

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.

Both Y1 and Y2 have been out on trips this week. Y1 went to The Museum of the Home, where they learnt about changes in the home between past and present. 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.

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 2025, identified the school priorities and saw how we teach shared reading.

Have a restful week end
Kind regards
Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

**Please be reminded
that dogs are not
permitted on the
school premises.**



Diary Dates

October

22nd Culture Day - dress to represent your culture £1 donation

23rd **CHARITY EVENT**—Wear it Pink - fundraising for breast cancer awareness
Bring £1 donation.

23rd Parents' Evening (after school)

24th INSET DAY - school closed to pupils

27th HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November

3rd Children return after half term

5th Bonfire Night

5th Gur Nanak's Birthday

6th Halloween Disco

7th Autism awareness coffee morning (9am-10am)

7th Interschool Music Competition

Please check the calendar on our website

Reminder

School closed

Friday 24th October - Inset Day

Half Term Holiday

**Monday 27th October -
Friday 31st October**

Children Return

Monday 3rd November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we welcomed new members to the Parents Council. The main areas of deliberation included the curriculum and pupil outcomes. The school has set priorities on particular curriculum areas and seeks to measure their impact on pupil progress; they include, The Arts, the use of technology, the impact of Physical Education on pupils' mental and physical wellbeing and Attendance.

It is a joy to see children happy to come to school early in the morning for Wake Up Shake Up. This and more of such additions to the curriculum will hopefully encourage better attendance and punctuality to school.

As always, we were given the opportunity to visit a few classrooms. We observed teachers and pupils actively engaged in the Shared Reading. Shared Reading happens in all classes across the school every morning. It was encouraging to see the vibrant interactions, reviewing pages that had been read for understanding. Children were confident in their responses. The inclusion of the Power of Words, which gives the children opportunity to build vocabulary, understand the authors diction and intent, fostering a depth of understanding and a genuine love for reading.

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers and with this we encourage parents to be partners in nurturing our young readers at home too.

Regina Ohene-Asante

Key Stage 2 Interschool Athletics Competition

On Friday, pupils took part in the Key Stage 2 Interschool Athletics Competition, with all Arbor Academy Trust primary schools — Selwyn, Davies Lane, Woodford Green, and Northwold — competing against each other across a range of exciting track and field events.

It was a fantastic day filled with energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Every child who took part had a fun and rewarding experience, showcasing great effort and determination throughout.

In the end, Davies Lane emerged as the overall winners — [congratulations](#) to them!

A huge thank you goes out to all the children, coaches, parents, and support staff who made the day such a success, as well as the brilliant young leaders from Davies Lane who helped run the events on the day.

Wilson Frimpong



Jamaica Culture
Day!

Japan

Dress to represent
Your Culture or
Tradition

Turkey

FOR The Hackney
Baby and Child Bank
Bring £1 to donate

22.10.25

India

Korea

China

Caught Being Kind

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

Nursery	Rose (Elm 1)	Mathias (Elm 2)
Reception	Ava (Sycamore)	Harry (Ash)
Year 1	Huda (Redwood)	
Year 2	Idris (Pine)	
Year 3	Emir (Elder)	Yordanus (Teak)
Year 4	Harry (Cedar)	Halima (Hawthorn)
Year 5	Dami (Beech)	Avaley (Hazel)
Year 6	Cornelius (Juniper)	Naeem (Maple)

What is on the menu next week

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 4

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Pasta in Tomato Sauce (G, V)	Peri-peri Chicken (G)	Lamb Tagine (G, MU)	Roast Chicken with Gravy (G, MU)	INSET DAY
Vegetarian Choice	Falafel Wrap (V)	Cheese & Potato Whirls (G, V, MU, E, MK)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll (G, V)	Vegetable slices (G, MK, MU)	No school for pupils
Alternative Choice	Lentil Dhal Curry with Naan (V, G, MK)	Cod Fish Cakes (F, G)	Spinach & Chickpea Curry (V)	Vegetable Spring Roll (GF)	
Sides	Bread Naan Bread (G, MK, E)	Bread Diced Potatoes (G, MK)	Homemade Bread Couscous (G, MK)	Bread Yorkshire Pudding (G, MK)	
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Julienne Carrots Green Cabbage	
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Apple Crumble with Custard Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Fresh Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Cheese & Biscuits Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (G, 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				

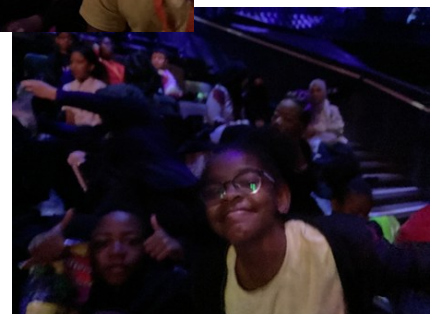
Year 6 visit The Imperial War Museum

As part of our History topic, How World War II changed the world, Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum. Pupils took part in a tour of the museum to support their learning of the causes and consequences of war from the First World War to World War II. They also got an opportunity to see objects used in the wars.



