

Spring Term

3M Newsletter

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Re-open: Monday 25 February 2019

**Parent Consultation** **Evenings:** Tuesday 2 April

(more details to follow) Thursday 4 April

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