

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year, we reflect on the numerous events and people that shaped our school community. Our children have been our biggest asset by far. Next week, we say good bye to our wonderful year 6 pupils, they worked so hard throughout the year. We are extremely proud of them and their achievements. Today we celebrated their talents and successes in an assembly and will celebrate with them this afternoon at the disco and BBQ after school.

This is also a time of year when we have to say some farewells. This year, we say good bye to Sameera, who has worked with us as a midday assistant over the past 2 years. Thank you for your contribution to the safety in the playground during your time here. We also say farewell to Emma, who is moving out of Hackney. Anyone who has grazed a knee will know Emma – she has been a caring first aider and parent liaison this year. Thank you for your support. Miss Ahmed will be leaving us too – a big thank you for the help and encouragement you have given the children over the last 5 years at Northwold, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. We are also saying good bye to Mr Gil, who has been a member of staff for many years. He is relocating to Spain and will unfortunately be leaving us as a result. Good luck and thank you for your commitment and contribution to the sporting successes of the school over the years.

Finally, Michael will be leaving us after 36 years of service to the school. Michael has been a committed member of staff and has supported so many staff and children over his time at Northwold. He has had a huge impact on the school and will be missed. Michael, we wish you the best of luck in your future role out of London. Please stay in touch!

We are still open next week – school closes at 2pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. It is important that your children come to school every day as we cannot authorise term time holidays.

Have a lovely week end,

Kind regards

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## School closes for the summer holidays at

### 2pm on

## Wednesday 23rd July 2025

## No teatime club!



### Diary Dates

#### July

- 21st 100% Attendance in school lunch/picnic
- 22nd Class parties (pm)
- 23rd Last day for children - school finishes 2pm
- 24 /07/2025-02/09/2025—Summer Holidays

#### September

- 1st Inset Day for Staff
- 2nd Inset Day for staff
- 3rd All pupils return to school

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

### Caught Being Kind

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

|           |                       |                   |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Nursery   | Saint<br>(Elm 1)      | Joelle<br>(Elm 2) |
| Reception | Oscar<br>(Redwood)    |                   |
| Year 1    | Osan<br>(Pine)        |                   |
| Year 2    | Kiren<br>(Elder)      | Victor<br>(Teak)  |
| Year 3    | Saniya<br>(Cedar)     |                   |
| Year 4    | Stephanie<br>(Hazel)  | Kevin<br>(Beech)  |
| Year 5    | Imaad<br>(Juniper)    | Hafiza<br>(Maple) |
| Year 6    | Aaminah<br>(Sycamore) | Faith<br>(Birch)  |

### What is on the menu next week Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 4

|                     | Monday<br>MEAT FREE MONDAY  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday       | Friday |
|---------------------|---|---|--|----------------|--------|
| Meat Choice         | Pasta in Tomato Sauce<br>(G, V)   | Peri-peri Chicken<br>(G)  | Cod Fish Fingers<br>Battered Cod Fingers<br>(F)  | Summer Holiday |        |
| Vegetarian Choice   | Falafel Wrap<br>(V)   | Cheese & Potato Whirls<br>(G, V, MU, E, MK)                       | Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans<br>(MK)  |                |        |
| Alternative Choice  | Lentil Dhal Curry with Naan<br>(V, G, MK)   | Cod Fish Cakes<br>(F, G)  | Cheese & Egg Flan<br>(G, E, MK)                  |                |        |
| Sides               | Bread<br>Naan Bread<br>(G, MK, E)   | Bread<br>Diced Potatoes<br>(G, MK)                                | Homemade Bread<br>Oven Chips<br>(G, MK)          |                |        |
| Vegetables          | Mixed Vegetables<br>Cauliflower   | Sliced Carrots<br>Broccoli  | Baked Beans                                      |                |        |
| Dessert Choice      | Fruit Jelly<br>Fruit Yogurt<br>Fresh Fruit<br>(MK)  | Apple Crumble with Custard<br>Fruit Yogurt<br>Fresh Fruit<br>(MK) | Ice Cream<br>Fruit Yogurt<br>Fresh Fruit<br>(MK) |                |        |
| Dietary Information | Fresh salad served daily - All our meat is Halal<br>V - Vegetarian<br>CE - contains Celery<br>G - contains Gluten<br>F - contains Fish<br>E - Egg<br>SO - contains Soya<br>MK - contains Milk<br>SU - contains Sulphur Dioxide<br>MU - contains Mustard |   |  |                |        |



## ***Universal Credit Days Out: Cheap Tickets for London Zoo, Cutty Sark & More London Attractions [2025 Update]***

### **Affordable Days Out with Universal Credit: Discounted Tickets for Top UK Attractions**

The rising cost of living can make enjoying a fun day out feel out of reach, especially for those who rely on Universal Credit. Fortunately, many popular attractions across the UK offer discounted tickets for Universal Credit claimants, making it easier for families and individuals to explore exciting places without breaking the bank.

