

Dear Parent and Carers,

We've had another busy week at Northwold! Well done to all those who took part in the Spelling Bee competition yesterday - it was a tough competition. The winners were:

Year 4

Looking ahead, we have a busy run up to the Easter holiday, with many exciting events happening at school. Next week we have Northwold's Got Talent, our fundraiser for Red Nose Day. Many children have been auditioning for the performance and the finalists have now been selected. The Y1-Y3 participants will take part in the finals on 17th March at 1:30pm and Y4-Y6 finalists will be performing on the 18th March at 1:30pm. Parents of the finalists involved are invited to this event. We wish all those who are taking the best of luck next week.

The parent council will meet on the 19th March, between 9-10am. New members are welcome to attend. If you'd like a 'taster' to see what the group involves, please contact the school office, we'd love you to join the session.

On Friday 20th (9-10am) we have a science coffee morning led by Mrs Rawat, who will be sharing ways that you can support science learning at home. We hope to see you there!

World Poetry Day is also on the 20th March. Classes will perform a poem in assembly that day for their peers to enjoy.

sale at the end of the school day, all funds will go to 'Friends of Northwold', our fantastic parent group, who tirelessly support the school over the year.

The Easter bonnet parade will take place at 3:15pm on Wednesday 25th March. Gates will open from 3:10pm for parents wishing to watch the parade. Staff will show you where you can view the parade from.

Once the parade is over and judging is completed, children will be dismissed by their teachers as per usual end of day procedures. There will be some tasty eats on sale at the end of the school day, all funds will go to 'Friends of Northwold', our fantastic parent group, who tirelessly support the school over the year.

Children who wish to take part in the Easter bonnet parade must bring their bonnet into school on the 25th March. If your child needs some support with resources for the bonnet, their teacher will be more than happy to help. We want as many children as possible to take part in this fun, creative event.

Invites for parents evening have gone out. Please ensure that you select a suitable time to discuss your child's school report and well-being with your child's teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Easter Bonnet Parade

How can you help?

We are looking for donations for prizes in the raffle at the Easter Bonnet Parade and for donations of cakes and eats to sell on the day. We would really appreciate it if you could support our Friends of Northwold in making this event a big success! All donations can be left with the school office.

Thank you for your support!





Diary Dates

March

- 17th Red Nose Day
Middle Phase Got Talent—parents welcome from 1:30—3:00pm
- 18th Upper Phase Got Talent—parents welcome from 1:20-3:00pm
Y5 Trip to Hackney Picture House Cinema
- 19th Class Group Photos
Parent Council 9:00-10:00am; outcomes in History and Geography
- 20th World Poetry Day Assembly
Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00am
Eid
- 22nd World Water Day
- 25th Easter Bonnet Parade with Cake Sale
- 26th Parent's Evening 3:30-7:00pm
Pre-loved Uniform Sale
- 27th Attendance Lunch for the class with the highest attendance!
- 30th **Easter Holiday**

April

- 2nd Autism Awareness Day
- 14th Pupils return
- 17th Eid Event
- 23rd BBC Ten Pieces for Parents
- 24th SEND Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00am
- 28th Individual/Sibling Photos

Please check the calendar on our website

<https://www.northwoldschool.com/>



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PRIZES FOR THE BEST BONNETS!
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MARCH 25 | 3:00 PM
NORTHWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Easter Bonnet Parade

We are excited to announce that our Easter Bonnet Parade will be taking place on Wednesday 25 March!

This is always a lovely event where the children can showcase their creativity and celebrate the Easter season together parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and enjoy the parade. Children are invited to create and wear their own Easter bonnets to school for the parade. There will also be a bonnet competition, with prizes awarded for a variety of fun categories such as creativity, colour, and originality.

To help make the competition extra special, we would be very grateful for any prize donations from parents and carers. Small items such as Easter treats, chocolates, craft kits, or small toys would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing the wonderful bonnets the children create!

School Term dates 2025 -2026

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

- Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 4 May 2026
- Monday 25 May 2026
- Monday 31 August 2026

Holidays During Term Time

As we approach the Easter period, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the school's attendance policy regarding holidays during term time.

Time off for holidays is not authorised during term time. Good attendance is essential to ensure children make the best possible progress in their learning, and even short absences can have a significant impact.

Please be aware that if a child is taken out of school for a holiday during term time, this may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued. The current penalty is £80 per parent, per child. If a second penalty notice is issued within a three year period, this may lead to court proceedings.

We kindly ask that all holidays and family trips are arranged outside of term time. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and benefits fully from their education.

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 02/03/2026

Well done to **Year 3 Teak** with the highest attendance last week. They had 98% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	95.3%
N Elm 2	90.8%
RC Ash	94.5%
RC Sycamore	97.0%
Y1 Redwood	97.1%
Y2 Pine	97.4%
Y3 Elder	92.4%
Y3 Teak	98.0%
Y4 Cedar	95.5%
Y4 Hawthorn	92.5%
Y5 Beech	96.0%
Y5 Hazel	91.2%
Y6 Juniper	93.3%
Y6 Maple	97.5%
Grand Total	95.1%

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



Debating Challenge!

