

Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of another busy term - I am sure you are all looking forward to a lovely break with your children as the nights get longer and the sun hopefully starts to shine. As ever, we have another busy term and it has been wonderful to see the children continue to flourish. They are wonderful ambassadors for our school and we are really proud of them. Thank you for your support in making our school community so vibrant. The Summer term will once again be a busy one - we have residential, musical events and school trips planned amongst many other things. We wish you a restful holiday filled with lots of nice treats! See you on 13th April with batteries fully recharged.

Miss Darby

The Classroom News

Year 2

This week the children have loved becoming poets for the week. We have been exploring different types of poetry which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. They have been pushing themselves to use similes and expanded noun phrases to bring their poems to life. They have created some beautiful poems about someone special to them, different animals and even created a contrasting poem all about the ocean. We are so proud of the enthusiasm the children have shown this week and some of the amazing ideas they have created.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break!

Year 5

On Thursday, our Year 5 students had the wonderful opportunity to visit the local church, where they engaged in an interactive exploration of the Easter story. This visit was not only a chance to learn about an important event in the Christian calendar but also a valuable experience in understanding the significance of religious traditions. The children demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout the visit, reflecting the school's commitment to instilling positive social values and respectful engagement in community settings.



Dates in the diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
26th March	Whole School	Uniform Sale	2.50 - 3.30
13th April	Year 2	Church visit	Normal School Hours
15th April	Year 4 Tag Rugby	Tag Rugby Finals	8.30am - 3.30pm
21st April	Year 1	Woburn Safari School Trip	Normal School Hours
23rd April	Whole School	Class Photos	Normal School Hours
27th April	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
28th April	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
29th April	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
30th April	Year 2	Holdenby House School Trip	Normal School Hours
6th May	New reception intake	Parent Meeting	5-6pm
11th May - 13th May	Year 4	Residential	Monday - Arrive to school no later than 10.15. Wednesday - 4.30pm
11th - 14th May	Year 6	SATs	Normal School Hours
22nd May	Whole School	INSET Day - School Closed	
1st June - 5th June	Year 6	PGL	TBC
15th June	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
16th June	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
17th June	Year EYFS - Year 5	New class letters	Normal School Hours
17th June	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
17th June	Year 5	Workshop - Past Productions	Normal School Hours
18th June	EYFS	Sports Day	TBC
23rd June	Year 6	Sports Day	TBC
24th June	Year 5	Sports Day	TBC
25th June	Year 4	Sports Day	TBC
27th June	Year 4 Strictly	Dancing Schools UK Grand Final	TBC
30th June	Year 3	Sports Day	TBC
1st July	Year 2	Sports Day	TBC
1st July	Year 5	Science Cluster Day	Normal School Hours
2nd July	Year 1	Sports Day	

6th July	Whole School	Transition Day	Normal School Hours
6th July	EYFS - Year 5	Meet the Teacher Event	3.30 - 4.30pm
8th July	Whole School	Summer Spectacular	3.30 - 4.30pm
8th July	Whole School	End of Year Reports Released	Normal School Hours
20th July	Whole School	INSET Day - School Closed	

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EFFECTIVE REVISION AND STUDY SKILLS

As exam season ramps up, revision often becomes louder, busier, and less effective. Many pupils still rely on comfort strategies like re-reading and highlighting. These can feel productive but rarely build long-term memory. This guide will help you create a low-effort, high-impact revision system that teaches pupils how to revise, rather than merely emphasising its importance.

1 DIAGNOSE BEFORE DOING

Before adding more sessions, identify why a pupil is underperforming: knowledge gaps, weak routines, poor choices, or low effort driven by a lack of confidence. Treating every issue as 'needs more revision' creates noise. Use a quick check: what do they know, what do they misunderstand, what can't they retrieve under pressure, and what do they avoid? Then match revision to the actual problem.

2 TEACH REVISION EXPLICITLY

Most pupils haven't been taught how to revise well, so they pick what feels easiest. Build short revision mini-lessons into curriculum time; demonstrate retrieval, spacing, and how to self-check. Model it live, do it together, then gradually hand over responsibility. The goal is independence, not dependency. When pupils understand why strategies work, they're more likely to use them when it matters.