Attractions like London Zoo, Kew Gardens, and the Cartoon Museum offer fantastic savings for eligible visitors. For example, London Zoo provides tickets starting from just £4 for Universal Credit recipients, allowing you to enjoy a day with animals without the hefty price tag.

To take advantage of these discounts, you typically need to meet specific eligibility criteria tied to certain benefits, including Universal Credit. In the sections below, I'll break down how you can access these offers and which attractions participate in these special programs.

<https://kiddoadventures.com/2025/07/09/cheap-days-out-for-people-on-universal-credit-2024-update/>

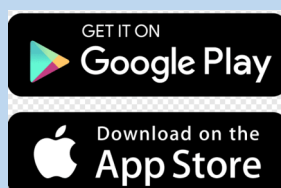
## **Northwold MCAS App**

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**





This term, Northwold entered the **Hackney RE Calendar Competition** around the theme **‘Festivals and Celebration.’**

We are pleased to announce that three of our children’s works have been selected to be added to the Hackney Calendar .

They will each receive a copy of the calendar.

**Matilda- Y6**  
**Haaniya-Y6**  
**Victoria-Y6**



### **Class Attendance W/E 11/07/2025**

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

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Attendance %</b> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| N Elm 1      | 83.75%              |
| N Elm 2      | 89.29%              |
| RC Redwood   | 96.43%              |
| Y1 Pine      | 98.48%              |
| Y2 Elder     | 100.00%             |
| Y2 Teak      | 92.38%              |
| Y3 Cedar     | 91.71%              |
| Y4 Beech     | 95.52%              |
| Y4 Hazel     | 93.57%              |
| Y5 Juniper   | 94.17%              |
| Y5 Maple     | 97.92%              |
| Y6 Birch     | 96.19%              |
| Y6 Sycamore  | 99.09%              |
| Grand Total  | 95.11%              |

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

## **New School Term dates 2025 -2026**

### **Autumn Term: (75 days)**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 INSET day
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 INSET day
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- Christmas Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

### **Spring Term: (55 days)**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- Easter holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### **Summer Term: (65 days)**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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)



## Reception News

Our Reception children explored vertebrates by creating vibrant bird masks, showcasing their creativity while learning about different animal groups.



Reception children painted self-portraits on canvas, promoting holistic development through creative expression. This activity supported their artistic, emotional, and cognitive growth by fostering self-expression, fine motor skills, colour recognition, emotional intelligence, and creativity. Through painting, children developed self-awareness, hand-eye coordination, and imagination, nurturing their individuality and confidence. Inspired by artists like Vincent van Gogh, who famously used bold colours and expressive brushstrokes in his own self-portraits, the children explored their own unique styles and interpretations.



## Rocksteady Concert

Today the children who participate in the Rocksteady club showcased their talent on the stage in front of their parents and peers. Well done to all the children.



### **In-school rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady**

We partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at Northwold! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by highly trained professional musicians who know how to inspire a love for music.

It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun, all whilst boosting confidence, wellbeing, social skills and academic achievement.

#### **More about Rocksteady:**

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- Lessons are open for children from year 1-6
- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.
- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.
- End of term concerts so you can see just how far they have come.
- Parents receive regular updates about their child's progress, including photos and videos.
- If your child would like to experience the magic of learning music, you can sign up to Rocksteady at: [rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents](https://rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents)

#### **Find out more:**

0330 113 0330 (Mon–Thurs 8am–8pm, Fri 8am–6pm, calls charged at local rate)  
[info@rocksteadymusicschool.com](mailto:info@rocksteadymusicschool.com)  
[rocksteadymusicschool.com](https://rocksteadymusicschool.com)

**ROCK STEADY**

## DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!

Scan QR code to find out more!

**98%**  
OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

**94%**  
OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

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## Northwold Citizen of the Year Award





## Northwold Citizen of the Year Award continued

