



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 8th May 2026

SIAMs Inspection This Week

We are absolutely delighted to share that we had a very successful SIAMS inspection this week! The inspector described our school as a 'wonderful place' with so much to be proud of, which was incredibly special to hear. One of the key strengths highlighted was how our vision is truly a living reality, woven through everything we do each day. The relationships across our school family were described as exceptional, reflecting the kindness, care and respect we see in action every day. Our Collective Worship and RE were also praised highly, with the inspector commenting on our beautiful books and the bespoke, thoughtfully designed curriculum we have created. A special thank you to the families who met with the inspector, and who took the time to send in emails to share their views and experiences. Your support means so much to us all, as do your kind words.

This outcome really is a reflection of the hard work, dedication and love from our whole school community—staff, children and families alike—and we couldn't be prouder 💖

Good Luck to our Y6 Superstars

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs tests following months of perseverance, determination, and hard work. We wanted to take a moment to share how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of them. The resilience, dedication, and positive attitude they have shown in preparation for these assessments have been truly wonderful to witness. This week, the children also took part in a special pre-SATs worship led by Reverend Linda and Peter, which gave them a chance to reflect and feel encouraged ahead of the week to come. Please keep our Year 6 pupils in your thoughts and prayers this weekend as they prepare to do their very best.

Sports Day

We are excited to invite parents to this year's Sports Day which will take place on **Thursday 21st May 2025**, weather permitting. **Y4, Y5 and Y6 sports day will take place in the morning and start at 9:15am**, while our younger athletes from **Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 will showcase their skills starting at 1:30pm**.

We are asking that children come to school dressed in the colours of their House Teams, however if they do not have anything in these colours, we have sports bibs so please do not buy anything especially for this. **Please check Arbor for your child's current house colour**, as some colours may be different from previous years. This is due to changes in pupil numbers as children join and leave the school, and to ensure that all house groups remain balanced. Thank you for your understanding and support.

This event is not just about competition, it is a celebration of teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship. We hope to see you there.

House colours

Nightingale – Red

Attenborough – Green

Parks – Blue

Mandela -Yellow

Staff Car Park

We would like to kindly remind parents that the school car park is for staff use only. Please do not leave vehicles in the car park, block the entrance, or use the area to turn around, as access is required for staff and deliveries throughout the day. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us ensure that our school grounds remain safe and accessible.

Walk to School Week

From 18th May, our school will be taking part in Walk to School Week! We are encouraging all children to walk to school each day during this special week as a fun way to stay active and healthy. Each child will receive a tracking sheet to complete daily in class, and they will earn stickers as a reward for their efforts. Let's get moving, enjoy some fresh air, and make the journey to school a positive and energetic start to the day!

Fun Day 8th July 2026

We are excited to share that plans are already underway for our annual Fun Day, and as always, we will be holding non-uniform days to collect prizes, and we really appreciate your ongoing support with this. If your child has PE on any of these days, we kindly ask that they come to school wearing clothes and footwear that will allow them to take part in their lessons comfortably and safely. Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our Fun Day a successful and enjoyable event for everyone.

Friday 5th June – Non-Uniform for Tombola Prizes (toiletries, small toys and gifts, candles etc)

Friday 19th June – Non-Uniform day for sweets


Friday 3rd July – Non-Uniform day bottles for the tombola

Trips

We have a number of exciting trips lined up for the summer term. Please check Arbor to see which trips are available for your child and ensure that you have given consent and made full payment so that your child can attend. These trips provide wonderful opportunities for children to enjoy new experiences, explore beyond the classroom, and create lasting memories with their friends.

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups
Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6
Tue, 16 June 2026	Eureka	Year 1 and Year 2
Wed, 10 Jun - Thu, 11 Jun 2026	Pettypool Y5	Year Y5
Tue, 30 Jun 2026	Y3 and Y4 Go Ape	Year Y3 and Year Y4

Quotes from Miss Slingsby's #Positivegossip Book this week:

- James and Fern (Y6) for 'volunteering' to read prayers in our worship. Beautifully done and thank you – Miss Ellis 😊
- Harper-Rose (Y1) for being so friendly and talkative to me during lunch – Miss Mason 😊
- All the children who helped colour the mosaics at lunch time, they are beautiful – Mrs Hughes 😊
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Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

