



Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to the year 6 parents who attended the meeting this week about the upcoming SATS assessments. The KS2 SATS assessments will be carried out in the week of 11th May. It is extremely important that your child attends school every day that week in order to take part in the assessments. If your child is unwell, please do let the school know so that we can discuss arrangements with you. Year 6 are invited in for breakfast at 8:15am every day that week in preparation. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Next week we begin our summer debating challenge – starting with heats in class. This will run over three weeks, where children will be competing in the inter-school finals.

We will be hosting our RHSE meetings for the Y1-Y3 parents on Friday 8th May. This is an opportunity for you to see what your children will be learning about over the next half term and we will be able to answer any questions or queries that you may have. On the 15th May, we will host a meeting for Y4-Y6 parents, where the content of the RSHE curriculum for summer 2 will be shared. While the majority of the curriculum is compulsory and we recommend that children take part in all learning, parents will be notified of lessons that they may request to opt out from. We look forward to seeing you there.

This week we said good bye to Mrs Liew – we thank her for music teaching over the past year and wish her well in her future endeavours. We also said good bye to Ms Lewis, who is leaving Northwold after 18 years. Ms Lewis has built strong relationships with the school community and will be missed by children, staff and parents alike. She worked with so many children across the school – her commitment was unwavering. Thank you for your hard work, Ms Lewis – we wish you all the best in your new school.

Have a lovely long-weekend,

Kind Regards

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Important Information Regarding Term-Time Attendance and National Education Penalties

At Northwold Primary School, we are committed to providing your child with the best possible start in life. Regular school attendance is fundamental to this goal.

As we work together to support your child's academic progress and social development, I am writing to share information regarding term-time holidays and unauthorised absences and the national framework for attendance penalties.

Following the latest Department for Education (DfE) guidance, "Working together to improve school attendance," there is a clear link between high attendance and levels of achievement. When children miss school, they miss essential learning and the social interactions that build confidence.

The government has introduced a national framework for all schools regarding penalty notices. If a child has 10 sessions (usually 5 days) of unauthorised absence, a penalty notice may be issued.

The regulations regarding fines are as follows:

- **After 10 unauthorised sessions, the fine is £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. This rises to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days.**
- **If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year period, the fine is a flat rate of £160 per parent, per child.**
- **A third penalty notice cannot be issued. Instead, the case will be referred directly to Magistrates' Court for prosecution. This can lead to a criminal record and significantly higher financial penalties.**

We understand that life can be busy, but we urge you to schedule holidays and appointments during the 13 weeks of school breaks available throughout the year.

If you are experiencing specific challenges with your child's attendance, please reach out to us as soon as possible. We will work with you to provide support and overcome barriers.



Diary Dates

May

- 4-10 Children's Book Week
- 4th Bank Holiday
- 7th Y3 Trip to Roman Verulamium
- 8th Nursery Parent Coffee Morning
- 11-15 KS2 SATs
- 12th Reception Trip to National Gallery
- 13th Y4 Trip to Ragged School
- 14th Debating Challenge
- 15th Coffee Morning 9-10am
- 18th Nursery/Reception Sports Day
- 20th Sports Day
- 21st Parent Council 9-10am
- 22nd Interschool Art Gallery Showcase
Debating Challenge Semi-Finals
Coffee Morning RSHE Y4. Y5. Y6 9:15-10:00
Pre Loved Uniform Sale
- 25th Half Term
- 27th Eid (TBC)

June

- 4th Interschool Champions League Debate
- 5th World Environment Day
Y6 Meeting—Residential Trip
Interschool Crickets Competition
- 16th Y3 & 6 Violin Class Assembly 9:30am
- 18th Y4 & 5 Ukulele Class Assembly 9:30am
- 19th Father's Day Breakfast 9am
Father's Day Sports 9:30-10:30am
- 24th Y4 & 6 Bring your Parent to School 9-10am

Please check the calendar on our website

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

Menu Changes

Please note that there have been a number of changes to our menu.

To view our new menu's, please visit our website;

<https://www.northwoldschool.com/school-dinners>

Northwold Parent Survey Summer 2026

We are always looking for ways to improve and provide the best possible experience for our students and families. To support this, we would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our short survey.

The survey is completely anonymous and is designed to gather your honest feedback on what is working well and where we can make improvements. Your input is incredibly valuable and will help guide our future decisions.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

[Northwold Parent Survey Summer 2026](#)

Key Stage 2

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

🔥 MAKE SOME NOISE & FIND YOUR VOICE!
Trust-Wide Music Clubs for Year 3 to Y6

🥁 TRUST SAMBA BAND
High-energy, loud, and rhythmic!
Play authentic Brazilian drums
Perform at festivals, huge concerts, parades, and competitions.
When and where: Tuesdays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Selwyn Primary School
Cost: £50 per term

🎵 TRUST CHOIR
Meet new friends and perform at big events!
When and where: Thursdays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Northwold Primary School
Cost: FREE!

