

Dear Parents and Carers,

"Small actions, big heart."



Next **Wednesday, 12th November**, our school will be holding a special **non-uniform day fundraiser** to support families and communities in **Jamaica** affected by the recent hurricane. Pupils are invited to come to school dressed in green, yellow or black, the colours of the Jamaican flag, or dressed up in non-uniform. In return, we ask for a **minimum donation of £1 (or any amount you wish to give)**. All proceeds will go directly to relief efforts helping provide food, shelter, and essential supplies to those most in need. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to show compassion, learn about global citizenship, and make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your generosity and support — together, we can bring hope and help to the people of Jamaica.

It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the Halloween disco on Thursday. 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!

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.

Thank you to the parents who attended this morning's Autism Awareness Coffee morning.

Wishing you a restful week-end,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher

End of Day Collection

Parents, please be reminded that we cannot dismiss your child to any adult other than yourselves at the end of the school day, unless we have your consent. If someone other than you is going to collect your child, please give them a password. It is important that you inform the school office of who is collecting the child and the password. Class teachers will not be able to hand children over without this password. If we do not know who is picking your child up, and the office has not been informed, we will need to ring you for confirmation. We ask for your patience while we do this.

Reception News

Our Reception class created their own puppets! They designed and crafted characters, developed storytelling skills, and explored textures with felt and googly eyes. This project helped them develop communication skills, creativity, and fine motor skills. We're proud of their imagination and self-expression!



Sign of the Week

This week, we are introducing our new Makaton Sign of the Week. Makaton is a language programme that uses signs, symbols, and speech to help people communicate. Each week, we focus on learning one new sign together to support children's understanding and communication skills.

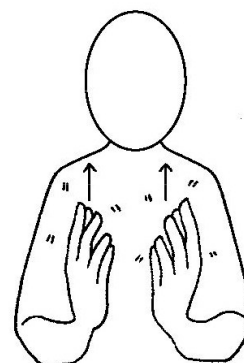
Learning a new sign each week helps everyone in our setting become more confident in using Makaton, making our environment more inclusive and supportive for all children.

You are welcome to practise the sign at home too! We will share the sign each week so you can join in.

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



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Nursery 2 Parents

APPLY FOR A RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE 2026

WHO?

Apply if your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

WHEN?

Apply before 15 January 2026
Offer day is 16 April 2026

HOW?

Apply online at 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.

School Trips this Term

Over the year, your child will be invited to join their class on a school trip. 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	25/11/25	Local Walk
	20/11/25	Finsbury Park Mosque Visit
Year 1	26/1/26	St Michaels Church
YEAR 3	26/11/25	Buddhapadipa Temple (Wimbledon)

PREVENT Coffee Morning

We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend an informative Prevent Workshop at our school, led by the Prevent and Hate Crime Coordinator from Hackney. The session will explain how the Prevent strategy helps protect young people from radicalisation and extremism and how families can play a vital role in keeping children safe. It's a great opportunity to learn more, ask questions and discover the support available in our community. For those unable to attend in person, an online link will be sent on the morning of 5th December 2025 so you can join remotely. We hope you can be part of this important conversation.

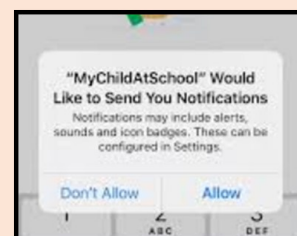
PREVENT COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS - Madeleine Street (she/her) Prevent and Hate Crime Coordinator London Borough of Hackney

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



Class Attendance W/E 23/10/2025

Well done to **Year 4 Cedar** with the highest attendance last week. They had 98.68% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	65.12%
N Elm 2	90.38%
RC Ash	94.08%
RC Sycamore	83.55%
Y1 Redwood	95.69%
Y2 Pine	98.79%
Y3 Elder	96.88%
Y3 Teak	90.91%
Y4 Cedar	98.68%
Y4 Hawthorn	88.19%
Y5 Beech	96.98%
Y5 Hazel	97.84%
Y6 Juniper	94.57%
Y6 Maple	95.11%
Grand Total	93.99%

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

Diary Dates



November

11th Remembrance Day Assembly 11am - Y6
parents welcome

12th CHARITY EVENT: Fundraiser for Jamaica

13th Music performance assembly 9.30am -
parents and community invited

14th Learning council to visit Trust schools

14th CHARITY EVENT: Children in Need

18th Y2, Y5 Bring your parents to school
morn ing - 9am-10am - Parents invited to
join their children to take part in learning

21st Coffee Morning - 9am-10am - Online
learning

Please check the calendar on our website

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)

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Nursery	Bilal (Elm 1)	Sofia (Elm 2)
Reception	Z'havia (Sycamore)	Harry (Ash)
Year 1	Aasiya (Redwood)	
Year 2	Talisha (Pine)	
Year 3	Umar (Elder)	Ido (Teak)
Year 4	Chlose (Cedar)	Nina-Mae (Hawthorn)
Year 5	Twana (Beech)	Hazel (Hazel)
Year 6	Zara (Juniper)	Danyaal (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				