



North Marston Church of England School

Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!

22.05.26



Another half-term completed and the weather appears to have finally caught up with the season!

We are delighted to report that we have been awarded a special Endeavour Award from Aylesbury Vale Primary School Football Association which recognises North Marston C of E's football teams and their amazing determination and respect. We are so proud of the children for showing up and displaying their school values, even when the results aren't in their favour.

I hope you all have a relaxing and safe half term and look forward to seeing you all back to school at 8:40 on Tuesday 2nd June.

Sarah x

Science Week

The week after the half-term holiday will be Science Week and we have once again signed up for **The Great School Science Share**. The children are already busy planning their own pupil-led investigations and during Science Week, they will carry out and present their investigations.

To help prepare for this event, your child may come home this week with a list of resources they will need for their investigation (Opals resources letter is attached to this email!). Please take some time to discuss with your child which investigation they have chosen and support them in gathering any resources they may require. If you are unable to get anything on the list, please email the office so we are aware and can make alternative arrangements.

On **Friday 5th June**, we will be holding a Science Fair, starting at **2:15 pm**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come into school to look at all the exciting science work the children have been carrying out. This is a wonderful opportunity to see science learning across the school.

During the event, your child will remain in their classroom so they can explain their learning and investigations to visitors. At the end of the school day, children will be dismissed to you on the playground as usual at 3:10 pm. We look forward to welcoming you and know that the children are excited to share and discuss their work with you.

Thank you for supporting your child in these initiatives.

Helen Giggins

Keeping our Children Safe

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's perfectly acceptable for one age group, for example, may be highly unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various way – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

In the attached guide, you'll find tips on helping children to avoid potential risks involving social media, gaming and adverts.

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Year 4 & 5 Presentations

Thank you to all the year 4 & 5 parents who came to our meetings last night.

The children were all very excited by the launch of our Residential 2027. Please find a letter attached with the important details and the PowerPoint is now on the school website [Residential 2027 PowerPoint](#) and the payment plan is now live on ParentPay so you can pay your deposit. A reminder to please come and see me if payment is going to be an issue – we want all the children to come and don't want financial constraints to be a reason for any child to miss out.

The year 5 presentation regarding secondary application and Secondary Transfer Test is also on the website [Year 5 Secondary Transfer Powerpoint](#)

PTA

Another successful disco took place last week, organised by our fabulous PTA team and strongly supported by a raft of parents (who can all do a great YMCA!). The children had a lovely time and we are so grateful to everyone who helped out to ensure it ran smoothly.

The PTA are busy preparing for the Summer Fair which as usual will follow on from Sports Day on Thursday 18th June. We will be holding a whole school mufti day on **Friday 12th June** in exchange for a chocolate or bottle donation for the tombola.

Frankie's Medal – Former pupil

A huge congratulations to Frankie on winning a silver medal for England. Mum told us he boxed brilliantly across both days, secured a great win on Saturday, and narrowly missed out on gold in an incredibly close final. We're all so proud of him.

Author Visit

We are delighted to announce that the author Sean Perkins will be visiting us on Tuesday 16th June. Sean will read to the children from his latest book and then do 2 workshops which will involve the whole school throughout the afternoon. Please see the attached letter which provides details of how to pre-order Sean's books which he will sign on the day.

We are very grateful to the PTA for covering the cost of the workshops which promise to be fun and interactive.

Ground Force Afternoon

Hi everyone, a reminder that our next Groundforce Afternoon is on **Tuesday 9th June @ 1:15pm**. Anyone who can come and help, please do and bring any tools such as spades and trowels so you can help with tidying up and doing some gardening.

We have a few painting projects as well as some jet washing and minor repairs that need doing so if any of these are jobs you can help with (or you would like to volunteer someone else to do!) then please do pop an email to Katie with your name and what you would like/ be willing to do.

Spring Family Saturdays at the Science Oxford Centre

Visit the Science Oxford Centre, open every Saturday for Family Days filled with exciting indoor and outdoor activities. Looking for something to do during the May half-term? Come along and enjoy a day of discovery and adventure.

As part of celebrations marking the 100th birthday of national treasure Sir David Attenborough, families can explore the wonders of the natural world and uncover the science behind how things work.

For more information and booking details, please visit: [Science Oxford Family Days](#)

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Summer Term 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Half Term				
Monday 1st June INSET DAY – children do not attend	Tuesday 2nd June Science Week MTC Window for Year 4 opens	Wednesday 3rd June Diamonds Swimming Lesson (6)	Thursday 4th June F1 in School for KS2	Friday 5th June 2:15pm: Parents Welcome to join us for the Great School Science Share
Monday 8th June KS1 Phonics Screening week (and Y2 retakes)	Tuesday 9th June 1.15pm - Ground Force Day	Wednesday 10th June Diamonds Swimming Lesson (7) 7pm – New Reception Parents for Sept 26 Meeting	Thursday 11th June Oakridge School to visit Diamonds Class PSHE Parent Consultation (details to follow)	Friday 12th June Mufti Day
Monday 15th June	Tuesday 16th June	Wednesday 17th June Diamonds Swimming Lesson (8)	Thursday 18th June 1pm Sports Day, followed by the PTA Summer Fair	Friday 19th June
Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June After school Charity sale for Parkinsons	Wednesday 24th June Diamonds Swimming Lesson (9)	Thursday 25th June Diamond Class at Forest School	Friday 26th June
Monday 29th June Diamonds & Sapphires Class Trip to Earth Trust (TBC) LAST WEEK OF CLUBS	Tuesday 30th June Group/Class Photographs	Wednesday 1st July Diamonds Swimming Lesson (10) 2.15pm - Rocksteady performance	Thursday 2nd July Sapphire Class at Forest School	Friday 3rd July
Monday 6th July Athletics Championships – Stoke Mandeville (AFTER SCHOOL-7.30PM)	Tuesday 7th July Transition Days	Wednesday 8th July Diamonds Swimming Lesson (11) Transition Days	Thursday 9th July Sapphire production afternoon Sapphire production evening	Friday 10th July PTA Treat Friday
Monday 13th July Parents Evening	Tuesday 14th July Retirement party – details to follow	Wednesday 15th July Last Diamonds Swimming Lesson (12) Parents Evening	Thursday 16th July	Friday 17th July Year 6 taskmaster day – details to follow

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<u>Monday 20th July</u> Y6 leaver's assembly Y6 Leaver's Fest	<u>Tuesday 21st July</u> Leaver's Service	<u>Wednesday 22nd July</u> <u>INSET DAY – children do not attend</u>	<u>Summer Holidays</u>
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Term Dates 2025/2026

Term	Start at 8:40 on:	Finish at 3:10 on:
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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