

Spring Term 2026

March Newsletter

Welcome back after the half term! As a school and part of DEMAT our trust we are committed to improve the education for all of our pupils starting in Pre-school. Educational research together with evolving government guidelines and our experiences continue to move our school forward.

In January 2026 we changed our program of maths to follow a program 'Can do Maths' which encourages the use of resources for children to understand patterns and gain confidence before moving onto the next area of learning. This program has had a positive impact on our children's learning through observations in the classroom and supported by assessments at the end of last half term. I hope your children have been sharing their learning with you and you feel that their confidence continues to grow.

Reading lessons in the classroom are always a pleasure to be in. Every week I drop into lessons and particularly love to hear the children's confidence in their fluency when reading and understanding the vocabulary and text they are studying as a class. The lessons have a focus on pre teaching vocabulary that children may not have come across, listening to the text read by an adult using tone, expression and volume and then taking turns to read the text as a class. This is followed by digging deeper into the text and getting a clear understanding as well as learning about an author's style.

This term we will be using the Writing Framework (July 2025) to focus on improving writing across the school by improving the writer. We will be teaching children the importance of redrafting their work as a publisher would do. At the end of their redrafting, they will publish their final version in their own work book of published work. We hope that you will be able to see the progress when you view their books at parent consultations.

From this half term we will no longer be sending out weekly spellings, a decision we have made in line with the Writing framework. Children will continue to practise the spellings of words in school in line with their Sounds Write lessons. We will send home a list of words that are classed as common exception words. There is an expectation that they can read and spell these words by the end of their year group so if you would like to practise and support your child with these throughout the school year.

Education continues to be a partnership between school and home. Reading at home is **extremely important** for primary school children — it strongly shapes their academic success, confidence, and long-term learning habits.

When children read regularly at home:

- They learn **new words naturally**
- Improve **spelling and grammar**
- Develop better **speaking skills**
- Strengthen **listening and comprehension**

Children who are read to daily hear thousands more words than those who aren't — and that makes a big difference in school performance.

World Book Day

It is world book day on Thursday 5th March. If your child would like to dress in their favourite book character, they are welcome to do this or bring in their favourite book.

Mothers Day

Mothers Day lunch will take place on Wednesday 11th March. Please ensure you have booked your lunch via the MCAS app. Time slots will be allocated this week.

Residential trip to Caythorpe

Children in Magdalene class are preparing for their trip to Caythorpe Court from 4th-6th March. We hope they have a wonderful time and can't wait to hear all about their experiences when they come back

Open Afternoons

Magdalene Class Monday 23rd February @ 2pm

Marriott Class Tuesday 24th February @ 2pm

Moreton Class Friday 27th February @2pm

Pre-school Open afternoons

Tuesday 3rd March: 9-10am

Friday 6th March: 1:45-2:45pm

Pet Care assembly

On Tuesday 10th March Sigmavets will be visiting our school to provide an assembly about caring for pets

Parent Consultations

These will be held for all year groups on Wednesday 11th March, please ensure you have booked your appointment and arrive a few minutes early to look at books.

Marriott Class at Angles Theatre Wisbech

On Tuesday 17th March Marriott Class children will be attending a dance and singing production organised by 20Twenty productions at the Angles Theatre in Wisbech. The children will be singing songs they have learnt as well as completing a dance routine that they have worked on with 20Twenty Productions. The children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink. This is a production with other schools.

Friday 27th March – Non uniform day

FROGS are organising a Non uniform day on the last day of term – Friday 27th March. Children are asked to bring in £1 for this please.



Forest school/ Outdoor learning sessions-

**Monday -Marriott Class Tuesday - Nene and Moreton Class Friday--
Magdalene Class**

Please ensure children have their full kit and appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on their forest school day. They will go out in rainy and cold weather.

PE / Dance

PE sessions take place on Wednesdays and Dance on Thursdays. **The weather is cold so please ensure children have long trousers for PE and a sweatshirt.**

Please ensure children have the correct PE Kit in school for these sessions. A reminder that PE kit is black jogging bottoms and a red T-shirt and sweatshirt. Children must have a change of shoes for PE.

Earrings must be removed for PE. Dance and Forest School



Facebook

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