NORTHWOLD PRIMARY

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the Halloween disco on yesterday. There were many spooky costumes and great fun was had by everyone who attended. A huge thank you must go to **'The Friends of Northwold'**, our parent group who so kindly supports the school with fundraising events. The funds raised go towards activities and resources for the children in school. Thank you - we could not do it without you.
We are always looking for more parents to get involved in helping out with our fundraising events – if you are interested in finding out more, please do get in touch via the school office or email office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk. Your support will be welcomed!

Thank you to the parents who attended this morning's Autism Awareness Coffee morning. It was lovely to have so many parents at the event – we hope that these sessions provide an informative space for parents with children with additional needs.

The evenings are colder and darker now and we're quickly losing all the leaves from our trees in the school grounds. Winter is definitely fast approaching! Please can I remind our parents and carers to ensure that your children have a warm coat that they bring to school each day. The children are outdoors for break times and lunch times and they need their coats daily now that the temperatures have dropped.

PE Kit: Children should come in to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Please ensure that your child wears the correct school recommended PE kit.
They should wear:

- a white or house colours T-shirt
- black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- trainers or plimsolls
- School jumper or fleece

Please note that football kits or branded items of clothing are not part of our school uniform.

Next week is Anti-bullying Week, the children will be taking part in assemblies, activities in the playground and discussions in class around this year's theme 'Break the Silence' which is aimed at encouraging children to talk about bullying, listen without judgment, and take action together.
We have a Remembrance Day assembly on Wednesday 11th at 11am. Y6 will be leading the assembly – parents of Y6 pupils are invited to attend.

Finally, we had some pupils take part in a music competition at Davies Lane today, they will be sharing what they did with parents in an assembly at 9:30am here at Northwold on Thursday 12th November.

Wishing you a restful week-end,

Kind regards
Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Music Performance Assembly

Join us for a celebration of musical performance and student achievement!

Date: Thursday 12th November 2026

Time: 9:30 AM

Parents, carers and community members welcome.

Northwold Primary School

Celebrating

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 9th – Friday 13th November

Theme:

Break the Silence



Children will engage in an assembly and a range of activities to mark the importance of the week.



Friday 13th November

Dress to Express Day!

A special day to celebrates individuality, diversity, self-confidence and acceptance.





Be Kind **Be Respectful** **Include Others** **Celebrate Differences**

Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who came to our Halloween Disco and made it such a special event. The costumes were incredible - so creative, spooky and brilliant, the children all looked amazing. With the live DJ on site the children had so much fun dancing. A huge thank you to FoNW for putting on such a fantastic Halloween event.













Diary Dates

October

26/10/26 –30/10/26 Half Term Holiday

November

11th Remembrance Day Assembly - Year 6 - Parents welcome -11:00am

11th Y5 Shakespeare for Schools

12th Music performance assembly for parents and community - 9:30am

13th Learning Council to visit Trust School

13th Charity Event: Children in Need

17th Y2 visit Westminster Synagogue

17th Y2 & Y5 Bring your parents to school morning 9:00am-10:00am

19th Y3 to Buddhapadipa Temple

20th Coffee Morning - Using appropriate online learning platforms - 9:00am-10:00am

20th Y2 Royal Ballet and Opera online event: Magic Flute

23rd Caught Reading Challenge

24th Guru Nanak's Birthday

25th Everybody Dance: 'Alice's Wonderland' - Year 3

26th Everybody Make: 'Alice's Adventures' - Year 3

27th Nursery Coffee Morning

27th Year 2 and Year 5 Fire Brigade visit - onsite

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

School Term dates 2026 -2027

Autumn Term: (73 days)

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 INSET day
- Thursday 3rd September 2026 INSET day
- Friday 23rd October 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
- Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term: (54 days)

Monday 4th January 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027.

- Monday 4th January 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027.
- Easter holiday Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027.

Summer Term: (68 days)

Monday 12th April 2027 to Thursday 22nd July 2027

- Monday 12th April 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
- Summer holiday Friday 23rd July

Public holidays

- Friday 25th December 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Monday 28th December 2026 (Boxing Day)
- Friday 1st January 2027 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 3rd May 2027
- Monday 31st May 2027
- Monday 30th August 2027

Caught Being Kind

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

Congratulations!

