



We were very happy to welcome Kaye Healey into school yesterday to carry out our SIAMS inspection. Children and staff welcomed Kaye with their usual enthusiasm, and I am grateful to the parents and governors who took the time to come and meet with her. We eagerly await Kaye's report and will share it with parents as soon as we can. With only a couple of weeks of term left, we still have lots of events happening so please do check the calendar below so that you don't miss anything. Some parents have mentioned the calendar not being updated and this might seem to be the case if you have subscribed to our school calendar from the old website. This should be rectified if you unsubscribe and delete it and then resubscribe from the new site.

Have a great weekend everyone,

PSHE

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us for our PSHE consultation a few weeks ago. It was lovely to see so many of you there. From your feedback, it sounds like the session was useful, and we really appreciated the thoughtful questions and ideas shared; these will all help shape our policies going forward.

We know a few people had trouble accessing the interactive quiz on the night.

If you'd still like to take part, you can do so here:

<https://www.menti.com/alfhg9ydwpx9>

As always, we really value your feedback. There's a short online form where you can share your thoughts and ideas about PSHE at North Marston School with us, and we welcome you to also give feedback on our draft policies. You can find everything on the school website here:

https://northmarston.bucks.sch.uk/learning_and_teaching/curriculum/pshe/pshe.html

Thank you again for your time and continued support — it really does make a difference.



Smartie the Penguin

During the week commencing 6th July, reception children will be learning about staying safe online with the help of Smartie the Penguin. Smartie encounters different scenarios, for e.g. seeing upsetting content or being asked for personal information. The stories are age appropriate and help to prepare the children for times when an adult may not be next to them supervising their viewing. Each time, learners are encouraged to talk about what has happened and explain what they think Smartie should do and why. In every story, learners are also asked to join in with Smartie's special song, to help him make his decisions!

- Before you **tap** and click...
- You need to **stop** and think...

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- And **TELL** someone!

If you would like to find out more and reinforce the message with your child please click on the link below.

[Smartie the Penguin | Childnet](#)

Transition

Next Tuesday, 7th July is our transition day. Children should come to school as usual and will be registered in their current class. They will then come to collective worship in the hall, and their new teacher will then take them to their new class for the rest of the day. Children will return to their current class at 3pm and be dismissed by their current teachers as usual on the playground.

Once you have collected your child, they are welcome to show you to their new class where you will have the chance to meet their new teacher. This will be a brief, informal opportunity to put a name to a face before the end of term. In September, we will have a more formal 'meet-the-teacher' session when you will get more information about topics, routines and expectations from your child's new teacher.

Clubs

Please be reminded that after school clubs have now finished for the term. A new offer letter will be sent out at the beginning of the new term for you to sign up.

Retirement Party

We are really looking forward to celebrating this special event for Mr A, Miss Giggins and Mrs Avery. Please remember to send an email to office@northmarston.bucks.sch.uk to let Katie know if you are planning to come to the retirement party on July 14th at 3:30pm. It is really helpful for us to have an idea of the number in your party so we can ensure there are enough tables and chairs and refreshments.

Year 6 End of Term

Please look out for communication next week which will have details about all of Leaver's Celebrations for our outgoing Year 6 cohort, including Task Master, Leaver's Assembly, Leaver's Fest and Leaver's Service.

Changes to Free School Meal & Pupil Premium

The Government is changing the way that Free School Meals (FSM) are funded.

From September 2026, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit attending school will be entitled to receive a free meal. From September 2026, there will be two categories of benefits-based Free School Meals (FSM):

- **Targeted FSM:** For students in families who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less.
- **Expanded FSM:** A new category covering students who do not qualify for Targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit.

All students who currently receive free school meals will continue to do so until the end of the Summer term 2026, at which point the current transitional protections will end. From the start of the new school year in September, households must meet the new criteria to receive provision.

If you think you may be eligible, please complete this form [fms-ecs-application-form-2026-27.pdf](#) by **10th July 2026**. This will ensure your child's claim is processed in time for the start of the new term. You can apply later, but we cannot guarantee the application will be processed before the start of the new academic year.

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Hot Weather

A big thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and understanding when we closed school due to the red alert last week. We are aware that these red alerts are likely to become more frequent and I would like to reassure you that we have been speaking to staff and governors about what plans we can put in place to minimise the need for school to close while ensuring that we prioritise children's and staff's well-being.

We have received notification of a yellow alert for next week but, with temperatures forecast to be lower than we saw last week, we are confident we can adequately manage to keep the children safe and comfortable in school and will ensure there are fans in the hall for Sapphires performances on Thursday.

Class Photos

You should have received your QR code earlier in the week which will enable you to view and order the class photos. Please note that the deadline for school delivery is 10th July.

Summer Term 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Monday 6th July</u> Athletics Championships – Stoke Mandeville (AFTER SCHOOL-7.30PM) <u>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</u>	<u>Tuesday 7th July</u> Transition Days	<u>Wednesday 8th July</u> Diamonds Swimming Lesson (11) Transition Days	<u>Thursday 9th July</u> Sapphire production afternoon – 1.30pm Sapphire production evening – 6pm	<u>Friday 10th July</u> PTA Treat Friday
<u>Monday 13th July</u> 3.30pm – 6pm - Parents Evening	<u>Tuesday 14th July</u> Retirement party – 3.30pm	<u>Wednesday 15th July</u> Last Diamonds Swimming Lesson (12) 3.30pm – 7pm - Parents Evening	<u>Thursday 16th July</u> 9am - Water Assembly for the whole school	<u>Friday 17th July</u> Year 6 taskmaster day – details to follow
<u>Monday 20th July</u> Y6 leaver's assembly 9am – Parents welcome Y6 Leaver's Fest	<u>Tuesday 21st July</u> Leaver's Service 2pm Children break up	<u>Wednesday 22nd July</u> <u>INSET DAY – children do not attend</u>	<u>Summer Holidays</u>	

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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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