or collect, please do so as efficiently as possible and consider parking and walking if your child needs a longer time to come in.

### **New Website**

We have moved our website onto a new platform which you can find following the link below:

<https://northmarston.bucks.sch.uk/>

The new platform looks fresh and is easy to navigate. While our new provider was able to copy over a lot of the content from the previous site, we have noticed some missing information so staff are working hard to get everything up-to-date as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or notice any obvious problems with the new website, please do let us know so we can rectify them.

### **Forest School**

A reminder that our KS2 Forest School experiences are coming up over the next couple of weeks. Diamonds will be attending on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Sapphires on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Please make sure your children come into school in their FS clothes on those days and bring their school uniform to change into when they return to school. They will be back in time for lunch so please make the usual arrangements.

If any parents or carers would like to volunteer to help, please drop an email to Katie in the office.

### **Cross Country**

Mr A is once again taking a team to the county cross country event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. For those children who have expressed an interest, please make sure you have confirmed your attendance by emailing the office so we know who to expect on the day and can ensure we have a full team. Fingers crossed that the sunshine stays with us!

# Spring Term 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<u>9<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> March</u> Diamonds to Forest School	<u>13<sup>th</sup> March</u>  <u>14<sup>th</sup> March</u> Cross country event
<u>16<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>17<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Diamonds production - <b><u>6.30pm (Parents arrive from 6pm)</u></b>	<u>18<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Diamonds Production – <b><u>1.45pm (Parents arrive from 1.15pm)</u></b>	<u>19<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>20<sup>th</sup> March</u>  M & M production of Treasure Island in school
<u>23<sup>rd</sup> March</u>	<u>24<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>25<sup>th</sup> March</u>  2:15pm Rock Steady concert for whole school and parents	<u>26<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>27<sup>th</sup> March</u>  2pm Easter Service  End of Term  PTA Bingo evening
<b><u>Easter Holidays</u></b>				
<u>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</u> Back to School	<u>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</u>
<u>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</u>	<u>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</u> Diamonds 1 <sup>st</sup> swimming session	<u>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</u>	<u>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</u>
<u>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</u>  Clubs start this week	<u>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</u>
<u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</u>  <b><u>BANK HOLIDAY</u></b>	<u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</u>	<u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</u>	<u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</u>	<u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</u>
<u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</u>  <u>KS2 SATS week</u>	<u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</u>	<u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</u>	<u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</u>	<u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</u>  PTA Disco

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<p><b>Summer 2 dates for your diary</b></p> <p>Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June – Science Week</p> <p>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day and Summer Fair</p> <p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July afternoon – Sapphire production</p> <p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July evening – Sapphire production</p> <p>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – PTA treat Friday</p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July am – Y6 leaver’s assembly</p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July evening - Y6 Leaver’s Fest</p> <p>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leaver’s Service</p>
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<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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