Contact: caroline.rawlinson@arboracademytrust.co.uk

School Term dates 2025 -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

PE Summer Days

Please find the PE dates for this term below:

- Year 1:** Wednesday
Year 2: Thursday
Year 3: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 4: Monday & Wednesday
Year 5 (Beech): Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 5 (Hazel): Tuesday & Friday
Year 6 : Wednesday & Friday

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		Year 1		
			Year2	
	Year 3	Year 3		
Year 4		Year 4		
	Year 5 Beech	Year 5 Beech		
Year 5 Hazel		Year 5 Hazel		
		Year 6		Year 6

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

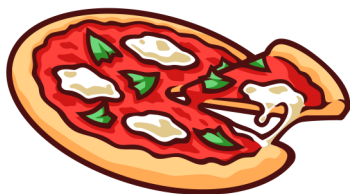
- Friday 25th December 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Monday 28th December 2026 (Boxing Day)
- Friday 1st January 2027 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 3rd May 2027
- Monday 31st May 2027
- Monday 30th August 2027

Class Attendance W/E 20/04/2026

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

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	100.0%
N Elm 2	91.4%
RC Ash	94.2%
RC Sycamore	91.0%
Y1 Redwood	97.4%
Y2 Pine	92.6%
Y3 Elder	95.3%
Y3 Teak	94.8%
Y4 Cedar	92.2%
Y4 Hawthorn	92.6%
Y5 Beech	96.0%
Y5 Hazel	91.4%
Y6 Juniper	93.3%
Y6 Maple	98.3%
Grand Total	94.2%

**THE CLASS WITH
THE HIGHEST
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.

Parking Reminder for Parents

We kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines or directly outside the front of the school. These restrictions are in place to keep our pupils safe and to ensure clear visibility for everyone.

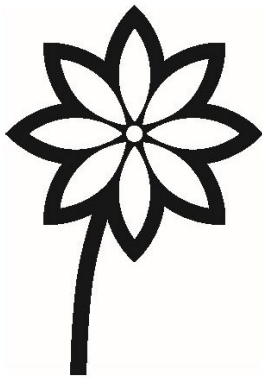
Parking in these areas can create hazards for children, other road users, and our neighbours. We ask that you use designated parking areas or park a short distance away and walk to the school where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for our school community.

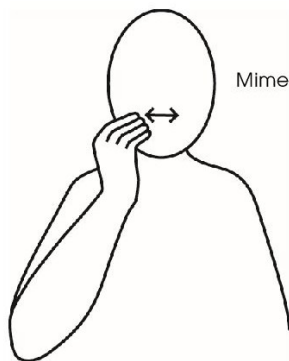
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Sign of the Week

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.



Flower



Mime smelling perfume

Flower

If you need anymore information, please feel free to contact.

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.

Summer Trips

Please see below the upcoming trips taking place this Summer Term.

Payments can be made through the MCAS app.

Class	Trip	Date
Nursery	Ark & Farm Workshop	Thursday 11 June
	London Zoo	Tuesday 16 June
Reception	National Gallery	Tuesday 12 May
	Ark & Farm Workshop (onsite)	Thursday 11 June
Y1	South End	Thursday 4 June
Y2	East London Synagogue	Tuesday 9 June
	Royal Greenwich Observatory	Wednesday 17 June
Y3	The Market at Roman	Thursday 7 May
Y4	Ragged School	Wednesday 13 May
	Young V&A	Tuesday 30 June
Y5	Cambridge University Workshop	Wednesday 10 June
Y6	Thames Explorer	Monday 1 June
	Osmington Bay Residential	Friday 26 June—Monday 29 June

Book Fair

Wednesday 13 May to Tuesday 20 May

We're excited to be hosting our upcoming Book Fair, running from Wednesday 13 May to Tuesday 20 May. A wide range of books will be available for all ages and interests, making it a great opportunity to encourage a love of reading.



SCHOLASTIC  **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

GO ALL IN.
National Year of Reading 2026

Religious Education Calendar Competition

We are delighted to announce the winners of our in-school Religious Education Calendar Competition! This year's theme, Sacred Stories, inspired a wonderful range of thoughtful and creative entries. [Congratulations](#) to all our winners for their beautiful work, and well done to everyone who took part.



Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Free Programmes for Y3-6 Only

Applications are now open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.

We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May**.

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.

Young Voices (Ages 8-9)

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding and vocal skills, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

Current members say:

"It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!" — **2025 Youth Opera Company member**

*"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in *The Magic Flute* and in *Hansel and Gretel*."* — **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May. If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at youthopera@roh.org.uk.

Occupation Day!

Our students had a fantastic time celebrating Occupation Day! Children came to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up, and we were amazed by the variety of costumes on display.

From doctors and firefighters to athletes, and more, it was wonderful to see so many ideas and ambitions. The children enjoyed sharing their choices with classmates and talking about their future dreams.

Thank you to all families for your support—what a fun and inspiring day for everyone!