3 PRIORITISE RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

Make recall the default. Use methods such as low-stakes quizzes, flashcards, free recall, blurring, and 'answer then check'. Effective testing helps to measure and strengthen learning. Keep it specific and frequent – small chunks, lots of repetition, and immediate feedback. For parents, the best question isn't 'Have you revised?' but 'What can you remember today, without notes?'

4 SPACE IT OUT

Cramming can boost short-term performance, but it's weaker for long-term retention. Help pupils spread practice across days and weeks, revisiting content after memory has faded. That 'slight struggle' is the point. Use a simple rhythm: new learning, next-day retrieval, a three-day revisit, a weekly revisit, and mixed practice before the exam. This turns revision into a routine, not a panic.

5 MIX, DON'T BLOCK

Practising one topic for a long stretch – known as 'blocked practice' – can feel easy, but it can hide fragile learning. Mixing topics, question types, or methods strengthens long-term learning and helps pupils apply knowledge later. For educators, design homework and revision packs so topics reappear in a planned cycle. For parents, encourage sessions that mix two topics rather than focusing on just one.

6 USE DESIRABLE DIFFICULTY

Revision should feel effortful, not effortless. Durable learning comes from challenging revision techniques: attempting answers before looking, explaining ideas aloud, writing from memory, or tackling unfamiliar question formats. The key is 'hard, but doable': if a pupil always gets everything right, it's too easy; if they always fail, it's too hard. Aim for productive struggle with quick feedback loops.

7 CENTRALISE MATERIALS SIMPLY

Revision fails when pupils waste energy finding resources, navigating platforms, or guessing what matters. Reduce cognitive overload by centralising what they need: a single hub per subject, a clear list of priority knowledge, and a small set of standard task types such as quizzes, flash cards, exam questions, or corrections. Less admin clutter means more working memory for learning.

8 PLAN, MONITOR, EVALUATE

Strong revision is self-regulated. Pupils plan what they'll do, monitor if it's working, and evaluate what to change next time. Use a weekly revision routine that asks: 'What did I try?', 'What improved?', 'What didn't?', 'What's my next micro-goal?' Post-mock action plans are powerful here because they force honesty about time spent, strategy used, and impact achieved.

9 WRAP MOCKS PROPERLY

Mocks only help if pupils learn from them. Use an exam wrapper approach: before the mock, set strategy goals; afterwards, analyse errors such as knowledge gaps, misread questions, weak methods, and timing issues. Then create a targeted reteach and retest plan. Parents can support by asking: 'What type of mistake was it, and what's your fix?' rather than 'What grade did you get?'

10 MAKE TIME VISIBLE

Revision becomes real when time is protected and predictable. Help pupils build a timetable that's short, repeatable, and realistic: 30–40 minute blocks, clear start and stop times, and specific tasks, not 'revise science'. Avoid perfectionist plans that look pretty and collapse by Tuesday. Consistency beats intensity; build momentum with small wins, then build from there.

Meet Our Expert

Armed Ali is the creator of Try This Teaching and the CPD and Inclusion Lead for the Children Learning Trust. With over 19 years' experience in education, including leadership roles in diverse and high-need schools, he specialises in inclusive, evidence-informed practice. His work focuses on practical, low-effort, high-impact strategies that help students learn more and retain knowledge over time.



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Easter Holidays

drop-in | cash only | under 8s must be supervised

MAR 28 SAT Construction Club
10:00-13:00 | 0-12yrs | free

30 MON Drop In Craft
11:00-15:00 | 4-12yrs | £1

31 TUE Spring Craft Workshop
11:00-13:00 | families | free

APR 1 WED Drop In Craft
11:00-15:00 | 4-12yrs | £1

2 THU Drop In Craft
11:00-15:00 | 4-12yrs | £1

3 APR -6 APR **CLOSED**

28 MAR -11 APR Scavenger Hunt
all day | 4-12yrs | £1

with **Adult & Family Learning**

For families to create together and learn what else the Adult Learning Team has to offer.

