



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 15th May 2026

Congratulations Y6

A huge well done to our amazing Year 6 children, who have truly impressed us this week with their fantastic effort during SATs. We are so proud of the commitment, resilience, and positive attitude you have shown each day — you should all feel incredibly proud of yourselves! We would also like to say a big thank you to all of the children across school who supported our Year 6 pupils by moving quietly and respectfully around the building, helping to create a calm and encouraging environment for them to focus and do their very best. SATs are very much a whole-school event, and it has been wonderful to see our younger children developing such a positive and supportive attitude towards SATs. Well done to everyone involved — we are incredibly proud of you all!

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**, (this can be found at the top of your child's profile), 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

Walk to School Week

Next week 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

Outside Classroom

A polite reminder to all parents and carers: please do not allow children to play with the equipment outside the Reception Classroom. This area is used as an outdoor classroom, with activities and equipment often set up ready for the following day.

We kindly ask that all children remain with their parents and do not run around the car park or the outside classroom area while waiting to enter school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep everyone safe and ensure resources are ready for learning.

Trips Payment Deadline

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 by 29th May 2026** 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

- During SATs, Y4 worked exceptionally well with each other to create role plays. They helped their partners so kindly and thoughtfully 💜
- Y6 for being incredibly positive and showing amazing perseverance – you blew Mrs Worrall away!
- Evie (Y4) for trying so hard with her maths and absolutely smashing area! – Miss McMullen
- Emmy-Lou for showing her thinking during all of her SATs! Amazing ⭐ Miss Fisher
- Louie for being a ray of sunshine after SATs tests 😊 Miss Fisher
- Aiden (Y4) for being such a kind person and offering to help when I needed it – Mrs Hughes 💜
- Harrison-Jake for trying his hardest in his SATs ⭐ Miss Fisher
- Eleanor (Y1) for being such a great help to me and her classmates – Miss Lavery
- Y4 for absolutely fantastic behaviour all week, I am blown away by how hard you have worked – Miss McMullen
- Joseph (Y1) for being so warm and welcoming to me during Breakfast Club. It really does brighten my day – 🌞 Miss Mason

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 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 Prize Donations

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 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese Pizza or Southern Fried Chicken	Veggie Sausage Roll or Quorn Sausage	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Gravy	Meatballs or Quorn Meatballs	Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers
Accompaniments	Diced Potato *** Salad Bar	Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans *** Salad Bar	Mash Potato, Veg of the day & Yorkshire Pudding *** Salad Bar	Roast Potato & Veg of the day *** 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 12: every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them*

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 - Archie for an incredible improvement in handwriting
- Y1 - Hunter for his outstanding effort in his writing lessons!
- Y2 - Miyah for her incredible improvement in writing - well done 💜
- Y3 - Noah Fielding for focus and effort and always being ready to learn 😊
- Y4 - Evie for trying so hard across all subjects this week!
- Y5 - Libbie for working so quietly and respectfully in the hall this week and helping our Y6 friends! 😊
- Y6 - Arthur for starting each day this week with a smile on your face and an attitude to match

Lunchtime Superstars

- Rec - Tallulah
- Y1 - Torvi
- Y2 - Albie
- Y3 - Joseph
- Y4 - Aiden
- Y5 - Erin
- Y6 - Arthur

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.9%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Y3

Class Attendance:

Rec – 98.1%

Y1 – 92.6%

Y2 – 94.8%

Y3 – 100%

Y4 – 92.4%

Y5 – 93.1%

Y6 – 99.3%



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

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important reasons for great attendance

in the final half term

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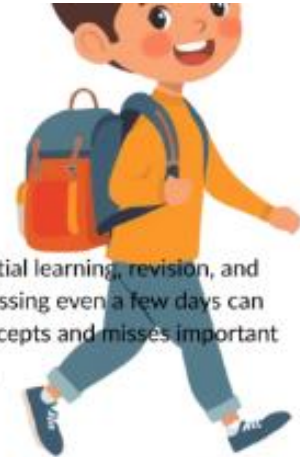
Build Strong Habits

Regular attendance teaches children responsibility, time management, and commitment. These habits formed now will benefit them throughout their education and future careers.

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Every Day Counts

The final half term is packed with essential learning, revision, and preparation for the next school year. Missing even a few days can mean your child falls behind on key concepts and misses important end-of-year activities and celebrations.



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Stay Connected with Friends

Being in school helps children maintain friendships and feel part of their class community during this special time of year.



