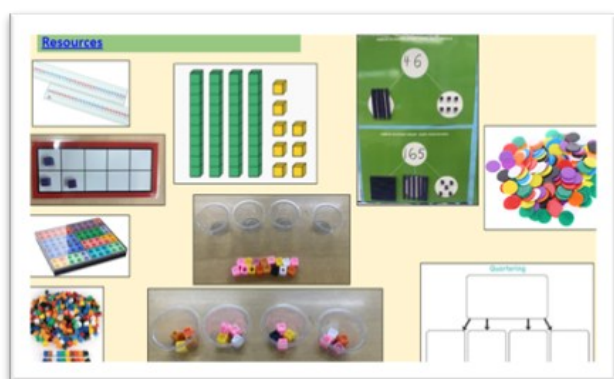


Dear Parents and Carers,

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 soft start maths. 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

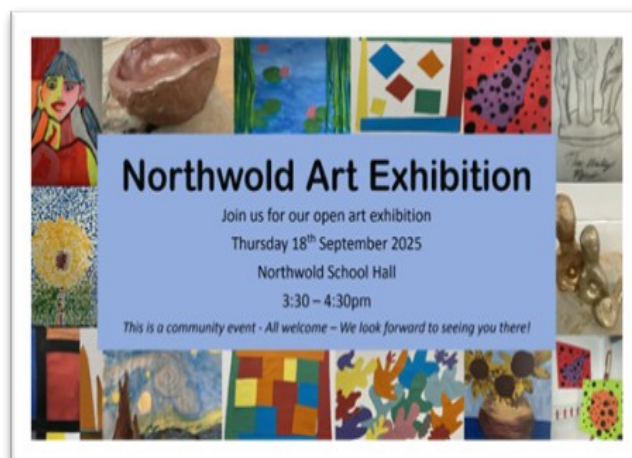


Thank you to the parents who attended the year group meetings this week – it was lovely to see so many of you. Next week we will meet with Y3, Y4 and Y5. The slides from the meetings have been shared on the website under the year group tab along with the parent handbooks and the curriculum letter. We 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 18th September we have an art exhibition after school in the lower hall, where we will be show casing some of the work of our young artists. It is an open

event - please bring family and friends along.



Please be reminded that school finishes at 3:30pm everyday. It is very important that you collect your child on time. **Children not collected by 3:45pm will join the after school club and parents will be charged £10.**

Families who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) need to register to ensure they receive all the benefits they are entitled to. The schools will then receive pupil premium funding which will go towards supporting your child's learning, contributing to educational trips, booster classes and after-school clubs. Registering will ensure that you receive other benefits that you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays or access to the holiday activity fund.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Mr Dominic Noble and Ms Harriet Verney to our Parent Council, they will be joining us as the new representatives for the reception classes this year.

I hope that you have a lovely week end.

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher

Northwold



Diary Dates

September

- 15th Survey to parents
- 15th Year 2 parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 16th Year 4 parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 18th Photography and Art Exhibition - open to the local community
- 19th **CHARITY EVENT** - Jeans for Genes - Children wear jeans with school jumpers and bring £1 to support charity
- 19th Y5 parent curriculum meeting - 9am-10am
- 22nd Year 4 Swimming—2 weeks
- 22nd Readathon: Children are set target to read as many books they can before the end of half term - hand in on till 23rd October
- 26th National teaching assistant day
- 26th Y5 Space dome in house visit
- 26th Phonics Coffee Morning - Reception parents - 9am-10am

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

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.

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.



Macmillan Cancer Support: Bake Sale

3.30 pm - 26th September 2025

We hope that parents will be able to donate cakes and baked goods for this worthy cause. Please leave your baked goods to the school office on the morning of the bake sale.

PLEASE NOTE – as we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL there must be no nuts or nut-based products in the baked goods.



Caught Being Kind

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

Nursery	Nevaeh (Elm 1)	Keyan (Elm 2)
Reception	Mayar (Sycamore)	
Year 1	Maryam (Redwood)	
Year 2	Idrees (Pine)	
Year 3	Anaya (Elder)	Grace (Teak)
Year 4	Liyaanah (Cedar)	Cavalli (Hawthorn)
Year 5	Blake (Beech)	Avaley (Hazel)
Year 6	Imad (Juniper)	Esther (Maple)

