

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Monday 11th March-Friday 15th March	British Science Week
Tuesday 12th March	Parents Evenings for Parent's of Children on our SEND Register
Thursday 14th March	Farm animal visit-EYFS/Support Base/Hive/ KS1
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March	Year 1 visit to Raby Castle Year 2 visit to Captain Cook Museum
Wednesday 20th March & Thursday 21st March	Parent's Evenings-Reception-Year 6 Information will follow-online booking
Friday 22nd March	Year 4 Trip to Segedunum-Roman Fort
Monday 25th March-Friday 5th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 12th April	'Stepping Up' programme begins for Year 6-weekly sessions around transition/antisocial behaviour etc.
Monday 15th April	Class Photographs-no PE kits, full school uniform please.
Tuesday 16th April-Monday 22nd April	Scholastic Book fair in school-details to follow.
Thursday 2nd May	Polling Day-NURSERY CLOSED ALL DAY
Friday 17th May	Year 3 trip to Durham University-Egyptian Exhibition
Coming up....	Year 6 visit to Eden Camp (after SATS)-Summer 2 Art Competition winners-Mima Visit



School Website Please log on to our school website, all information, copies of letters and newsletters are easily accessible. <https://www.martonmanorprimary.co.uk/>

You can also follow all our latest news on our Facebook page:

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*Every pupil matters,
Every moment counts*



Let's Celebrate!



Spring term has whizzed by and it has been full of fun and new learning experiences. We have set up new afterschool clubs to broaden our range outside of sports. We currently have a KS2 Art Club, KS1 Craft Club, Year 4 Bakery Club and Reception Gardening Club. It is lovely to see the range of skills and talents our children across all age ranges have in school. These clubs are run free of charge with staff and volunteers giving up their own time to create experiences for our children. School Council already have requests in for more clubs to start after Easter.



School Attendance



Many families already know how vigilant we are regarding school attendance. Good attendance is vital for all children. Our target is **96%** and we will continue to set our standards high and aim for this.

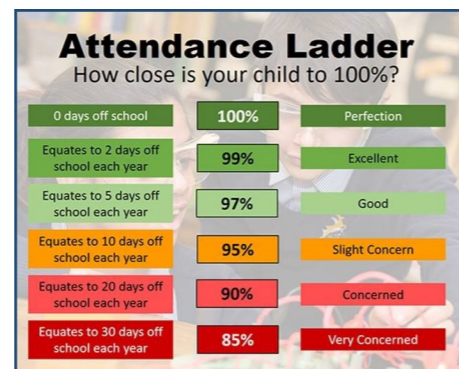
I am sure you understand that we follow Government guidance and therefore cannot authorise leave of absence for holidays during term. The Head Teacher's authorisation for a leave of absence may only be given in special/exceptional circumstances. This must be discussed with school and a request for leave of absence form should be completed and signed by each parent/carer with parental responsibility **at least two weeks prior** to the requested period of absence. This includes nursery.

Assigned holidays from work must be supported by a letter from an employer. Any absence taken without the permission will be recorded as unauthorised absence in the school register, which is a legal document.

We ask that parents and carers make non-urgent doctors and dentist appointments outside of school hours. Where this cannot be avoided, we request appointment cards for our records.

Many thanks for your support.

	Spring 1	February 2024
Nursery	96.1	94.3
Reception	93.2	93.4
Support Base	94.0	91.0
Year 1	90.6	88.3
Year 2	95.7	95.4
Year 3	93.2	93.2
Year 4	94.1	90.4
Year 5	94.4	95.8
Year 6	94.2	95.0
Whole School	93.8	93.0



Whole school updates



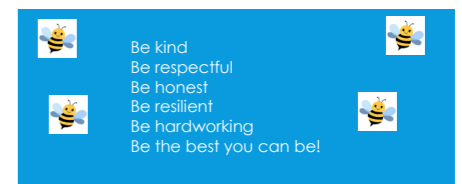
School Values



Over the Spring term we have been looking more closely at three of our school values-Be Kind, Be Respectful and Be Resilient. We have read stories in assembly linked to these values and have been awarding certificates to celebrate these values across school. Please continue to encourage your child to live out our school values every day.

We would love you to continue to share pictures and stories of your child living out our values at home or out in the community via Dojo.

'EVERY PUPIL MATTERS EVERY MOMENT COUNTS'



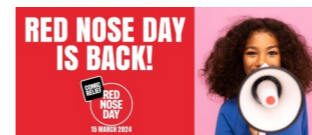
Red Nose Day

Comic Relief takes place on Friday 15th March.

School Council have led the way planning this day.

We are marking this in school by having a non-uniform day; we have asked children to bring in 50p donation to go towards Comic Relief.

School Council are busy creating games to play on the day. There will also be a live joke telling event via Facebook.



PE Uniform-Update

Following consultation with the children and gathering feedback from parents/carers we are making some slight changes to our PE uniform. This will be a gradual change-phasing out the yellow t-shirts and replacing them with royal blue tops.

Children & parents commented on the yellow colour attracting flies on sunny days so we felt royal blue would be a good alternative.

Lollipops Uniform Shop are now stocking the new style kits which have the school logo. The Lollipops t-shirts are made of a Neoteric textured fabric rather than the previous cotton t-shirt material.

We are also phasing out the thick PE hoodies and replacing them with a 1/4 zip navy PE top-again made of a more breathable sports appropriate fabric. Navy joggers are also available to order from Lollipops.

Uniform does not have to be purchased from Lollipops but PE kits must be in school colours and be plain without large logos/ branding.



Outdoor Play & Learning



As you are aware, we are an OPAL School and are working towards our accreditation. Playtimes are being transformed with our changed approach to outdoor play across school.



Please take time to check out our school website where we have an OPAL page full of information. We are planning 'stay & play' sessions in the summer term where parents & carers will be invited into school to join us during outdoor play.

We know that this new approach may raise some concerns-especially around tyre, mud and stick play, alongside tree climbing. Please be assured that every member of staff has had OPAL training and risk assessments are carried out by staff, in consultation with children, to ensure children are as safe as possible. We live in a risk averse culture and children actually need to be aware of the benefits of calculated risk to encourage resilience, independence and physical development.

'If we never took a risk our children would not learn to walk, climb stairs, ride a bike or swim: business would not develop innovative products...scientists would not experiment and discover, we would not have great art, literature, music and architecture.'

Jones, D Cotton Wool kids

Earrings

As stated in our school uniform policy, no jewellery should be worn in school. This includes earrings. However, if your child has issues with their holes closing over when earrings are removed we have sought advice and will allow children to wear the soft rubber/clear silicone studs which lay flat against the lobe. They can be purchased on Amazon and other online retailers in large packs.

