

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the Y3, Y4 and Y5 parents who attended the year group meetings this week – it was lovely to see so many of you. 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.

Next Friday (25th September) we are hosting a phonics coffee morning for our reception parents – please do join us to find out more about how your children will be learning to read and how you can help them at home. There will be a meeting for Y1 and Y2 parents to look at phonics progression on the 2nd October.

Please be reminded that school finishes at 3:30pm everyday. It is very important that you collect your child on time. Children not collected at the end of the school day will join the after school club and parents will be charged £10.00.

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.

I hope that you have a lovely week end.

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Head teacher

Reception Parents

We invite you to visit your child in class on 29th September between 9am and 10am at our 'Bring your Parent to School' day. We hope you will be able to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Council

Welcome to our new parent council members.

We currently have vacancies on our Parent Council for **Y4 Elder** and **Y6 Beech**.

The Parent Council gives parents an important opportunity to have their voice heard and contribute to school policies, children's learning and the wider life of the school. Members may also take part in activities such as reviewing school data and children's work and observing learning alongside the Headteacher.

Members are asked to attend **one Thursday morning meeting each half term**.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the school office. Places will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Reception	Maple	Reshma Begum
Year 1	Ash	Hannah Goddard
	Sycamore	Harriet Verney Dominic Noble
Year 2	Redwood	Sabina Challenger
Year 3	Pine	Folusha Ogundare Deresha Bravo
Year 4	Elder	
	Teak	Regina Ohene-Asante
Year 5	Cedar	Rori-Dean Dodson Rujie Khatun-Uddin
Year 6	Beech	
	Hazel	Lena Begum



Diary Dates

September

25th Interschool Water Colour/Sketching Competition Y3-6

Phonics Coffee Morning—Reception Parents Invited 9-10am

MacMillan Cancer Support Cake Sale (donations welcome)

29th Reception 'Bring your Parent to School' 9-10am, parents invited to join classes to take part in guided learning sessions

October

2nd Phonics Coffee Morning - Year 1 and 2 parents

2nd Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

6th Year 4 trip to Walthamstow Wetlands

7th New Reception parents Open Day (27/28 Intake) 9.30-10.30am

9th Nursery parents coffee morning

9th Interschool Sports - Football Y3-6

15th Parent Council Meeting—9.15-10.30am

15th KS2 Interschool champions league debate

16th Learning councils to visit Trust Schools

16th Flu Immunisations

16th Coffee morning

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

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

Our Week in Reception

This week in reception, we practiced chopping up various fruits to make fruit kebabs. We learned about knife safety and how properly to chop fruits. The trickiest part was trying not to eat all the fruits before we threaded it onto our skewers! We had such a great time and enjoyed eating our delicious fruit kebabs.



Class Attendance W/E 11/09/2026

Well done to **Y6 Hazel** with the highest attendance last week. They had **98.2%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
N Elm	98.7%
RC Maple	91.8%
Y1 Ash	91.8%
Y1 Sycamore	95.7%
Y2 Redwood	89.0%
Y3 Pine	90.9%
Y4 Elder	94.1%
Y4 Teak	92.8%
Y5 Cedar	96.%
Y6 Beech	97.5%
Y6 Hazel	98.2%
Grand Total	94.2%

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



Have Your Say on Childcare

Hackney Council is calling for urgent action from the Government to make childcare fairer, more affordable and accessible for all families.

We want to hear from parents and carers in Hackney. Tell us about your childcare experiences — what works well, the challenges you face, and what would make the biggest difference to your family.

Whether you use a nursery, childminder, children's centre, family support, or a combination of childcare options, **your experience matters.**

Please share your views by 11 October 2026:

At the end of this period, we will bring the stories together, in an anonymised form, and create a report that will be shared publicly and sent to central government, together with a letter urgently asking for change.

Families can share their experiences online, at <https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-families/fixing-childcare>, or by mailing the Council.



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
October 20th, 2026

Communication

Communication with our parents is key. The weekly newsletter and school website (<https://www.northwoldschool.com/>) are the key tools for communication. We also send out text reminders for events in the calendar, giving you at least a two week notice period where possible. Our aim is to present information in an orderly and timely manner to clarify or remind parents of diary dates.

- **Mondays** is office communication day to remind parents of upcoming events in the diary.
- **Tuesdays** is teachers' communication day – teachers will remind parents of trips and events or inform parents of resources needed in school for performances etc.
- **Wednesdays** - Phase leaders' communication regarding school policy or procedures.
- **Thursdays** – Leadership information to parents, intended to stand out from the newsletter.
- **Fridays** - Newsletter & office letters

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



Macmillan Cancer Support:

Bake Sale 3.30 pm - 25th September 2026

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.

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.

Open Events at Hackney Secondary Schools in 2026

Please see the link below detailing Open Mornings and Evenings in Hackney for Y6 students transitioning from primary to secondary in September 2027.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/sites/default/files/document/Hackney%20Secondary%20School%20Open%20Events.pdf>

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) Amaanah	
Reception	(Maple) Daijah	
Year 1	(Ash) Darren	(Sycamore) Talia
Year 2	(Redwood) Brian	
Year 3	(Pine) Laiba	
Year 4	(Elder) Amelia	(Teak) Esa
Year 5	(Cedar) Saniyah	
Year 6	(Beech) Amy	(Hazel) Stephanie

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 2

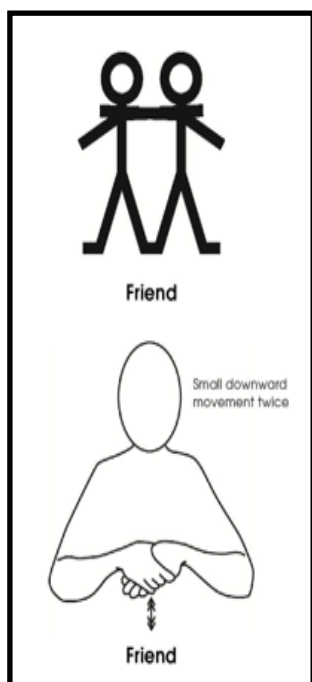
	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Macaroni & Cheese (G, MK)	Chicken Pie (G)	Spaghetti Bolognese (G, MU, SO)	Peri-Peri Chicken (MU)	Battered Fish (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Burger (G, V)	Vegetable Biryani with Rice (V)	Vegetable Curry (V)	Jacket Potato with 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 SO - contains Soya CE - contains Celery MK - contains Milk G - contains Gluten SU - contains Sulphur Dioxide F - contains Fish MU - contains Mustard E - Egg				

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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.

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.

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