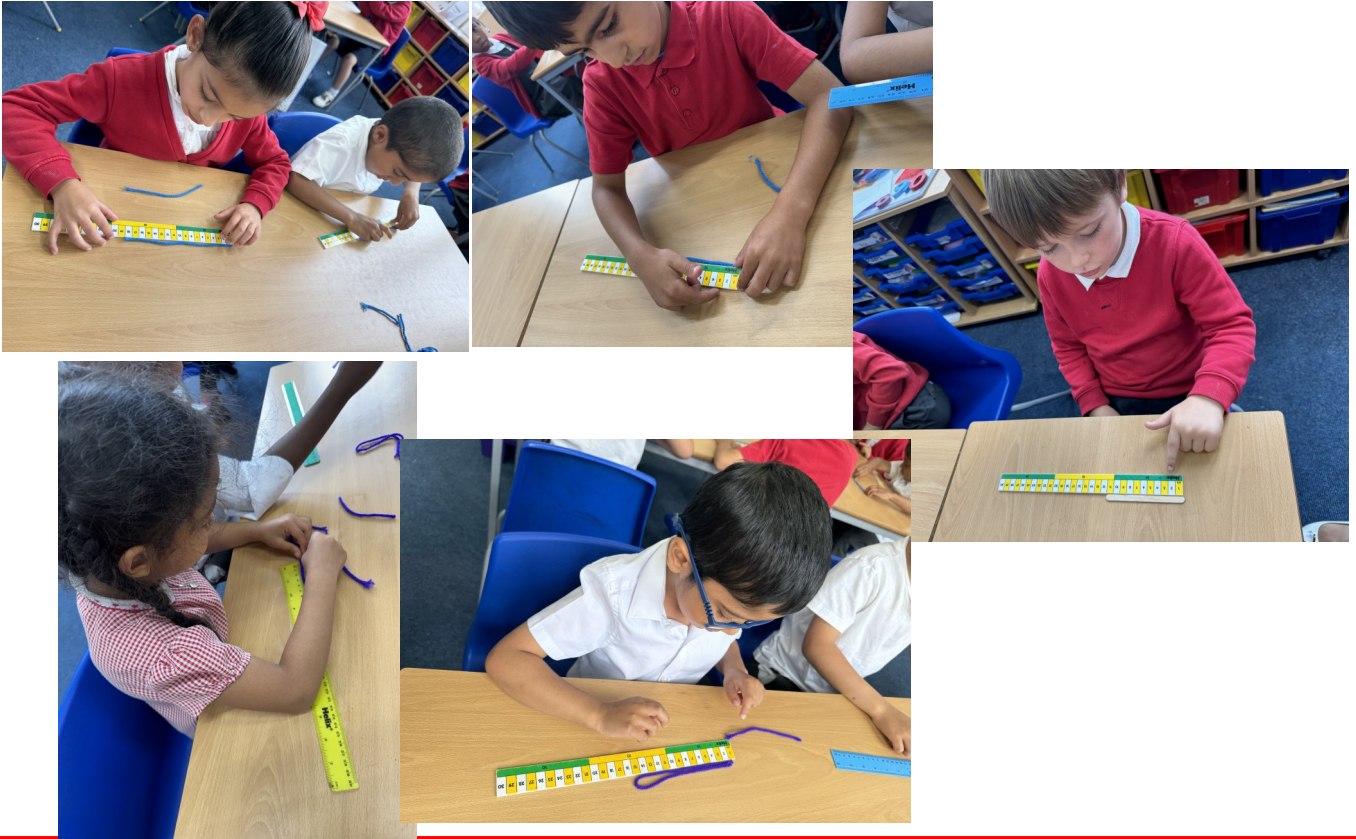
What is on the menu next week

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 3

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Vegetable Chow Mein (E)	Chicken Pie (G)	Lamb Meatballs with Spaghetti (G, MU, SO)	Tandoori Chicken (MU)	Cod Fish Fingers (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Peri-peri rice with Vegetables (V)	Vegetable Lasagne (G, V, MK)	Vegetable Sausage Roll (V, G)	Vegetarian Moussaka (F, MK, G)	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Tuna (MK, F)
Alternative Choice	Cheese Roll with salad (MK, G)	Cheese & Tuna Sandwich with salad (E, F, MK)	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini (MK, G, V)	Chickpea & Vegetable Stew (V)	Vegetable Samosa (V)
Sides	Bread Rosti Potatoes (G, MK, E)	Bread Garlic bread (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Spaghetti (G, MK, E, MU, SO)	Bread Brown Rice (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Oven Baked Chips (G, MK, E)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrot Broccoli	Sweetcorn Peas	Julienne Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Chocolate Cake with Custard Fruit 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				

Reception News

Well done to all our pupils - we have had a fabulous start to reception. The children had a great week of learning!



Arts & Crafts Club

We have had an amazing start to the new term with our clubs. Children are fully enjoying the selection of clubs this term and in particular arts and crafts. This week we started our own family tree using finger painting.



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



Have you seen
our school advert
on the buses!

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

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

Class Attendance W/E 05/09/2025

Well done to **Year 4 Hawthorn & 2 Year old's** with the highest attendance last week. They had 100% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	100%
N Elm 2	76.12%
RC Sycamore	96.40%
Y1 Redwood	89.08%
Y2 Pine	92.19%
Y3 Elder	98.25%
Y3 Teak	88.10%
Y4 Cedar	94.44%
Y4 Hawthorn	100%
Y5 Beech	95.40%
Y5 Hazel	90.91%
Y6 Juniper	90.91%
Y6 Maple	85.51%
Grand Total	92.43%

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

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.



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)