



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone at Northwold Primary – I trust you had a good summer. I'd also like to welcome our new reception parents and families new to the school. I am sure that your children will have a happy and successful school career with us. We have a busy term ahead - I look forward to meeting everyone at our many events.

Communication with our parents is key. The weekly newsletter and school website (<https://www.northwoldschool.com/>) are the key tools for communication. We also send out text reminders for events in the calendar, giving you at least a two week notice period where possible. Our aim is to present information in an orderly and timely manner to clarify or remind parents of diary dates.

**Mondays** is office communication day to remind parents of upcoming events in the diary.

**Tuesdays** is teachers' communication day – teachers will remind parents of trips and events or inform parents of resources needed in school for performances etc.

**Wednesdays** - Phase leaders' communication regarding school policy or procedures.

**Thursdays** – Leadership information to parents, intended to stand out from the newsletter.

**Fridays** - Newsletter & office letters about parents who are behind payments for any items.

This week children have been electing pupil voice representatives for the various pupil groups in the school: School Council, Learning Council, Lunch Bunch, and Eco-Warriors.

Prefects and playground advocates have also been elected. In electing their representatives, the children learn about one of our British

Values: Democracy. Their voice and feedback is vital in the direction of the school.

Next week, there will be parent curriculum meetings from 9-10am for Reception (8<sup>th</sup>), Year 2 (9<sup>th</sup>), Year 6 (11<sup>th</sup>), and Year 1 (12<sup>th</sup>). This is an opportunity for parents to hear about what their children will be learning, we look forward to seeing you then.

Next week, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, will also see our first charity event of the year, Dahlicious Day – in support of Roald Dahl's charity. Children are invited to come in dressed as a Roald Dahl character or wear yellow (his favourite colour) and donate £1 towards the charity, which provides specialist nurses for seriously ill children.

Finally, many of you signed up for clubs at the end of last term. You'll be receiving letters to let you know if your child has been granted a place. If they have been successful, we look forward to seeing them from next week. Please ensure that your child attends their club each week to keep their place. We will also be sending out letters informing parents of clubs with vacancies. If you'd like to take up one of these spaces, please complete the reply slip. Places will be given on a first come first served basis. Please note that if your child is not successful on this occasion, they will join the waiting list for next term. We do hope to offer more clubs as the year progresses - please continue to check emails and letters home.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Warmest regards,  
Bronwen Chalmers  
Headteacher  
Northwold Primary School

### Steps to resolving concerns

There will be times when you may need a concern resolved. For clarity, we have steps to support you.

**Step 1-** The first person to contact is your child's class teacher. If the concern is not resolved satisfactorily then move on to step 2.

**Step 2-** Your child's Phase leader is the next step, depending on the phase.

*EYFS (Nursery & Reception) – Ms Chalmers*

*Middle Phase (years 1, 2 &3) - Mr Williams*

*Upper Phase (years 4, 5 &6) - Ms Sams*

If the concerned remains unresolved, move on to step 3.

**Step 3** - Contact the Assistant Head Teacher – Ms Lewis

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 4.

**Step 4** - Contact the Headteacher – Ms Chalmers

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 5.

**Step 5** - Contact Dr Maureen Okoye OBE.

Please note that we also have our complaints procedure on the website and can be found on the communication section of the parent's tab on the website.

### 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	26/9/25	Visitor: Space dome
	5/11/25	Trip: Brunel Museum
YEAR 6	5/10/25	Visit: IWM London
	15/1/26	Mosque Visit
	TBC	Hackney Town Hall

### PE Days

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

### Caught Being Kind

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

Nursery	Rose (Elm 1)	Rocky (Elm 2)
Reception	Omari (Sycamore)	
Year 1	Oscar (Redwood)	
Year 2	Talisha (Pine)	
Year 3	Khadeejah (Elder)	Umm Kulthum (Teak)
Year 4	Aamir (Cedar)	Inaaya Rae (Hawthorn)
Year 5	Twana (Beech)	Simra (Hazel)
Year 6	Yusuf (Juniper)	Hafiza (Maple)

### What is on the menu next week

#### Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 2

	Monday <b>MEAT FREE MONDAY</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Meat Choice</b>	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)
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	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)
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	Vegetable Goulash (V)	Fish Curry with Brown Rice (V, F)	Egg Curry (F, G)	Vegetable Biryani with Rice (V)	Mexican Wrap (G, MU)
<b>Sides</b>	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)
<b>Vegetables</b>	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Diced Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans
<b>Dessert Choice</b>	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)
<b>Dietary Information</b>	<b>Fresh salad served daily - All our meat is Halal</b> 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				

## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and Punctuality is key. All children should be in school every day. We want all our children to have 97% attendance or above. This term we will be awarding pupils with attendance badges for those who come into school every day!

Look out for the GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE badges.

If your child is unable to attend because they are unwell, please contact the school office by 8:30am to let us know. That way, we can authorise the absence. We will contact you if we have not heard from you as part of our safeguarding processes.

Punctuality is also important. Our gates are open from 8:40am for a soft start. Children can attend school from 8:40am and take part in the value of number sessions in class. School officially starts at 8:55am sharp. Any child after this time is marked as late in the register. Children who arrive after 9:25am will get an unauthorised absence, which will affect your child's attendance. Please support your children by ensuring that they arrive at school on time.



## Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year is...

95%  
90%  
85%  
80%  
75%  
70%  
65%

If your child would have lost approximately...

9 Days  
19 Days  
29 Days  
38 Days  
48 Days  
57 Days  
67 Days

Or they would have missed approximately...

50 Lessons  
100 Lessons  
150 Lessons  
200 Lessons  
250 Lessons  
290 Lessons  
340 Lessons

You must not take your child on holiday during term time.  
Please bring your child to school on time so that they do not miss out.  
Remember absence = Lost Opportunity

## Year Group Parent Meetings

9am-10am in the school—Ground Floor Hall

or online 7pm-7.45pm

8th September Reception

15th September Year 3

9th September Year 2

16th September Year 4

11th September Year 6

12th September Year 1



## Diary Dates

### September

- 8th Rec parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 9th Year 2 parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 11th Year 6 parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 12th CHARITY EVENT—Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day
- 12th Year 1 parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 15th Survey to parents
- 16th Year 4 parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 18th Photography and Art Exhibition—open to the local community

Please check our calendar on our website <https://www.northwoldschool.com/>

## Northwold MCAS App

Please make sure to download the app and allow **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** so that you get alerts when the school sends SMS messages.

**All bookings and payments can only be done via MCAS now.**

**MCAS School ID: 14881**



## School Term dates 2025 -2026

### **Autumn Term: (75 days)**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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

### **Spring Term: (55 days)**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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

### **Summer Term: (65 days)**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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)