



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud to offer a broad curriculum to the children at Northwold. While we continue to build children's knowledge and confidence in reading, writing and maths, we also nurture their talents and skills in the arts.

Our Art curriculum is designed to help children to reach their full potential and equip them with the knowledge and skills that allow them to celebrate some of the highest forms of human creativity. It is designed to engage, inspire and challenge pupils while equipping them with the skills and the confidence to invent, create, experiment and discuss critically their work. They are taught to value the contribution that art makes to wider society and how art has captured and shaped our country's history and culture.

In lessons, children learn about an artist and the techniques they use before creating their own pieces of art using a range of materials and tools. Year 5 and 6 are currently developing their skills in the use of clay as a medium, Year 4 are using charcoal, Year 3 are developing embroidery skills while Year 1 and 2 are developing their understanding and use of colour. Expressive arts and design in the early years offers our youngest children weekly opportunities to build musical, artistic and creative skills.

We also offer a wide range of music at the school – every class has an hour of music each week, with half an hour of that dedicated to learning an instrument. This year, we are offering the following instrumental lessons to all children:

Year 3 and 6 – Violin
Year 4 and 5- Ukulele
Year 1 and 2 – Percussion

We also have a very strong choir who are currently working towards performing in the Young Voices concert at the O2 as part of a larger group of school choirs. There will be opportuni-

ties through the school year to come and see our musicians perform – please keep a look out for dates in the school calendar.

This week we invited our reception parents to their first 'bring your parent to school' morning. It was a great opportunity to see learning in action.

Thank you to the parents who joined the phonics coffee morning this morning. I hope that you found it informative and that you have some strategies to take away to support your children at home.

Next week we have our open day for new reception parents (2026-2027). We welcome all our nursery parents to the 9:30am meeting. Please spread the word to family and friends who may be interested in finding out about our curriculum. We also have a coffee morning on the Friday 10th October for nursery parents – please join us to find out about learning in the nursery and 2-year-old provision.

We have our footballers taking part in a tournament in Hackney on Wednesday. We wish them the best of luck. Our athletes will be taking part in an inter-school competition with the other Arbor Trust schools on Wanstead Flats next Friday. This is a fantastic opportunity to take part in competitive sports and grow skills in sportsmanship. Good luck to all taking part.

On the 16th October, we have our first parent council gathering. If you are interested in joining this group and learning about how we learn at Northwold, please get in touch with the school office as we still have a couple of vacancies.

I hope you have a lovely week end,

Warm regards
Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Parent Survey Feedback – Autumn 2025

- 90% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child enjoys school.
- 91.4% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child is well taught at Northwold.
- 94.8% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school expects their child to work hard and to do his or her best.
- 93.1% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school has high aspirations for what the children can achieve.
- 88% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school keeps them well informed about how their child is doing
- 100% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school keeps them well informed about school events
- 90% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school helps their child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.
- 88% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school makes sure their child is well prepared for the future.
- 93.1% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school helps them support their child's learning.
- 98.3% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child feels safe at school.
- 93.1% of parents agree/strongly agree that there is a good standard of behaviour at Northwold.
- 91.4% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.
- 89.6% of parents agree/strongly agree that there is a good range of activities including trips or visits for my child to take part in (sports, arts, music).
- 87.9% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child enjoys his or her school dinner.
- 87.9% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school keeps them informed about the types of support available for my child's particular needs.
- 93.1% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school encourages parents to play an active part in school life.

- 91.4% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school provides well for the moral and spiritual development of their child.
- 91.4% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school responds well to their concerns.
- 90% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school is led and managed effectively.
- 91.4% of parents agree/strongly would recommend this school to another parent.



Diary Dates

October

- 8th New Reception parents open day (26/27 intake)
9.30-10.30 at school or 5pm-6pm online
- 8th Year 4 Walthamstow wetlands trip
- 9th Year 3 trip to Science Museum
- 10th Year 2 & Year 5 Fire Brigade visit
- 10th Nursery parent coffee morning
- 10th Interschool Sports—Athletics - Year 3-6
- 13th Harvest Collection for local food bank and soup kitchen
- 15th Y1 Fluoride varnish
- 15th Y4 Walthamstow Wetlands trip
- 16th Y1 Museum of the Home trip
- 17th KS2 Interschool champions league debate
- 17th Y2 St Paul's Cathedral trip
- 17th Coffee Morning
- 23rd **CHARITY EVENT**—Wear it Pink - fundraising for breast cancer awareness
Bring £1 donation.

Please check our calendar on our website

<https://www.northwoldschool.com/>

Class Attendance W/E 26/09/2025

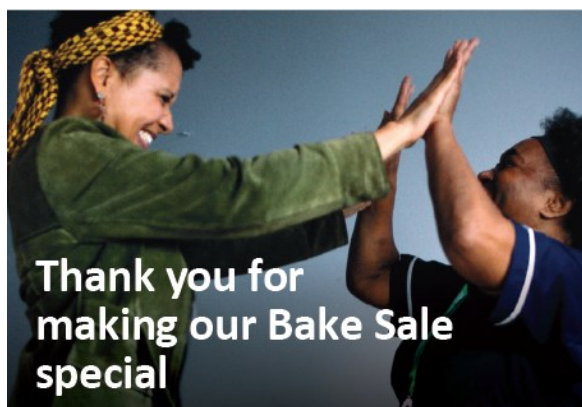
Well done to **RC Ash** with the highest attendance last week. They had 98.89% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	91.67%
N Elm 2	94.40%
RC Ash	98.89%
RC Sycamore	93.00%
Y1 Redwood	97.24%
Y2 Pine	80.00%
Y3 Elder	91.58%
Y3 Teak	94.09%
Y4 Cedar	97.37%
Y4 Hawthorn	97.09%
Y5 Beech	94.83%
Y5 Hazel	94.29%
Y6 Juniper	95.87%
Y6 Maple	90.43%
Grand Total	93.23%

The class with the highest attendance in a term wins a lunch.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

**We raised
£153.00**



**Thank you for
making our Bake Sale
special**

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term: (75 days)

Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025

- Monday 1st September 2025 INSET day
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET day
- Friday 24th October 2025 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025
- Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2025

Spring Term: (55 days)

Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.

- Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026.
- Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term: (65 days)

Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026

- Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July

Public holidays

- Thursday 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day)
- Friday 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day)
- Thursday 1 January 2026 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6 April 2026 (Easter Monday)

Y6 Parents

APPLY FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE 2025

WHO?

Apply if your child was born between
1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

WHEN?

Apply before **31 October 2025.**
Offer day is Monday 2 March 2026

HOW?

Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk
Follow the step-by-step instructions in this guide.

Nursery Spaces Available

Apply Now!

We still have spaces in Nursery for 2 and 3 - year old children. Part time or full-time applications are welcomed. Please contact the school office or email office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk for further information.

PE Days

Monday	Year 3, Year 4
Tuesday	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5
Wednesday	Year 1, Year 5 Beech, Year 6
Thursday	Year 2, Year 4 Cedar, Year 5 Hazel
Friday	Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 Hawthorn, Year 6

School Trips

Over the year, your child will be invited to join their class on a school trip. You will soon be receiving letters outlining the details of upcoming trips, allowing you enough time to prepare for them. If there is a cost to the trip, it can be paid via MCAS.

CLASS	DATE	TRIP DESCRIPTION
Nursery	TBC	Visit to the local shop
	18/11/25	Visit: Museum of the Home
Reception	TBC	Local Walk
	20/11/25	Finsbury Park Mosque Visit
Year 1	16/10/25	Visit: Museum of the Home
	26/1/26	St Michaels Church
YEAR 2	17/10/25	Visit St Paul's Cathedral
	10/10/25	London Fire Brigade Workshop - in school
YEAR 3	9/10/25	Science Museum
	26/11/25	Buddhapadipa Temple (Wimbledon)
Year 4	08/10/25 & 15/10/25	Visit: Walthamstow Wetlands
	10/10/25	London Fire Brigade Workshop - in school
YEAR 5	5/11/25	Trip: Brunel Museum
YEAR 6	5/10/25	Visit: IWM London
	15/10/25	ABBA Voyage
	TBC	Hackney Town Hall

2024 Results

Maths	93%	National 74%
Reading	90%	National 75%
Writing	93%	National 72%
Combined	90%	National 62%



Open Day

8th October 2025
9:30am – 10:30am

<https://www.northwoldschool.com/>

Northwold Road, Hackney, London E5 8RN



‘Pupils love learning here and achieve exceptionally well academically and personally.’

Ofsted 2024

HARVEST COLLECTION- FUNDRAISING FOR LOCAL FOOD BANK AND SOUP KITCHEN

This Harvest Festival, we will be collecting canned and packaged food for the local community. This will be donated to our local food bank and soup kitchen which helps local people in crisis.

We need:

- baby food;
- biscuits;
- cereals;
- dried pasta;
- instant coffee;
- long-life fruit juice;
- long-life milk;
- microwaveable puddings;
- pasta sauces;
- rice;
- shower gel;
- snack bars;
- tea bags;
- tinned fruit;
- tinned meat and fish;
- tinned puddings;
- tinned soup;
- tinned vegetables;
- toilet rolls;
- vegetarian options;



Please leave
your donations
in the school
office.

Year 5 Space Dome Visit

Visiting the Space Dome was an amazing experience! The giant dome made us feel like we were really traveling through space. We learned about planets, stars, and constellations in such a fun way. It was exciting, interactive, and inspired many of us to dream bigger about science and space exploration.



Caught Being Kind

Please find below the names of the children in each year group who are recognised for their kindness this week.

Nursery	Raine (Elm 1)	Bilaal (Elm 2)
Reception	Ismaila (Sycamore)	Mackia-Renee (Ash)
Year 1	Aishah (Redwood)	
Year 2	Aaminah (Pine)	
Year 3	Anaya (Elder)	Gabby (Teak)
Year 4	Imaan (Cedar)	Jadiyah (Hawthorn)
Year 5	Hana (Beech)	Stephanie (Hazel)
Year 6	Reese (Juniper)	Trinity (Maple)

What is on the menu next week

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 2

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Macaroni & Cheese (G, MK)	Chicken Burger with Salad (G, M)	Spaghetti Bolognese (G, MU, SO)	Peri-Peri Chicken (MU)	Cod Fish Fingers Battered Fish (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Burger (G, V)	Cheese & Onion Pastry (G, V, MK)	Vegetable Curry (V)	Cheese & Egg Flan (G, E, MK)	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Tuna (MK, F)
Alternative Choice	Vegetable Goulash (V)	Fish Curry with Brown Rice (V, F)	Egg Curry (F, G)	Vegetable Biryani with Rice (V)	Mexican Wrap (G, MU)
Sides	Bread Diced Potatoes (G, MK)	Bread New Potatoes (MK, E)	Homemade Bread Brown Rice (G, MK, E)	Bread Potato Wedges (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Oven Baked Chips (G, MK, E)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Diced Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Caramel Tart with Custard Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK, G)	Fresh Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Cheese & Biscuits Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (G, MK)	Ice Cream Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)
Dietary Information	Fresh salad served daily - All our meat is Halal V - Vegetarian CE - contains Celery G - contains Gluten F - contains Fish E - Egg SO - contains Soya MK - contains Milk SU - contains Sulphur Dioxide MU - contains Mustard				