Here are some important dates for your diaries to help you plan for the next few weeks:

- 11th May – SATs Week
- 11th May – Pettypool Parent Meeting (3:15pm)
- 18th May – Walk to School Week
- 18th May – RSE Meeting Y4 (2:30pm)
- 19th May – RSE Meeting Y5 (2:30pm)
- 20th May – RSE Meeting Y6 (2:30pm)
- 21ST May – Sports Day
- 21st May – Finish for Half Term
- 22nd May – Inset day
- 1st June – School Opens
- 3rd June – Rec Parent Pupil Progress meetings
- 4th June – Y3 Pentecost Worship (9:00am)
- 5th June – Non-Uniform Day Tombola Prizes

Please note, these dates are subject to change – please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.

Next Week's Menu

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage	Chicken Tikka Masala or Vegan Meatballs with Naan Bread	Shephard's Pie or Tuna Pasta	Tomato Pasta Bake or Veggie Burger with Pasta	Veggie Nuggets or Fish Fingers
Accompaniments	Herby Diced Potato & Veg of the day & Gravy *** Salad Bar	Rice & Veg of the day *** Salad Bar	Veg of the day *** Salad Bar	Garlic Bread *** Salad Bar	Chips & Veg of the day *** Salad Bar
Desserts	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling

Please note – The catering staff will make every effort to follow the menu as set out above, however there may be occasions when food served may differ from the menu and if this is to happen, we will make you aware of the change at the earliest convenience.

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Trust

"We trust in God, each other and ourselves"



St Michael with St Thomas Church

Come and join the Sunday services at our beautiful church! See times below. Don't forget Children's Church on the first Sunday of every month.



Holy Communion Service

🕒 Every Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: *Article 27: Every child has the right to a proper house, food and clothing*

What does this mean?

- How do children access this right?
- How can duty bearers help to ensure children have this right?

Article of the WEEK



Ready, Respectful, Safe!



Headteacher Award Winners

- Rec - Ferne for incredible contributions and focus during R.E.
- Y1 - Harper-Rose excellent enthusiasm across R.E. and for her amazing confidence with our visitor
- Y2 - Frankie for always showing he is ready to learn and for writing an amazing prayer about trust ❤️
- Y3 - Noah for demonstrating a great and improved attitude in class discussions and completing his work. Well done 😊
- Y4 - Leighton for an absolutely brilliant week. Beautiful writing, amazing attitude and fantastic friendship
- Y5 - Savannah for showing incredible, inspiring maturity and perseverance this week! 😊
- Y6 - Mason for his constant enthusiasm to his work

Lunchtime Superstars

- Rec - Thomas
- Y1 - Harper-Rose
- Y2 - Ashvik
- Y3 - Heidi
- Y4 - Ronnie
- Y5 - Ryan
- Y6 - Ella

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.8%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Y3

Class Attendance:

Rec – 90.5%

Y1 – 98.8%

Y2 – 93.1%

Y3 – 100%

Y4 – 97.7%

Y5 – 96.4%

Y6 – 94.3%



Important reminder regarding reporting absences.

Please be reminded that you need to notify school before 9am with the reason for absence for this to be recorded appropriately.

Please note 'Feeling unwell', 'poorly' or 'under the weather' is not sufficient, more detail is required such as 'has been sick' or 'has a temperature' is required.

There are lots of ways to notify school of absence. You can call the school number and leave a message on the absence line, you can send a message via Arbor or you can email the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

Leave the Car at Home and

Walk to School!

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Walking is good for your body - daily exercise helps us feel fit and healthy.

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Walking is good for the environment - walking is the most environmentally friendly way to travel.

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Walking can make you feel happy - walking makes you feel more positive and ready to start the day.