Nursery	**(Elm 1 & 2)** Anna	
Reception	**(Maple)** Jah'Mari	
Year 1	**(Ash)** Darren	**(Sycamore)** Scarlett
Year 2	**(Redwood)** Abdullah	
Year 3	**(Pine)** Abigail	
Year 4	**(Elder)** Juwayriyya	**(Teak)** Nuna
Year 5	**(Cedar)** Jadiyah	
Year 6	**(Beech)** Ismaeel	**(Hazel)** Sherifat

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 4

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Pasta in Tomato Sauce (G, V)	Shephard's Pie (MK, G)	Lamb Tagine (G, MU)	Roast Chicken with Gravy (G,MU)	Crumbed Cod (F)
Vegetarian Choice	Lentil Dhal Curry with Naan (V, G, MK)	Veggie sausage and homemade wedges (V, G, S)	Vegetable Shephard's Pie (V, CE, S)	Cheese & Potato Whirls (G, V, MU, E, MK)	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans/Tuna (MK)
Alternative Choice	Vegetable Goulash (V)	Salmon Fish Cakes (F, G)	Spinach & Chickpea Curry (V)	Vegan Spring Roll (G)	Cheese & Egg Flan (G, E, MK)
Sides	Bread Naan Bread (G, MK, E)	Bread Potato Wedges (G, MK)	Homemade Bread Couscous (G, MK)	Bread Yorkshire Pudding (G, MK)	Homemade Bread Oven Chips (G, MK)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Julienne Carrots Green Cabbage	Baked Beans Mushy Peas
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Plain Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Apple Crumble with Custard Plain Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	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				

Class Attendance W/E 23/10/2026

Well done to **Year 6 Beech** with the highest attendance last week. They had 98.2**%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
N Elm	84.4%
RC Maple	91.1%
Y1 Ash	82.8%
Y1 Sycamore	95.0%
Y2 Redwood	95.4%
Y3 Pine	87.5%
Y4 Elder	90.2%
Y4 Teak	97.6%
Y5 Cedar	97.1%
Y6 Beech	98.2%
Y6 Hazel	95.9%
Grand Total	**93.3%**

THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE WILL WIN A PIZZA PARTY AT THE END OF THE TERM!



Parent Volunteers Needed!

We are always grateful for the support of our wonderful parent community. If you have a little spare time and would like to help with reading, school trips, events, or classroom activities, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office or email shaun.acharya@northwold.hackney.sch.uk to find out more about becoming a volunteer.

Thank you for helping us make our school a great place to learn and grow!

PE Autumn Days

Please find the PE days for this term below.

Pupils may come to school wearing PE Kit on the days that they have PE.

Year 1: Monday, Wednesday
Year 2: Thursday
Year 3: Tuesday
Year 4: Monday, Wednesday
Year 5: Tuesday, Thursday
Year 6: Wednesday, Friday

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App

MCAS is our online portal and app used to monitor your child.

If you require assistance with setting up or using the app, please visit the MCAS Support Page using the link below:

https://docs.bromcom.com/article-categories/for-parents/

The support page includes guidance on logging in, resetting passwords, and accessing key features. If you continue to experience difficulties, please contact the school office for further assistance.

Postponed Assembly

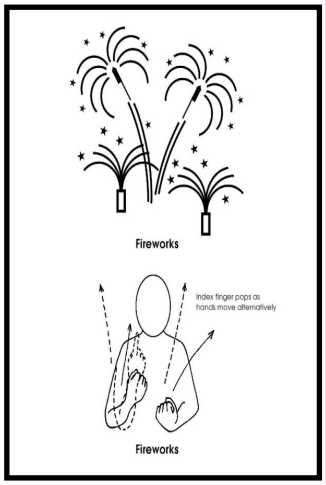
Please note that on Thursday 19th November Year 4 violin and Year 6 Ukulele whole school assembly was scheduled to take place in the diary, this has now been postponed to later in the year, a new date will be shared soon.

SEND CORNER

Sign of the Week

Learning a new sign each week helps everyone in our setting become more confident in using Makaton, making our environment more inclusive and supportive for all children.

If you need anymore information, please feel free to contact.



You Are Not Alone

You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers



The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.

In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

*' My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the past year -* Jo (parent)

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' -* Louise (parent

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website

https://youarenotalone.community or you can send an email to

team@youarenotalone.community

AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Autism Support for Parents & Carers

Autism Coffee Mornings—Hackney Ark

Run by Occupational Therapy and Clinical Psychology teams.

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences in a supportive space
- Speak directly with clinicians
- Online and face-to-face sessions available

National Autistic Society (NAS)

Trusted information and guidance for parents, young people and schools.

- Education and EHCP advice
- Local support information
- www.autism.org.uk

Ambitious about Autism—Talking Tuesdays

Free webinar series for parents and carers.

- Practical advice
- Expert guidance
- Opportunities to ask questions

ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk (search: Talking Tuesdays)

You are not alone—support and community are available.

Safeguarding Policy

Keeping Our Community Safe: We are committed to providing a safe, welcoming space for all our families. To reflect the latest best practices, we have launched an updated Safeguarding Policy.

You can read the full policy here. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr. Acharya; and Deputy DSLs: Ms. Chalmers and Mr. Williams.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our children safe.