



**It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the academic year** after such a turbulent few months, and I want to thank you all for your support and understanding this year. Despite the challenges we have faced, the staff in our schools and central team have

adjusted and worked hard to continue to support and educate your children, and I'm sure that you will join me in thanking them all for their hard work and commitment to the education and wellbeing of NPAT children and families.

**This year we have been working** on ensuring that the knowledge and skills that we teach your children, our curriculum, is even more carefully thought out and taught in a way which enables more children than ever to remember and use the information that they learn. Anna, our Curriculum Leader, has been supported to write new materials by so many of our expert teachers and we are looking forward to using our new curriculum materials next year. Huge thanks to everyone who has been involved in this project.

**You will recall from my letter that the DfE recently announced its ambition** for schools to reopen for all children, full time, from September. This is our ambition too. Children need to be in school. It is where they learn to develop as individuals, where they make friends and socialise, and where they learn academically. We are looking forward to welcoming back children in **Years 1 – 6** from **Thursday 3 September**. Headteachers will share with you their arrangements for staggered start times, bubbles/groupings and classroom entrance points for all year groups as soon as they can ready for September, but this information might come out during the holidays so please keep a close eye out for emails and/or school social media announcements.

**We are preparing our sites for a safe return** by amending risk assessments, rearranging classrooms, creating pupil group bubbles to reduce infection risks, increasing the number of sanitising stations, amending lunchtime and break time arrangements,

alongside lots of other things, so **please do send your children back to school in September**.

**Finally I would like to wish you all** a very restful and relaxing summer break, happy holidays for those who are travelling away, and a wonderful, sunny (hopefully!) few weeks spending valuable time with friends, families and loved ones.

Julia Kedwards,  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## Useful resources

Everyone will react in different ways when someone close to them dies or leaves.

[Click here](#) for links to services that offer support to



children and young people experiencing grief or loss.

## Recommended children's books that deal sensitively with bereavement

- [When Someone Very Special Dies](#) by Marge Heegaar
- [Badger's Parting Gift](#) by Susan Varley
- [Grandad's Island](#) by Benji Davies

## Cruse Bereavement Care

[www.cruse.org.uk](http://www.cruse.org.uk)

[www.hopeagain.org.uk](http://www.hopeagain.org.uk)

Tel: 0808 808 1677 (Open Weekdays 9am – 5pm)



Cruse offer support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies and work to enhance society's care of bereaved people through; face to face, telephone, email and website support.

Please see last two pages for school dates for next year and 2021/22

## Northampton Primary Academy Trust

Abington Vale Primary School, Blackthorn Primary School, Ecton Brook Primary School, East Hunsbury Primary School, Headlands Primary School, Lings Primary School, Rectory Farm Primary School, Simon de Senlis Primary School, Thorplands Primary School, Upton Meadows Primary School and in partnership with Weston Favell CE Primary School



NPAT SCHOOLS TERM DATES 2020-2021

TERM DATES	STARTING	ENDING
TERM 1	Thursday 3 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
TERM 2	Tuesday 3 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
TERM 3	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
TERM 4	Tuesday 23 February 2021	Friday 26 March 2021
TERM 5	Monday 12 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
TERM 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021

TRAINING DAYS
Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September 2020
Monday 2 November 2020
Monday 4 January 2021
Monday 22 February 2021 (NPAT Conference)

HALF TERM	FROM	TO
OCTOBER	Monday 26 October 2020	Friday 30 October 2020
CHRISTMAS	Monday 21 December 2020	Friday 1 January 2021
FEBRUARY	Monday 15 February 2021	Friday 19 February 2021
EASTER	Monday 29 March 2021	Friday 9 April 2021
MAY	Tuesday 1 June 2020	Friday 4 June 2021

BANK HOLIDAYS
Christmas Holidays Friday 25 December & Monday 28 2020
New Year's Day Friday 1 January 2021
Easter Weekend Friday 2 April & Monday 5 April 2021
May Bank Holidays Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday Monday 30 August 2021



NPAT SCHOOLS TERM DATES 2021-2022

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TERM 1	Monday 6 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
TERM 2	Tuesday 2 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
TERM 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022
TERM 4	Tuesday 22 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
TERM 5	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
TERM 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022

TRAINING DAYS
Wednesday 1 September 2021
Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September 2021
Monday 1 November 2021 (NPAT Conference)
Monday 21 February 2022



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