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EASTER EDITION – NATURE SPECIAL



Superb Spring

BY KRISH NOTAY

Spring is upon us!

The weather is getting better (almost) and the flowers are popping up on every corner. Which can only mean one thing, the Easter holidays are nearly here!

All of us at The Preston Paper hope you have had a fantastic Spring Term and hope the Easter bunny has plenty of Easter eggs to go around.



Springwatch

BY HARRY TAYLOR

Spring officially starts in the UK around the 20th of March. Scientifically, it begins when the length of day and night is the same!

With Spring, comes all the amazing animals and wildlife you can see around the UK. Here are some examples of the animals you can see around spring time:

Birds - such as the chiffchaff, swallow and cuckoo

Mammals - including the hedgehog and badger

Amphibians - like the toad, frog and newt

Insects - for example, butterflies and bees

Next time you're out walking with you family, why don't you see if you could spot any of the fantastic creatures which make an appearance during spring.



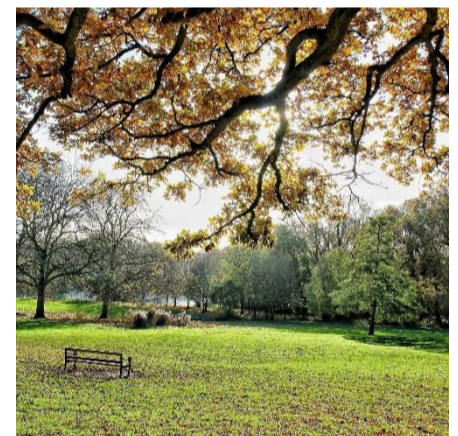
Walks of Northampton

BY ROSE TANASSEE

This article is about our lovely, wonderful walks in Northampton. Here are a few walks you definitely need to try.

Abington Park-

Abington Park is Northampton's oldest park. It has a big playground and 3 ponds. It is a 3 .1mile walk. It is a lovely park and some beautiful views.



Delapre Park-

Delapre Park was originally a gravel pit. The trail is 2.9km. It is one of the most beautiful public gardens in Northampton and its grounds and the gardens are enjoyed at all times of the year.



Salcey Forest-

Salcey Forest is great for school children because they can learn about plants, wildlife and forests. It is an 8km circular walk.



Easter Eggs

BY ROSE TANASSEE

Are you excited for Easter? I know I am! I just love opening those eggs and seeing the delicious, yummy chocolate. But I've always wondered how Easter started; who founded it and when it started. In this article, I will be answering all these questions while telling you some fun and interesting facts all about exciting Easter.

The idea of Easter eggs came from early 18th – century as a small idea in Mesopotamia, which is located near Western Asia, to represent the rebirth of Jesus. It was founded by a man called J.S. Fry and he came to England and he spread the idea and people (especially children after they heard about chocolate) started to follow the idea. The egg itself became a symbol of the resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell. In the Orthodox tradition, eggs are painted red to symbolize the blood that Jesus shed on the cross.

I love Easter because of the hot cross buns, chocolate and more chocolate!
Happy Easter!



NOTABLE NATURE

BY JESLEEN RANU AND SOPHIA MAWER

Why not create a nature notebook to take with you on your nature walks?

1. Take some sheets of scrap paper, fold them in half to make a booklet, then staple them together where you've made the fold.
2. Remember to make the notebook small enough to fit into a pocket so you can take it with you wherever you go
3. Tie a piece of string to a pencil and stick the loose end of the string to the notebook with sticky tape or make a hole in the pages and thread the string through. Use the pencil to note down where and when you see things while you are about.



POETRY CORNER

BY LILY HAYES

Poems are a perfect way to show how beautiful spring time can be. Here are a few poems which we thought you would like –

I wandered lonely as a cloud by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze...

It Must Be Spring By May Fenn

Hush, can you hear it?
The rustling in the grass,
Bringing you the welcome news
that
Winter's day is past.
Soft, can you feel it?
The warm caressing breeze,
Telling you the sticky buds
Are bursting on the trees.
Look, can you see them?
The primrose in the lane.
Now you must believe it —
Spring is here again.

Rain By Robert Louis Stevenson

The rain is raining all around,
It falls on field and tree,
It rains on the umbrellas here,
And on the ships at sea.



