

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Harvest collection – your donations have been extremely generous. The charity leads have decided to donate their collection to the Hackney Food Bank. Well done to all the children who took part to make this possible. It is always a good time to reflect on the importance of giving and being charitable.

This week Y2 visited St Paul's Cathedral, where they deepened their understanding of The Great Fire of London and the architectural work of Sir Christopher Wren. Trips are a key part of our extra-curricular opportunities that deepen children's learning experiences. Please ensure that you have signed permission slips for letters as we cannot take children out without your consent.

Today Selwyn Learning council visited the learning council at Northwold. Together they looked at the learning in classes and shared ideas of what makes a good learning environment. Feedback will be given to the teachers and pupils of Northwold. We hope to visit Selwyn later in the year.

Yesterday we hosted our first parent council meeting of the year – thank you to those who attended. Parents on the council have the opportunity to visit classes to see learning in action, gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum and how children learning. This time we looked at the school data for 2026, identified the school priorities and saw how we teach shared reading.

Have a restful week end,

Kind regards
Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Reminder:

**Parents Evening Thursday 22nd
October.**

**Please do not forget to book your slot
on MCAS before Tuesday 20th
October 12pm**

Health Care Plans

Urgent:

If your child has allergies, epilepsy, eczema or asthma you should have been given a care plan at your yearly review. This yearly review takes place with a specialist nurse or doctor. Please hand this in to reception for our team to take a copy.



Northwold Primary School

Nursery Spaces Available

Apply Now!

We still have spaces in Nursery for 2 and 3 year olds.

Part time & full-time applications are welcome

Please contact the school office or email office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk for further information

KS2 Debating Championship Success!

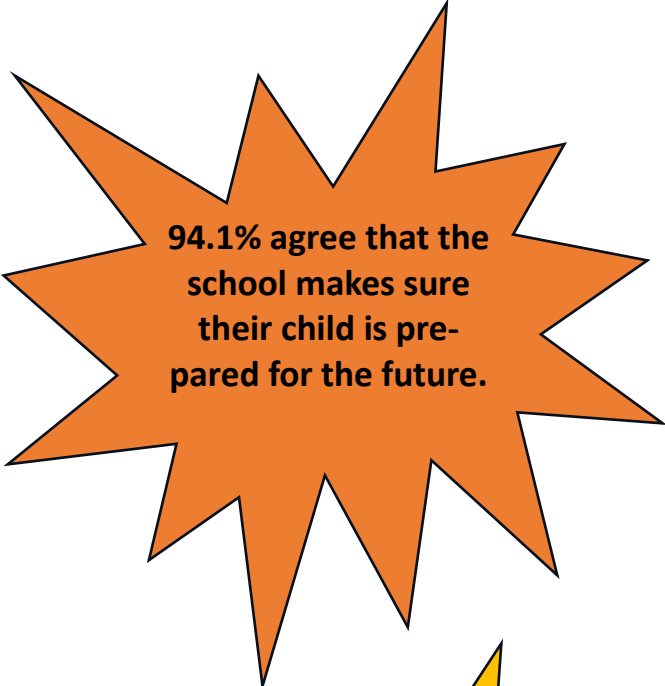
This term, our Key Stage 2 pupils participated in an exciting inter-school debate competition, going head-to-head with schools across the Trust. Children tackled a wide range of challenging topics with confidence, eloquence, and impressive critical thinking.

Throughout the competition, our pupils truly excelled by putting into practice advanced debating techniques and formal rhetoric. They effectively used:

