



North Marston Church of England School

Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!

20.03.2026



I hope you've all been enjoying the appearance of the sun this week; I can guarantee that nothing has shone as brightly as our Diamonds did when they performed 'Grimm' to a packed house on Tuesday and Wednesday. I have no doubt The West End will be calling very soon, asking for our superstars who were shining bright on the stage this week. Massive congratulations to Miss Giggins and the Diamond staff who have supported the children to achieve such a successful production.

We have also had an exciting Prayer Space this week when the children were able to reflect on how Christians around the world celebrate Easter, and we look forward to sharing our work with you in Church next Friday at our Easter service.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah

World Down Syndrome Day

We are excited to be celebrating in school next Monday, 23rd March with a special assembly and activities to raise awareness and help the children understand more about Down Syndrome.

Please see the attached flyer, promoting our cake sale after school. We are so grateful to Laura and Shaune Allum for donating cakes from Rhubarb and Ginger. All proceeds from the sale will go to Sparkles which is a charity supporting families of children with Down Syndrome.

Keeping our Children Safe

When our children are small, we support them by solving situations which upset them and we help them to regulate their emotions when they become distressed. As children get older, we want them to develop the skills which enable them to be able to self-regulate, but this doesn't happen without the guidance of the adults who are closest to them. The guidance attached has some top tips to help us to help them achieve this goal.

Summer Term Clubs

Please look out for the clubs offer letter which will be with you next week. The deadline for returning the form will be Friday 17th April, but we wanted to give you the chance to see what will be on offer and get the start and finish dates in your diary.

Children's book

Would you and your child like to be involved in developing a new children's book?

Sophie Ward is asking for your help: follow the link to have your input in this exciting new project!

[Help us create a new children's book!](#)

We wish Sophie the best of luck and look forward to seeing how the adventures work out!

Community Services

Please take a look at the flyers attached to this newsletter as there are some great local groups and support services for families which are run by the The Family Hub. They are free to access and cover the range of primary and secondary ages.

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Parent Survey Results Spring 2026

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. Governors have analysed the responses and have summarised the results below:

Highlights:

- **100%** agree or strongly agree that their child is well looked after at school.
- **100%** agree or strongly agree that their child feels safe at school.
- **98%** of parents would recommend the school.
- **98%** agree or strongly agree that the school ensures pupils are well behaved.

Where we are doing well:

- **93.9%** agree or strongly agree that the school responds well to concerns raised.
- **93.9%** agree or strongly agree that the school supports children's mental health and wellbeing.
- **95.9%** are satisfied or very satisfied with the school's support for parental engagement.
- **92%** are satisfied or very satisfied with the school's communication.
- **96%** agree or strongly agree that their child is happy at school.
- **91.3%** state they either have no experience of bullying or agree or strongly agree that the school deals with it effectively.

Areas for further development:

- **Only 81%** are satisfied or very satisfied with the support provided for their child's unique needs.
- **Only 79.6%** agree or strongly agree that their child receives appropriate homework.
- **Only 86%** agree or strongly agree that their child makes good progress at the school.

Overall, the survey reflects a highly positive view of the school community. The responses show strong confidence in pupil safety, wellbeing and behaviour, with near-unanimous agreement in several key areas. Parents also expressed high levels of satisfaction with communication, parental engagement and the school's approach to supporting mental health and responding to concerns.

The survey also highlights a small number of areas for continued development, including further strengthening of provision for children's individual needs, refining homework expectations and continuing to focus on ensuring all pupils make good progress.

There were several additional comments made regarding wrap-around care provision. A separate survey has been previously circulated to capture in more detail what care is being requested, and we are now looking into the best way to provide for the need. Please do contact the school office if you missed the chance to respond to the survey and you would like to explore the option for wraparound care as every response counts.

Your feedback plays a vital role in helping us celebrate what is working well and identifying where we can improve. The Governing Board remain committed to working in partnership with families to ensure every child is given the opportunity to shine their light to be their best selves.

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Forest School

Diamonds had a fabulous time at Forest School last week and I know that Sapphires are very excited about their session next week on Thursday 26th March.

Please make sure your children come into school with their FS clothes on 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.

Fresh Start

Please be aware that Fresh Start are updating their systems and therefore online ordering will not be available from Friday 27th March to Monday 30th March. This should still leave plenty of time over the holidays to book lunches for the summer term.

Spring Term 2026 Calendar

Monday 23rd March	Tuesday 24th March	Wednesday 25th March	Thursday 26th March	Friday 27th March
		2:15pm Rock Steady concert for whole school and parents		2pm Easter Service End of Term
Easter Holidays				
Monday 13th April Back to School	Tuesday 14th April	Wednesday 15th April	Thursday 16th April	Friday 17th April
Monday 20th April	Tuesday 21st April 10.30 – Nursing Team in for Rubies – Vision Screening	Wednesday 22nd April Diamonds 1 st swimming session	Thursday 23rd April Break the rules day	Friday 24th April
Monday 27th April Clubs start this week	Tuesday 28th April	Wednesday 29th April	Thursday 30th April	Friday 1st May
Monday 4th May BANK HOLIDAY	Tuesday 5th May	Wednesday 6th May	Thursday 7th May Diamonds visit to Oakridge School (SLN)	Friday 8th May

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<u>Monday 11th May</u> <u>KS2 SATS week</u>	<u>Tuesday 12th May</u>	<u>Wednesday 13th May</u>	<u>Thursday 14th May</u>	<u>Friday 15th May</u> PTA Disco
<u>Monday 18th May</u>	<u>Tuesday 19th May</u>	<u>Wednesday 20th May</u>	<u>Thursday 21st May</u>	<u>Friday 22nd May</u> Half Term

Summer 2 dates for your diary

Week beginning 1st June – Science Week

Thursday 4th June – F1 in School – KS2

Friday 5th June – Great School Science Share (Parents Welcome 2:15pm)

Thursday 18th June – Sports Day and Summer Fair

Tuesday 30th June – Group/Class Photographs

Wednesday 8th July afternoon – Sapphire production

Thursday 9th July evening – Sapphire production

Friday 10th July – PTA treat Friday

Monday 20th July am – Y6 leaver's assembly

Monday 20th July evening - Y6 Leaver's Fest

Tuesday 21st July – Leaver's Service

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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
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