



North Marston Church of England School

Shining our Light to be our Best Selves!

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Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. As always, the year has gone by so quickly and has been packed full of fabulous activities and great learning. We were delighted to receive our SIAMS report earlier in the week and so please do read it if you haven't had the chance yet.

As always at this time of year, there is a note of sadness as we say farewell to our Year 6 children, and this year also to Mr A, Miss Giggins and Mrs Avery. However, we also look ahead to the excitement of a new school year and our brand-new reception children as well as our new staff. We are pleased to have appointed 2 new Teaching Assistants as well and would like to welcome Rachael Stepney-Hogg and Jennifer Biggerstaff to the team from September.

Have a great summer everyone,

Sarah x

District Sports

Congratulations to the KS2 District athletics team. Wow! What can I say.... all of the children were absolutely incredible. The attitude, team spirit, determination and athletic ability was wonderful to watch. The joy on their faces at the end each event was magic! They represented our school brilliantly! Thank you to all the parents and staff who transported and supported, and special thanks to Mrs Duggan for training the children and organising them on the day.

Have a great summer.

Mark

New Teachers

It was wonderful for the children to meet their new teachers on Transition Day, giving them the opportunity to get to know one another, explore their new classroom, and begin building confidence and excitement for the year ahead. Please look at the links below to meet your child's new teacher and find out a little more about them before the new school year begins. Please use the posters during the holidays to remind your children of their new teacher to aid their transition before returning in September.

[Meet our new Rubies Teacher Miss Tillcock](#)

[Meet our new Opals Teacher Mrs Forsythe](#)

[Meet our new Diamonds Teacher Mrs Joesph](#)

[Meet our Teachers in Sapphires Class](#)

Parkinsons Charity

We are incredibly proud of Scarlett, who organised an after-school bake sale on Tuesday 23rd June to raise money for Parkinson's UK after her grandpa was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2024. Thanks to her hard work, kindness, and everyone who supported the event, she raised an amazing **£918** for the Parkinsons UK. What an outstanding achievement. Congratulations, Scarlett and Ayla for your assistance too!

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School Reading Books

Please could we ask all children and parents to have a look at home and return any school books that you may have. We would be very grateful if these could be brought back into school before the end of term so we can audit and organise them over the holidays, ready for the new term.

After School Clubs

As you are all aware, S4A will be launching our After School Wraparound Care provision from September 2026, running Monday to Friday until 6:00pm during term time, providing children with a safe, engaging, and enjoyable environment at the end of the school day.

Children will have access to a wide variety of activities including sports, crafts, games, construction activities, quiet areas, and themed sessions.

To support different family schedules, we offer a range of flexible booking options:

Session Prices

End of school day – 4:30pm (No meal included) – £6.95

End of school day – 5:15pm (No meal included) – £10.95

End of school day – 5:15pm (Includes a light meal) – £13.50

End of school day – 6:00pm (No meal included) – £13.95

End of school day – 6:00pm (Includes a light meal) – £16.50

Please see the link for more information [🔗 Click here to view your Parent Information Pack](#)

Staff run enrichment clubs will still happen but these will take place at lunch times.

Birthdays in the Summer Holiday

If your child has a birthday during the summer holidays, we would like to invite them to wear mufti (non-uniform) clothes on **Monday 20th July** so that we can celebrate their special day together with them.

Family First Magazine

Please find the link to the latest **Family First** magazine below for all parents and carers to read:

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>

We hope you find the articles and information useful.

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.

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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.

Update from Buckinghamshire Council RE Food Vouchers over Summer

The Household Support Fund ended on 31 March 2026 and has been replaced by the Government's new [Crisis and Resilience Fund \(CRF\)](#). This new fund focuses on targeted support for families experiencing sudden financial hardship.

Because of this change, families who are eligible for free school meals will no longer receive food vouchers during school holidays.

Eligible families will still be able to access the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which provides free activities and healthy meals during school holidays. If you are not eligible for HAF, families are encouraged to use existing community support such as kids eat free offers and community cafés.

More information about local support is available on the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#).

Summer at the Science Oxford Centre

Summer holiday club programme announced

From pond dipping to coding, slime to space, we've got a summer packed with hands-on fun for curious kids. This July, step into the FUZE Game Studio and go from gamer to game creator in our one-day coding workshop for ages 7–14. No coding experience is needed – just bring your imagination! Then, in August, launch into our **Summer of Space** Holiday Club for ages 7–11, where budding astronauts can enjoy exciting space-themed challenges, outdoor adventures and hands-on science activities.

For younger explorers aged 5–9, our **Science & Nature Clubs** offer even more summer fun. At Science Club, children will investigate natural polymers and get messy making slime, while Nature Club introduces the beautiful Japanese art of flower printmaking in July. In August, they'll head outdoors to discover the wonders of our woodland with pond dipping and grass sweeping.

Spaces fill quickly, so find out more and book your place below.

[Summer Holiday Club - Science Oxford](#)

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Summer Term 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Monday 20th July Y6 leaver's assembly 9am – Parents welcome Y6 Leaver's Fest	Tuesday 21st July Leaver's Service 2pm Children break up	Wednesday 22nd July <u>INSET DAY – children do not attend</u>	Summer Holidays	Summer Holidays
31st August <u>Summer Holidays</u>	1st September <u>INSET DAY – children do not attend</u>	2nd September <u>INSET DAY – children do not attend</u>	3rd September Children return Gates open at 8:40am	4th September
7th September	8th September 11+ practice (Y6)	9th September	10th September 11+ test (Y6)	11th September
14th September Opals to Forest School	15th September	16th September	17th September 7:30pm PTA AGM	18th September Rubies Forest School – Staying On site

Term Dates 2026/2027

Term	Start at 8:40 on:	Finish at 3:10 on:
Autumn 1	Thursday 3 rd September	Friday 23 rd October
Autumn 2	Tuesday 3 rd November	Friday 18 th December
Spring 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring 2	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer 1	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer 2	Tuesday 8 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

INSET days (for staff only): Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September; Monday 2nd November; Monday 4th January; Monday 7th June

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