Year 6 trip to ABBA Voyage

Year 6 visited ABBA Voyage to see ABBA perform as digital avatars in a live concert. It was an awesome technological experience. The children had an opportunity to also hear ABBA's greatest hits performed with a live backing band.



Year 6 Democracy Week

As part of our PSHE Curriculum developing students' understanding of citizenship and democracy year 6 visited the Hackney Town Hall . They took part in a councillor visit and tour of the town hall.



Year 5 and 6 attended an assembly led by Councillor Micheal Desmond. The assembly supported the children's understanding about the principles of democracy and how the system works.

They also learned about the importance of listening to different viewpoints, and developing the skills needed for respectful debate and collaboration.

In closing, Councillor Desmond reminded the children of the importance of democracy and working hard to achieve their dreams.





At Northwold we believe that a strong partnership between home and school helps every child thrive. That is why we're inviting you to join Friends of Northwold, a wonderful opportunity to connect, share ideas, and play an active role in our school community.

The Parent Group works together with teachers and staff to:

- Organize school events and activities
- Strengthen communication between families and the school
- Create a welcoming environment for all students and parents

Your participation big or small makes a meaningful impact. Whether you can volunteer occasionally, share your ideas, or simply attend meetings, your involvement is valuable and appreciated.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact:

FON@northwold.hackney.sch.uk

PE Days

Please note that your child's PE days may have changed.

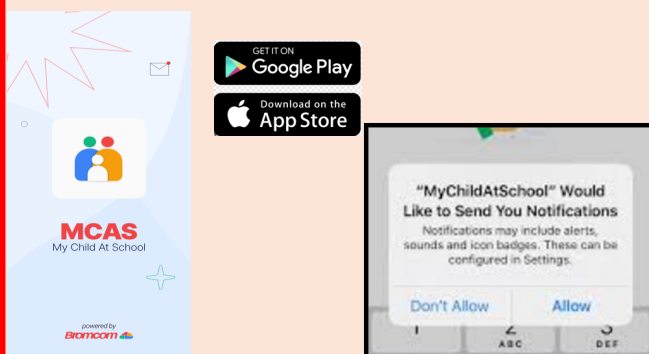
Y1 Redwood	Wednesday, Friday
Y2 Pine	Wednesday, Thursday
Y3 Elder	Tuesday, Wednesday
Y3 Teak	Tuesday, Thursday
Y4 Cedar	Monday, Wednesday
Y4 Hawthorn	Monday, Friday
Y5 Beech	Tuesday, Wednesday
Y5 Hazel	Tuesday, Wednesday
Y6 Maple	Wednesday, Friday
Y6 Beech	Wednesday Friday

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 10/10/2025

Well done to **RC Sycamore** with the highest attendance last week. They had 100% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	91.84%
N Elm 2	97.62%
RC Ash	93.68%
RC Sycamore	100.00%
Y1 Redwood	96.90%
Y2 Pine	93.55%
Y3 Elder	98.77%
Y3 Teak	95.91%
Y4 Cedar	98.42%
Y4 Hawthorn	97.78%
Y5 Beech	97.59%
Y5 Hazel	95.17%
Y6 Juniper	99.13%
Y6 Maple	98.64%
Grand Total	96.87%

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

Northwold Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd October

***Booking is live on
MCAS, please do not
forget to book your
slot.***

***Portal will close
Wednesday 22nd at
12pm***

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)

Y6 Parents

APPLY FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE 2026

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.

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.

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

School Trips

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	TBC	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)
YEAR 5	5/11/25	Trip: Brunel Museum



Early Support Team



**I am the Area SENCO for
Northwold 2 Year Old Provision**

I work with the setting to support their understanding of
child development and developmental differences.

If you would like to know more or have any questions about
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities please get in touch:

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