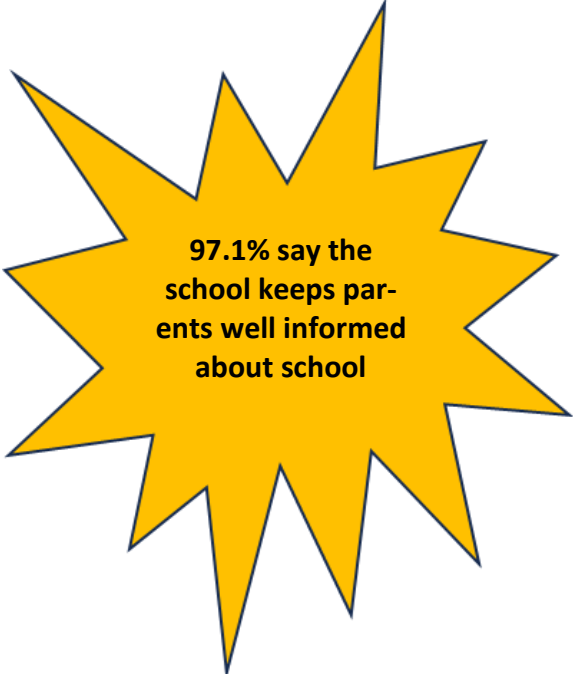
- **The Language of Rebuttal:** Respectfully listening to opposing viewpoints before offering clear, evidence-based counter-arguments
- **Signposting & Structural Language:** Clearly outlining their team's points to build logical, easy-to-follow arguments
- **Persuasive Rhetoric & Emotive Language:** Crafting powerful opening and closing statements that engaged the judges and audience alike.
- **Point-Evidence-Explanation:** Backing up every claim with solid facts and logical reasoning rather than opinions alone.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part—they represented our school with confidence, sportsmanship, and outstanding communication skills!

Parent Survey Feedback



94.1% agree that the school makes sure their child is prepared for the future.



97.1% say the school keeps parents well informed about school



97.1% say their child enjoys school

Northwold Primary School

WEAR IT PINK

for Breast Cancer Awareness

Small
change
makes a
big
difference

Organised
by our
Learning
Council

Join us on
Thursday 22nd October

Wear something pink to school and
donate **£1** to help raise funds for
breast cancer awareness.

£1

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Together we can make
a difference!



Be Kind

Show Support

Make a Difference

Parent Council

As members of the Parent Teacher Council, we recently visited the school to observe day-to-day learning across the year groups. Our time began in nursery and reception, where we watched pre-key stage 1 phonics sessions that provided a clear look at how children build their early reading foundations which was clearly engaging and we witnessed children partake enthusiastically. Moving up into key stage 2, we observed Year 6 students discussing their recent reading of Goodnight Mr Tom, where they demonstrated strong comprehension skills and thoughtful engagement with the text steered by Mrs Brown, these discussions showed both recall of the events in the text, but also comprehension of the subtext which was great to hear.

A review of English and maths books across various year groups showed consistent progress and effective support tailored to a range of abilities. We also had the opportunity to speak with three students about their favourite subjects, and their thoughtful responses reflected a positive attitude toward their studies. Overall, the visit offered a reassuring look at the steady, supportive learning environment at Northwold.

Thanks again!

Dominic Noble

Readathon

We are half way through our Readathon!

Please support your child by:

- Encouraging them to read regularly.
- Discussing what they have read.

Signing their reading log after each reading session.

All completed reading logs should be returned to school by **22 October**. We will celebrate the children's achievements with certificates and special recognition for their reading efforts.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children develop a lifelong love of reading.

Mr. Acharya

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!

Year 5 Art

Children in year 5 created sculptures inspired by the English artist Henri Moore in their art lesson this week.





Diary Dates

October

22nd Charity Event: Wear it Pink

22nd Parents Evening

23rd Inset Day—school closed to pupils

26/10/26 –30/10/26 Half Term Holiday

November

5th Y5 trip to Brunel Museum

5th Bonfire Night - Cooking marshmallows around the fire

5th Halloween Disco

6th Autism awareness coffee morning for parents - 9am-10am

6th Flu immunisations

6th Interschool Instrumental Music competition

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

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 9am-10am

19th Year 4 violin & Year 6 Ukulele whole school assembly

19th Year to Buddhapadipa Temple

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) Anaiah	
Reception	(Maple) Bilaal	
Year 1	(Ash) Zaynab	(Sycamore) Zaynab
Year 2	(Redwood) Kyashia	
Year 3	(Pine) Kishade	
Year 4	(Elder) Khadeejah	(Teak) Jamaal
Year 5	(Cedar) Kitty	
Year 6	(Beech) Enes	(Hazel) Harman

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 Pie (G)	Spaghetti Bolognese (G, MU, SO)	Peri-Peri Chicken (MU)	Battered Fish (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Burger (G, V)	Vegetable Biryani with Rice (V)	Vegetable Curry (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans & Tuna (MK, F)	Cheese & Egg Flan (G, E, MK)
Alternative Choice	Bean chili with brown rice (VG, V, CE, S)	Fish Curry with Brown Rice (V, F)	Cheese & Onion Pastry (G, V, MK)	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini (MK, G, 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 Peas
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Plain Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Caramel Tart with Custard Plain 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				

Class Attendance W/E 09/10/2026

Well done to **Year 5 Cedar** with the highest attendance last week. They had **99.6%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
N Elm	95.7%
RC Maple	92.0%
Y1 Ash	96.4%
Y1 Sycamore	95.5%
Y2 Redwood	94.0%
Y3 Pine	95.1%
Y4 Elder	92.5%
Y4 Teak	96.6%
Y5 Cedar	99.6%
Y6 Beech	94.1%
Y6 Hazel	93.5%
Grand Total	95.0%

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



Reminder:

School Closed to Pupils

Inset Day: 23rd October

Half Term W/B 26/10/25

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.