Our Debate Challenge will take place in stages next term. Students will compete to earn a place in the next round, successful teams will then progress to the semi-finals.

Please find the dates below:

Classroom Debate Heats: 14th May

Semi-Finals: 22nd May



School Trips

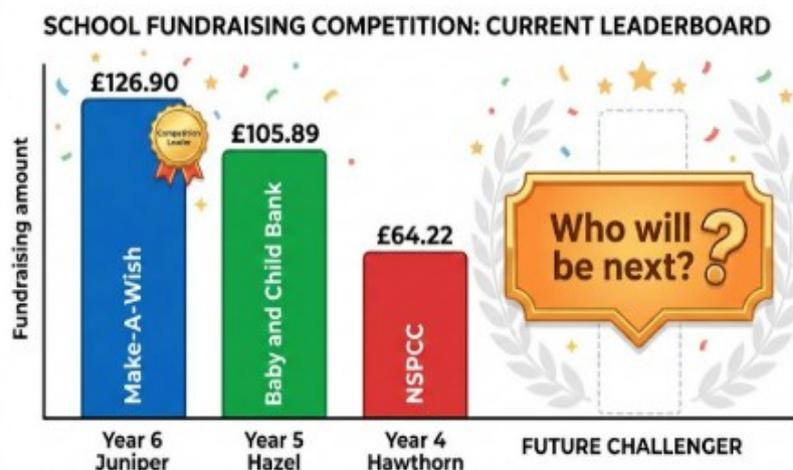


We have lots of exciting trips planned this term. Please ensure that you have paid for them on MCAS ahead of the date to ensure we are able to go on the trip.

Charity Leads—Making A Difference!

Our Charity leads have already done a phenomenal job raising funds for some incredible causes. Between Pyjama Day, Culture Day, and Number Day, they have raised a total of **£297.01!**

Who is going to take the top spot? Year 6 Juniper has set a very impressive record of £126.90 to beat.



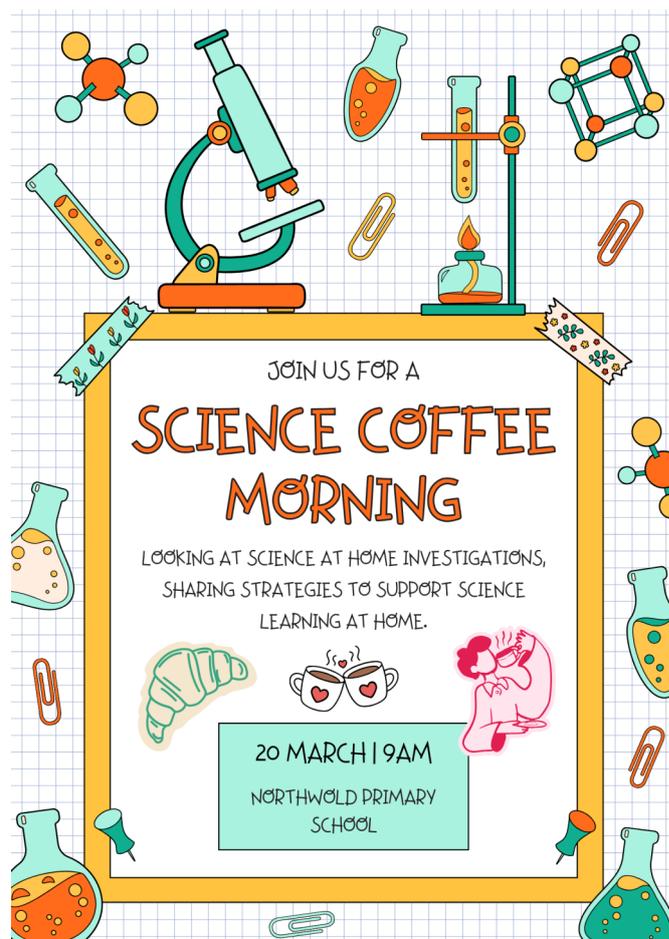
What's coming up?

Science Coffee Morning

Please join us for a parent coffee morning on Friday 20th March. This session, led by Ms Rawat, is an opportunity to find out ways to support your child with science and science investigations at home.



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Northwold Got Talent

We will be having our Red Nose Day Fundraiser taking place on the following days:

17th March: Y1-3

18th March: Y4-6

Parents of finalists are invited to attend from 1:30-3:00pm.

Red Nose Day—Wednesday 18th March

Students are welcome to come dressed in red on Wednesday 18th March.