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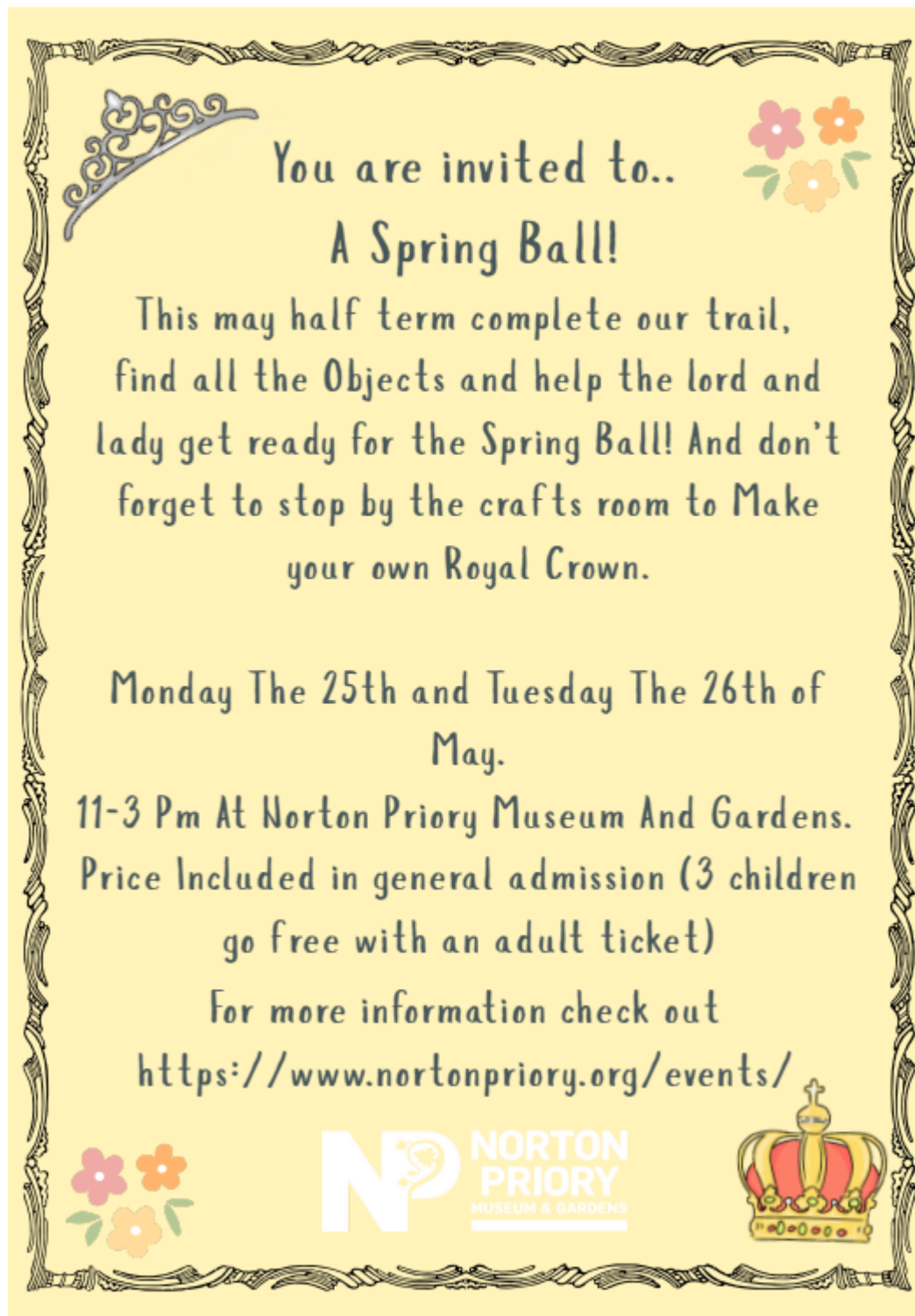
Walking is good for your relationships - having a walk is a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

Norton Priory

Please find below the flyer for this May half term craft activities centred on a Georgian Spring Ball at Norton Priory. There are 2 different activities for children this half term.

Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th of May- Spring Ball Crafts! Come along to our crafts room to make your own mask and crown fit for a Ball!

And up for the entirety of May we have a Georgian Spring ball themed trail around the museum!



You are invited to..


A Spring Ball!

This may half term complete our trail, find all the Objects and help the lord and lady get ready for the Spring Ball! And don't forget to stop by the crafts room to Make your own Royal Crown.

Monday The 25th and Tuesday The 26th of May.

11-3 Pm At Norton Priory Museum And Gardens.
Price Included in general admission (3 children go free with an adult ticket)

For more information check out
<https://www.nortonpriory.org/events/>

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MUSEUM & GARDENS



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