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Finish the Year Strong

The last weeks include important assessments, reports, and transition activities. Your child needs to be present to showcase their progress and prepare for their next year group.



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Avoid Holiday Absences During Term Time

Please avoid booking holidays during term time. Absences in the final half term can significantly impact your child's learning and will not be authorised. Every school day matters!



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Celebrate Together

End-of-year events, transition days and class parties are memories your child will treasure. Ensure they don't miss out on these special moments with their classmates.



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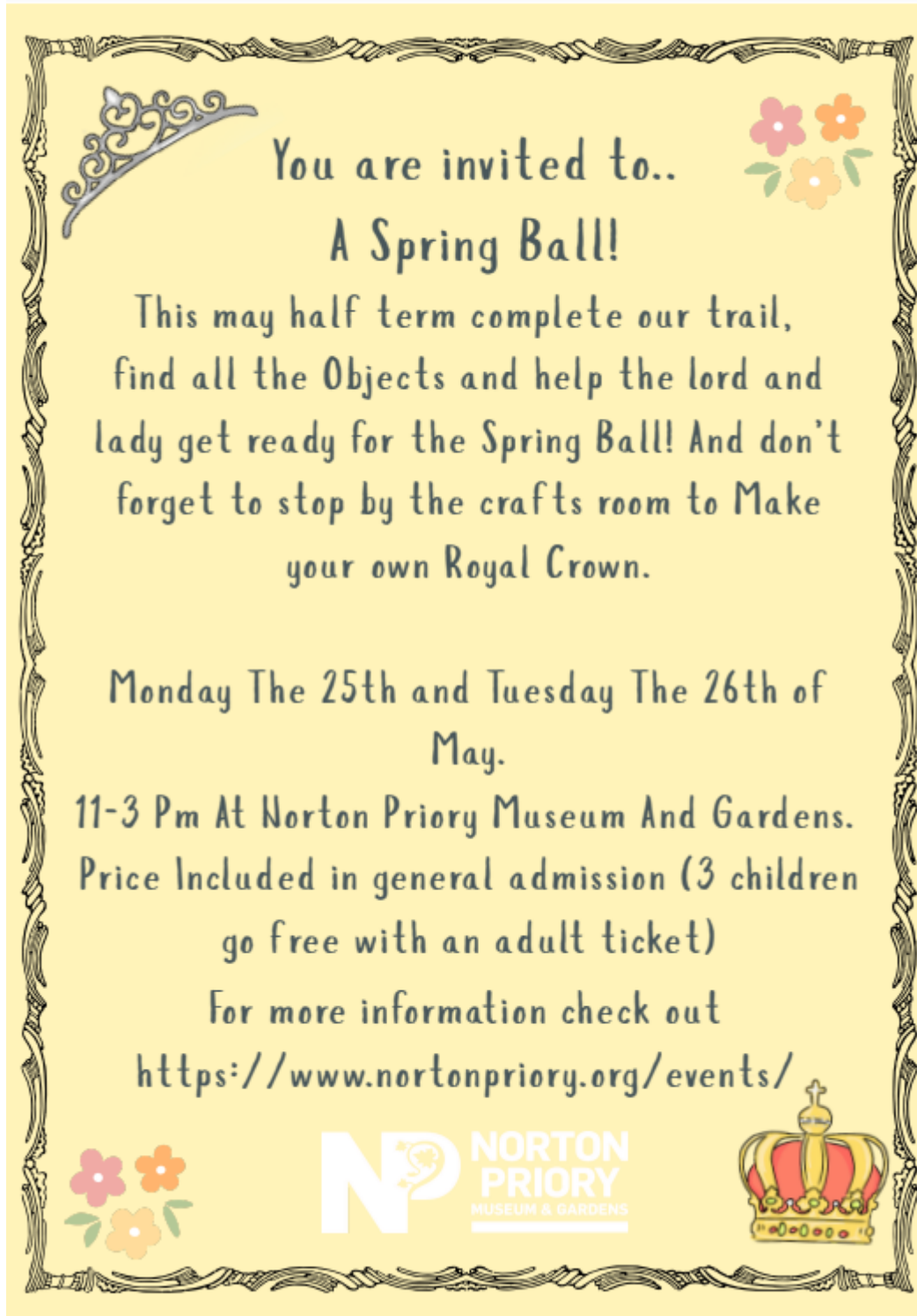
Walking is good for your relationships - having a walk is a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

Norton Priory

Please find below the flyer for this May half terms 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/>

