



**The Acorn Partnership**

Marston Montgomery Primary School  
Lung Lane C of E Primary School

## Newsletter – May 2025

Dear Parents,

The end of this half term is here, it has been a busy few weeks filled with a variety of learning experiences. I continue to be incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm our children bring to school each day. In this newsletter, staff have shared highlights from the term and upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support and help to make this term a success!

### **School Improvement Plan**

In the April newsletter I shared how we have been developing the children's understanding of world faiths. This term I am going to share how we are developing their 'sticky knowledge'. It is important that children not only understand their learning in the moment of the lesson, in addition, they also need to have it stored in their long-term memory. In order to help children do this and to ensure it is consistent across our schools staff have selected animals for 'sticky learning'.



**Last lesson lion...**



**Previous year kangaroo...**



**Last unit unicorn...**



**Previous year yak...**



**Last lesson lion** – Will help us recall learning from the previous lesson.

**Last unit unicorn** – Will help us recall learning from the last unit in this subject.

**Previous year kangaroo** – Will help us recall learning from a previous year that is linked to our current learning.

**Previous year yak** – Will help us recall learning from a previous year.

## Supporting our Children's Mental Health

Attached to the email is a poster with some conversation starters to use with your children to talk about mental health.



## BC and ASC

Please make sure you have booked sessions for BC and ASC on the Parent Pay app. Please also email Mrs Murby and Mrs Lovett with the dates / times you have booked so that they can ensure staff know the sessions have been booked and can inform staff.

If you are having difficulty using Parent Pay please contact Mrs Murby and she will get back to you.

Please remember that **places need to be booked seven days in advance**, so that we can ensure we have staff for each session, for example if you need a session on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> it needs to be booked on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## KiddiActiv at Marston Montgomery Village Hall

We are pleased to announce that Primary Stars are continuing to run a KiddiActiv Session in collaboration with us.

Sessions will continue after the half term holiday and are open to all children under 5. Please share with all your friends with under 5s. These sessions are free to attend.



## **Partnership – Events in Summer 1 2025**

### **Primary Stars: KiddiActive Sessions – Thursday morning 9:15am to 10:15am**

Our pre-school age visitors and our reception children at Marston are thoroughly enjoying these sessions. Please let anyone you know with pre-school age children know about them. They are free to attend.



### **SATs and RDSSP: Y6 Celebration Event Friday 12 to 16/05/25**

We are very proud of the children in how they handled SATs last week. To mark the end of the tests the year 6s joined other year 6s from 34 other schools to celebrate the end of SATs week. They had a lovely day learning circus skills, fencing, cricket, dance, American football, Tai Chi, hooping, Tri-golf and the firm favourite an inflatable assault course!! The weather was beautiful and it was a perfect way to celebrate and let off steam from all their hard work. WELL DONE YEAR 6 😊





### **Joint Day – Sports Focus 23/05/25**

Our enrichment day this term had a focus on Lacrosse and Boxing. The children enjoyed being together again across the partnership and learning new skills. Don't forget to follow both schools on Instagram and Facebook to see action shots of the day (and other things we get up to in a school day).



Wishing you all a sunny half term (fingers crossed)

Warm regards

Teresa Bosley  
Executive Head Teacher



## Marston Montgomery Primary School

### **Marston Montgomery – Events in Spring 2025**

#### **Garden Class Forest School at MMPS**

This term at Forest School, the children immersed themselves in full creativity, teamwork and exploration. The sessions began with den building, it's wonderful to see cooperation, problem-solving, and imaginative thinking in action as each group brings their unique ideas to life.

Next, we moved on to nature painting. Using leaves, sticks and other forest treasures as tools, the children created beautiful artwork inspired by their surroundings.

Finally, we wrapped up the term with a scavenger hunt. With a list of woodland wonders to find — from feathers and pinecones to animal tracks and interesting textures — children explored the area with keen eyes and boundless enthusiasm. This activity encouraged observation, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Forest School continues to be a space where children can build confidence, independence, and a lifelong love for nature. We can't wait for the next adventure!

#### **VE Day – 08/05/25**

This year was a very special celebration as we celebrated 80 years since Victory in Europe day. During the afternoon we learnt about what VE day was, made a sandwich and decorated a cake. We then enjoyed an indoor mini street party with our invited guests.



## **Marston Montgomery – Events in Summer 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where / Who</b>
<b>Half Term – 26/05/25 to 30/05/25</b>			
Monday 02/06/25	School reopens to children	8:55am	Whole school
Wednesday 04/06/25 18/06/25 09/07/25	Garden Class Forest School at MMPS	PM	Garden Class
Thursday 05/06/25	Marston Tots – Summer Theme	1:30pm – 3:15pm	Garden Class
Tuesday 10/06/25	Primary Stars: Sports Day	9:30am – 11:30am	Ashbourne Rec – Garden Class
Wednesday 11/06/25	Bike Ability Level 2	9:00am – 3:30pm	Year 6 children will need their bikes at school
Thursday 12/06/25	Garden Class trip to Haddon Hall	All day	Garden Class
Friday 13/06/25	Father's Day Breakfast	9:00am – 9:45am	Whole school– look out for a letter after half term to book your place
Monday 16/05/25 23/05/25	PSHE Day	All day	Whole school at Marston
Wednesday 18/06/25	English Workshop	9:00am – 9:45am	Whole school
Tuesday 24/06/25	RDSSP: KS1 Athletics	9:30am – 11:30am	Ashbourne Rec – Garden Class
Wednesday 25/06/25	School Photographs		At school
Thursday 26/06/25	RDSSP: Orienteering Festival	10:00am – 11:30am	Meadow Class
Wednesday 02/07/25	Meadow Class trip to the Space Centre	All day	Meadow Class
Friday 04/07/25	INSET Day – School closed to children	All day	Whole Partnership
Tuesday 08/07/25 Wednesday 09/07/25	Year 6 transition to QEGS Transition days in school for new children and children moving class		All children
Thursday 10/07/25	Additional transition day in school for children		All children
Friday 11/07/25	Joint Day – Sports Day	1:30pm	Long Lane Whole Partnership
Monday 14/07/25	Open Centre Trip	All day	Whole Partnership
Tuesday 15/07/25	RDSSP: Dance Festival AM	9:30am – 12:00pm	Anthony Gel: Whole school
Monday 21/07/25	DT Day 1	All day	Whole Partnership
Tuesday 22/07/25	DT Day 2	All day	Whole Partnership
Thursday 24/07/25	Celebration and Leavers' Assembly	2:15pm – 3:00pm	Church Whole school

Summer Holiday – 25/07/25 to 03/09/25			
Thursday 04/09/25	INSET Day – School closed to children		Whole Partnership
Friday 05/09/25	School reopens to children	8:55am	Whole school