

Dear Parents and carers,

I trust that you have had a good week. We have been very busy here at Northwold – the children have settled well and are engaged in their learning. It has been lovely to see so many children coming to school at 8:40am for the Value of Number sessions. These early morning sessions provide practical, fun opportunities for children to recap on their knowledge of number and place value. Children use a range of hands-on resources to rehearse their maths skills. If you are not coming in at 8:40am every day, you're missing out! We hope you join us!

Resources used in Value of Number Sessions



Thank you to the parents who attended the year group meetings this week – it was lovely to see so many of you. Next week we will meet with Y3, Y4 and Y5. The slides from the meetings have been shared on the website under the year group tab along with the parent handbooks and the curriculum letter. We hope you find the information useful.

On Monday you will receive a link to the Parent Survey – we ask that you please spare a few minutes to respond. We value your feedback as it helps us to improve what we do.

On Thursday 17th September we have an art exhibition on after school in the lower hall, where we will be showing some of the work of our young artists. It is an open event – please bring family and friends along.

Today we say good bye to Samantha, our office manager – thank you for your hard work over the last year and we wish you all the best!

I hope that you have a lovely week end.

Warmest regards,

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher
Northwold Primary School

Important Update Regarding Mobile Phone Policy

As a result of the new national school guidance that has recently come out, our school will be a completely smart device-free environment from Friday 4th September.

Effective from Friday 4th September, the following rules will apply:



1. Smart Devices Are Prohibited

- **No smartphones or smart devices** (including smartwatches with cellular/messaging capabilities) may be brought onto school premises under any circumstances.

2. Travel To and From School ('Brick Phones' Only)

We understand that many parents wish for their children to carry a phone for safety reasons while traveling to and from school.

- If your child requires a phone for their journey, they may only bring a basic '**brick phone**' (a feature phone with call and SMS text functionality only—no internet, app access, or camera capability).
- Upon arrival at school, pupils must immediately take their basic phone to the **school office**, where it will be securely stored until the end of the school day.
- Phones must be handed in before the morning registration and collected promptly at dismissal.

3. Contacting Your Child During the School Day

If you need to reach your child urgently during school hours, please contact the main school office directly.

Our administrative staff will ensure messages are communicated to your child.

4. Medical Exceptions

In line with national guidelines, exceptions will be made for pupils who require smart technology to monitor documented medical conditions (e.g., continuous glucose monitors). If this applies to your child, they will have a formal plan in place.



Diary Dates

September

- 14th Y3 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm
- 15th Y4 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm
- 16th Y2 & Y5 Fire Brigade Visit
- 17th Photography and Art Exhibition
Y5 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm
- 18th Jeans for Genes Day
- 25th Interschool Water Colour/Sketching
Competition Y3-6

Phonics Coffee Morning—Reception 9-10am

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning
- 29th Reception Bring your Parent to School
9-10am

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

Curriculum Meetings

Next week, there will be parent curriculum meetings from 9-10am for Year 3 (14th) and Year 4 (15th).

This is an opportunity for parents to hear about what their children will be learning, we look forward to seeing you then. We will also run the sessions online at 7pm for those who cannot make it in person.

Please use the link below. Monday, 14 September · 7:00 – 7:30pm Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/ujj-sknd-odw>

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

Class Attendance W/E 04/09/2026

Well done to **2 Year Old's** with the highest attendance last week. They had **100%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	100%
N Elm 2	78.6%
RC Maple	93.8%
Y1 Ash	84.2%
Y1 Sycamore	73.7%
Y2 Redwood	78.1%
Y3 Pine	75.0%
Y4 Elder	82.4%
Y4 Teak	71.4%
Y5 Cedar	91.4%
Y6 Beech	89.7%
Y6 Hazel	82.1%
Grand Total	82.9%

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



welcome

Welcome to Our New Staff!

We're delighted to welcome some new faces to our team! Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest members of staff.

We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the experience, skills and fresh perspectives they will bring to our team.

**Mr Shaun Acharya — Deputy Headteacher;
SENCO & Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Ms Megan Turvey — Nursery Teacher

**Ms Zakkiya Mehmood — Y4 Class Teacher
(Teak)**

Ms Sidra Saleem — HLTA

Ms Belen Fernandez — Spanish Teacher

Mr Osei Abrokwa — Caretaker



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.



Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-23X3D969> to browse the latest books and order online.

Please place your order online by October 20th, 2026

Communication

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



Steps to resolving concerns

There will be times when you 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 Chalmers (interim)

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

Step 3 - Contact the Deputy Head Teacher – Mr Acharya

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

Step 4 – Contact the Headteacher – Ms Chalmers

If the concern remains unresolved, move onto step 5.

Step 5 – Contact Dr Maureen Okoye OBE

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

PE Autumn Days

Please find the PE dates for this term below:

Nursery: Thursday
Reception: Monday
Year 1: Wednesday
Year 2: Thursday
Year 3: Tuesday
Year 4: Monday
Year 5: Tuesday
Year 6: Wednesday

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			Nursery
Reception			
		Year 1	
			Year 2
	Year 3		
Year 4			
	Year 5		
		Year 6	

Open Events at Hackney Secondary Schools in 2026

Please see the link below detailing Open Mornings and Evenings in Hackney for Y5 students transitioning from primary to secondary in September 2027.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/sites/default/files/document/Hackney%20Secondary%20School%20Open%20Events.pdf>

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) Annabelle	
Reception	(Maple) Oren	
Year 1	(Ash) Amar	(Sycamore) Khaleel
Year 2	(Redwood) Sienna	
Year 3	(Pine) Abdul Jalil	
Year 4	(Elder) Sophia	(Teak) Umm Kulthum
Year 5	(Cedar) Kalkidan	
Year 6	(Beech) Twana	(Hazel) Dara

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 1

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Homemade Vegetable Pizza (G, MK)	Chicken & Vegetable Lasagne (wholemeal) (G, MK, MU)	Lamb Curry (CE, MU)	Chicken Sausage with Gravy (G, MK, SO, SU, CE, MU)	Cod Fish Fingers (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Whole meal Pasta with Vegetables in Tomato Sauce (G)	Lentil Wellington DL (G, V)	Vegetable Chow Mein (G, SO, V)	Cheese or Tuna Wrap with Salad (G, MK, MU, F, E)	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna (MK, F)
Alternative Choice	Vegetable Pasty (G, V, MK, MU)	Stuffed Peppers (V)	Baked Salmon with Lemon Sauce (F)	Red Kidney Bean & Vegetable Stew (V)	Vegetable Samosa (G, V)
Sides	Bread Potato Wedges (G, MK, E)	Bread Diced Potatoes (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Brown Rice (G, MK, E)	Bread Mash Potatoes (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Oven Chips (G, MK, E)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Diced Carrot Broccoli	Sweetcorn Peas	Sliced Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Plain yoghurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Iced Sponge with Custard Plain Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK, G)	Fresh Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Cheese & Crackers 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				

SEND CORNER

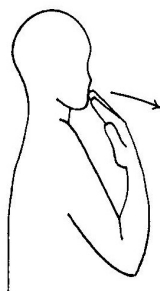
Sign of the Week

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.



Thank You



Thank You

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.

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.

SENCO Parent Coffee Morning with our SENCO, Mr Acharya — Friday 18 September

Please join us on **Friday 18th September at 9am** in the Lower Hall for a dedicated coffee morning. This is a relaxed, supportive space to connect with other families and chat about our SEND provision.



Wider Opportunity Clubs

The clubs will commence the week beginning Monday 7th September 2026 and will start promptly at 3.45pm. The club sessions will run for 45 minutes and finish at 4:30pm.

Please be on time to collect your child promptly at 4:30pm. If you are late your child will attend the After School Club (Wrap Around Care) and **you will be charged the full rate of £10.00** for this service.

There will be no charge to parents for these clubs. Once you have selected a club, your child can continue it till the end of the summer term. Please inform us in advance, if you wish to opt out the club after the Autumn term so the space can be allocated to someone else in the spring term.