SEND CORNER

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

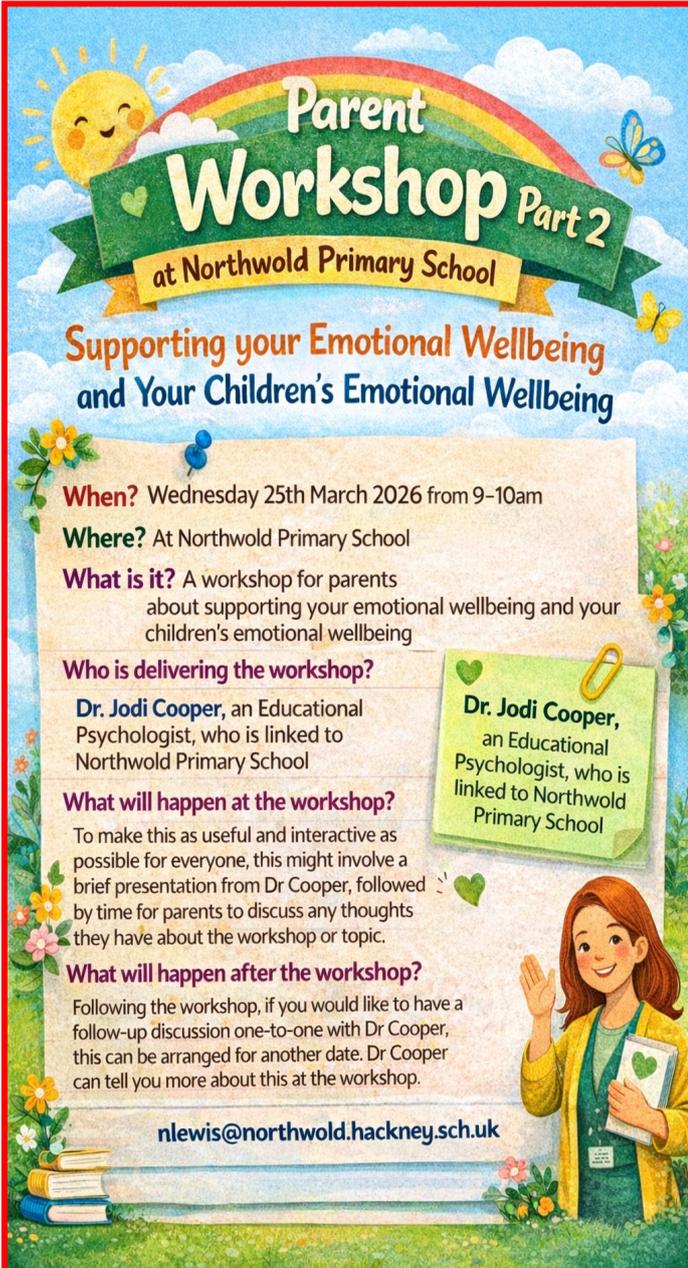
Ambitious about Autism—Talking Tuesdays

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.



Parent Workshop Part 2
at Northwold Primary School

Supporting your Emotional Wellbeing and Your Children's Emotional Wellbeing

When? Wednesday 25th March 2026 from 9–10am

Where? At Northwold Primary School

What is it? A workshop for parents about supporting your emotional wellbeing and your children's emotional wellbeing

Who is delivering the workshop?

Dr. Jodi Cooper, an Educational Psychologist, who is linked to Northwold Primary School

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What will happen at the workshop?

To make this as useful and interactive as possible for everyone, this might involve a brief presentation from Dr Cooper, followed by time for parents to discuss any thoughts they have about the workshop or topic.

What will happen after the workshop?

Following the workshop, if you would like to have a follow-up discussion one-to-one with Dr Cooper, this can be arranged for another date. Dr Cooper can tell you more about this at the workshop.

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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.

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.



To Sleep



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Nursery Planting!

In nursery, we have been removing the weeds from our planter to make room for new plants to grow. We found lots of worms and caterpillars, we enjoyed looking at them closely!



Y2 Baking

Year 2 had a wonderful time baking cupcakes as part of their classroom activities this week. The children carefully measured ingredients, mixed the batter, and watched excitedly as their cupcakes baked in the oven. They showed great teamwork, listening skills, and creativity while decorating their cakes with colourful icing and sprinkles. It was a fun and memorable experience for everyone, and the classroom was filled with smiles (and the delicious smell of freshly baked cupcakes!). Well done, Year 2!



Y6 Trip to Tower of London—Crime and Punishment

The Year 6 trip to the Tower of London was a very interesting and enjoyable experience. We learned a lot about crime and punishment throughout history and how prisoners were treated in the past. It was fascinating to see the real places where people were imprisoned and to hear the stories behind them. The visit helped us understand how laws and punishments have changed over time. Overall, the trip was educational, engaging, and a great opportunity to learn outside the classroom.



School Charity Food Bank

The school charity lead organised a food collection to support the local food bank. They encouraged pupils, staff and families across the school community to donate food items such as tins, pasta, rice and other essential supplies.

Thanks to the generosity of the school community, many donations were collected and delivered to the food bank. These contributions will help support families in the local area who may be facing difficulties and need extra help with food.

The charity lead showed great leadership by organising the collection and reminding everyone about the importance of helping others. Their efforts have helped bring the school community together and made a positive difference to people in need.