RESERVE a SPOT:

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APR 7 TUE Wellbeing Drop In
10:00-12:00 | 5-15yrs | free

8 WED Drop In Craft
11:00-15:00 | 4-12yrs | £1

9 THU Drop In Craft
11:00-15:00 | 4-12yrs | £1

TICKETED APR 10 FRI Warhammer Club
10:30-13:00 | 8yrs-adult | free

10 FRI Drop In Craft
11:00-15:00 | 4-12yrs | £1

11 SAT Construction Club
10:00-13:00 | 0-12yrs | free

28 MAR -10 APR Spring Quiz Sheets
on sale | children | £1

with **NHS Children's Wellbeing Team**

Challenges, games, arts & crafts, to support resilience and mental health.

40,000 (40k)

For 8yrs+, teens, & adults. Experts & novices. No experience or gear needed.

Booking on [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



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Warhammer Club

10:30-13:00 | Friday 10th April

Join the ultimate tabletop gaming experience in a relaxed, family-friendly environment. Bring along your army (LIMITED TO A 500 POINT MAXIMUM) and play Warhammer 40,000 (40K) against fellow enthusiasts.

Novices are welcome and we will have a small amount of kit available to borrow if you don't have your own.

children (8yrs+), teens, adults | free | booking essential



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Family Learning

Spring Craft Workshop



Course Information

Celebrate Spring together with a fun-filled parent and child Spring Crafts Workshop. Join us for a creative, hands-on session where families can spend quality time together making colourful Easter and Spring themed crafts in a relaxed and welcoming environment. With a variety of age-appropriate activities to choose from, children can explore different materials, textures and colours while making special handmade decorations to take home. Suitable for parents, carers and children aged 3-11 years. All materials are provided. Spaces are limited, booking is recommended to secure your place.



Times & Location

Tuesday 31st March
11am - 1pm
Brixworth Library, NN6 9DS

Free to enrol - Course code SFLPI3

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FRENCH CLUBS

- Year R, 1 & 2: Tuesdays, lunchtime
- Year 3 & 4: Tuesdays, 8:00am

SPANISH CLUBS

- Year R, 1 & 2: Tuesdays, after school *¡Hola! ¡Hola! ¡Hola!*
- Year 3 & 4: Wednesdays, 8:00am
- Year 5 & 6: Thursdays, after school until 4pm

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EASTER HOLIDAYS - Fun Basketball Camps

At NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL, Thorpeville, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7TR

Session 1	Mon 30 th March	9am - 12pm	Cost £10	Session 9	Tues 7 th April	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10
Session 2	Mon 30 th March	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10	Session 10	Tues 7 th April	9am - 12pm	Cost £10
Session 3	Tues 31 st March	9am - 12pm	Cost £10	Session 11	Wed 8 th April	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10
Session 4	Tues 31 st March	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10	Session 12	Wed 8 th April	9am - 12pm	Cost £10
Session 5	Wed 1 st April	9am - 12pm	Cost £10	Session 13	Thurs 9 th April	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10
Session 6	Wed 1 st April	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10	Session 14	Thurs 9 th April	9am - 12pm	Cost £10
Session 7	Thurs 2 nd April	9am - 12pm	Cost £10	Session 15	Fri 10 th April	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10
Session 8	Thurs 2 nd April	1pm - 4pm	Cost £10	Session 16	Fri 10 th April	9am - 12pm	Cost £10

There are limited places on each of these days. On each of the days the children will play fun games, competitions and have the chance to win prizes such as basketballs, medals and other goodies. There will also be a mini tournament with awards at the end of each session.

(For children that attend both morning & afternoon sessions on the same day there will be lunch time supervision **FREE OF CHARGE**)

Please complete and return the bottom of this slip to your basketball coach with payment to secure your place.

Payment by cash or cheque (cheque's made payable to the Hotshots Basketball).

Any questions do not hesitate to contact your coach or call **MARK on 07775 670375 to book on.**

I would like my child to attend the following session(s): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Circle correct session(s)

Childs Name..... Parents Signature.....

Childs Year..... School..... Contact Tel.....