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.

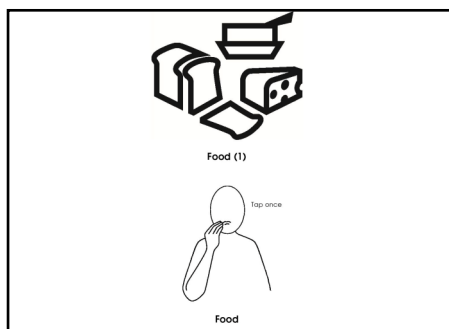
Please place your order online by 3rd November 2026

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 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 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.

Get help through Hackney



Hackney Here to Help is a friendly, non-judgmental team that helps Hackney residents with financial struggles or benefits advice.

<https://www.hackney.gov.uk/council-tax-and-benefits/applying-extra-financial-help-council/get-help-through-hackney-here-help>

STARTING WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9:30-11 AM

THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE'S 5 WEEK PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP
CREATING ROUTINES AND BOUNDARIES THAT WORK FOR YOU

@ WILLIAM PATTEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (N16 0NX)

William Patten
Primary School



All families with a child that has a need within **any of the 4 areas of SEND** are welcome
We are a needs based service. **No EHCP** or **formal diagnosis** is needed.

4 Areas of SEND

Communication & Interaction



Cognition and learning



Social, Emotional & Mental Health



Sensory and Physical



4TH NOVEMBER

What's already in your routines and boundaries toolbox?

11TH NOVEMBER

Resources for routines and boundaries

18TH NOVEMBER

How to be consistent

25TH NOVEMBER

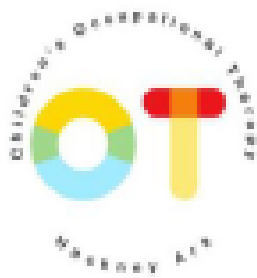
Your strengths and motivation

2ND DECEMBER

Actioning your plan

We ask that you're able to **attend all 5** sessions

There are **10 spaces available** for the parent empowerment group
Email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with **Your name** and **Child's school**



Developing Independence with Toileting

A parent workshop to help you support your child to be independent in toileting.

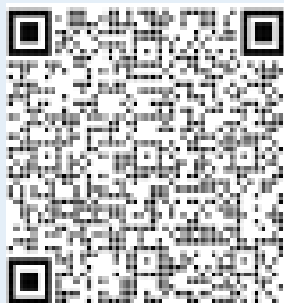
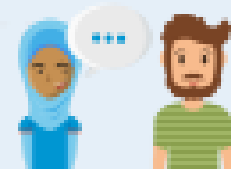


Learn practical strategies to encourage independence with toileting.

Identify a goal for your child to work towards.



Share ideas and learn from other parents and an Occupational Therapist.



Scan the QR code or use the below link for details, dates, and to book your ticket.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-workshop-developing-independence-with-toileting-tickets-2003396067568?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

For further details or for help with bookings please contact us on:

huh-tr.childrensotptevents@nhs.net

020 7014 7025



What is Occupational Therapy?

An occupational therapist helps people of all ages overcome challenges completing everyday tasks or activities – what we call “occupations”. Together, we create a plan of goals and adjustments targeted at achieving a specific set of activities. The plan is practical, realistic, and personal to you as an individual; to help you achieve the breakthroughs you need to elevate your everyday life.

Examples of daily activities we can your child help with:

Self-Care

- Being able to eat/ feed themselves
- Toothbrushing
- Washing
- Getting dressed
- Being able to use the toilet
- Brushing their hair
- Sleeping

Leisure

- Being able to engage in an activities they enjoy such as going to the park/ water play.

Productivity

- Being able to travel to school/ travel around school
- Completing table-top activities like mark-making, writing and using scissors
- Packing schoolbag