Day	Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Monday	Years 4, 5, 6	Boys Football Mr Shim	Boys Football Mr Shim	Boys Football Mr Shim
	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Arts and Crafts Sidra	Library Club Sidra	Painting Sidra
	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Coding Club Miss Cassim	Coding Club Miss Cassim	Coding Club Miss Cassim
Tuesday	Reception & Y1	Multi-Sports Mr Shim	Gymnastics Mr Shim	Multi-Sports Mr Shim
	Years 3, 4, 5	Cooking Sidra	Cooking Sidra	Cooking Sidra
	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Photography Miss Nikki	Photography Miss Nikki	Photography Miss Nikki
Wednesday	Years 4, 5, 6	Hockey Mr Shim	Netball Mr Shim	Tennis Mr Shim
	Reception & Y1	Storytelling & Library Sidra	Storytelling & Library Sidra	Storytelling & Library Sidra
	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Film Miss Nikki	Film Miss Nikki	Film Miss Nikki
Thursday	Years 4, 5, 6	Dodgeball Mr Shim	Tag Rugby Mr Shim	Cricket Mr Shim
	Reception, Year 1 & 2	Cooking Sidra	Cooking Sidra	Cooking Sidra
Friday	Years 2, 3	Multi-Sports Mr Shim	Dodgeball Mr Shim	Athletics Mr Shim
	Reception, Year 1 & 2	Arts and Crafts Valerie	Painting Valerie	Arts and Crafts Valerie

Have Your Say on Childcare

Hackney Council is calling for urgent action from the Government to make childcare fairer, more affordable and accessible for all families.

We want to hear from parents and carers in Hackney. Tell us about your childcare experiences — what works well, the challenges you face, and what would make the biggest difference to your family.

Whether you use a nursery, childminder, children's centre, family support, or a combination of childcare options, **your experience matters.**

Please share your views by 11 October 2026:

At the end of this period, we will bring the stories together, in an anonymised form, and create a report that will be shared publicly and sent to central government, together with a letter urgently asking for change.

Families can share their experiences online, at <https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-families/fixing-childcare>, or by mailing the Council.

Class Allocations for 2026-27

Please see below the class teacher allocations for this academic year, including our dedicated support staff.

We are delighted to share the team who will be working with your children and look forward to another successful year of learning and growth together.



Year Group	Class Teacher	Class
2 Year Old's	Mrs K Kaur	2 Year Old's
Nursery	Ms Turvey, Ms Brown	Elm
Reception	Ms Clarke, Ms Auguste	Maple
Year 1	Ms Lewis, Ms Choudhury	Sycamore
	Ms Vesey	Ash
Year 2	Ms Adi-Dako, Ms Serieux	Redwood
Year 3	Mr Williams, Mrs S Kaur & Ms Drury	Pine
Year 4	Ms Mehmood	Teak
	Ms Pektas, Ms Lewis	Elder
Year 5	Ms Cassim, Ms Jordan	Cedar
Year 6	Ms Brown, Mr Whitelocke & Ms Esbrand	Beech
	Mrs Rawat	Hazel

Our First Week in Reception

What a fantastic first week it has been in Reception! The children have settled in so well and have already been busy exploring their new classroom, getting to know their teachers and making new friends.

This week, the children have been learning all about their new routines and discovering the different areas of our classroom. They have enjoyed choosing activities, playing together and exploring both indoors and outdoors. We have been especially impressed with how confidently the children are beginning to tidy up, share resources and look after our classroom.

It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces and to watch the children begin to feel at home in Reception. We are incredibly proud of them and are looking forward to all the exciting learning and adventures still to come!



Dahlicious Day Dressing Up!

What a Dahlicious day we've had! The children looked absolutely fantastic as they arrived dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl characters. From Matildas and Fantastic Mr Foxes to Willy Wonkas, and the BFG, there were some wonderfully creative costumes on display!

It was lovely to see the children embracing the spirit of the day, showing off their fantastic outfits and bringing the magic of Roald Dahl's stories to life.

A huge well done to everyone for joining in and making the day so special!



NORTHWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL Y6 RESIDENTIAL OSMINGTON BAY, DORSET

LIBERTY'S OWL RAPTOR AND REPTILE CENTRE



LULWORTH COVE DURDLE DOOR AND CORFE CASTLE



OSMINGTON BAY

