



Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another rewarding half term. Thank you for your commitment to your children, the school and our community. We want to particularly thank you for the higher-than-average response to the parent survey. We had a total of 66 responses which was a significant increase from the last survey. Each response carried 1.5% weighting.

These are some of the headlines from the survey:

- 90.9% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child enjoys school.
- 86.3% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child is well taught at Northwold.
- 87.8% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school expects their child to work hard and to do his or her best.
- 86.3% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school has high aspirations for what the children can achieve.
- 87.9% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school keeps them well informed about school events
- 89.4% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school helps their child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.
- 81.8% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school makes sure their child is well prepared for the future.
- 83.3% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school helps them support their child's learning.
- 90.9% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child feels safe at school.
- 83.3% of parents agree/strongly agree that there is a good standard of behaviour.
- 80.3% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child's lessons are rarely disrupted by bad behaviour.
- 81.8% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.

- 87.8% of parents agree/strongly agree that there is a good range of activities including trips or visits for my child to take part in (sports, arts, music).
- 86.3% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school encourages parents to play an active part in school life.
- 81.8% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school provides well for the moral and spiritual development of their child.
- 86.7% of parents agree/strongly agree that the school responds well to their concerns.

Parents were asked which aspects of the school they valued the most.

- **Teaching & Education Quality:** Parents highly value the effective education, high quality teaching, approach to learning, and strong academic standards, along with specific aspects like homework, curriculum, and extra-curricular activities.
- **Safety and Well-being:** The provision of a safe, supportive, and secure environment is highly valued, with several parents noting that their children feel safe and happy at school, and appreciate the focus on children's well-being.
- **Staff Commitment and Care:** Parents value the commitment and care of the teachers and staff, the friendliness of staff and the general care and nurturing environment.
- **Community and Diversity:** The school's multicultural system, diversity, and sense of community are highly valued, including the fact that everyone is treated as one.
- **Communication and Support:** Parents appreciate the ability to speak to someone when there is a problem, communication with parents, and receiving good feedback from teachers.

Parents were asked what aspect of the school they felt we could improve on.

- **Communication & Parent Engagement:** Some parents highlighted the need to improve communication, specifically concerning consistency, clarity, timely notification of trips/events, and key dates. Improvements were also requested in increasing parent involvement via workshops, coffee mornings,

- Behaviour & Environment: Some parents noted issues with student behaviour.
- Special Educational Needs: Parents felt that improvement is needed in supporting children with SEN, including better awareness of interventions for parents and adequate support staff.
- Extra-Curricular: Parents in Y1 and reception requested more after-school activities and increasing the frequency and consistency of homework/reading books being sent home.

We celebrate the confidence you continue to have in the school, with increased awareness of the areas we must continue to work on.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a relaxing and restful half-term break.

Regards

Bronwen Chalmers  
Headteacher

You said... You wanted improved communication:

- Reminders when there are key dates
- Reminders about upcoming trips

We did...

- The weekly newsletter has all the upcoming events over the next half term. Hard copies will be available in the school office for those who prefer a paper copy.
- Monday text messages go out with all upcoming dates for the week. Reminders will go out the day before the event.
- The school website is updated regularly with events and school trips will now be added to the website.
- Letters for trips will go out at the start of the term so that parents are aware of upcoming trips and costs.
- We will be holding training sessions to support parents with MCAS, the parent app (12th June @ 9am; 26th June @ 9am)



## Sports Day—Thursday 25 June

We will be having our Sports Day for Years 1—6 on Thursday 25 June, please do come along and join us!

**Location:** Spring Hill Sports Ground

**Time:** 9:30-11:30 Morning Heats

1:30-3:00 Afternoon Heats

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing suitable PE clothing and comfortable trainers. We also recommend bringing a water bottle and a light jacket depending on the weather.



## Excelsior Academy Visit for Year 5 Families

We are pleased to welcome representatives from The Excelsior Academy who will be visiting our school to speak with Year 5 pupils and parents on **Wednesday 3rd June 2026** at 9:00am.

The session will provide an opportunity to learn more about the transition to secondary school, daily life at the academy, the curriculum, enrichment opportunities, and the admissions process. Parents and pupils will also have the chance to ask questions and meet members of the academy team.

We encourage all Year 5 families to attend this informative session as you begin to consider secondary school options for September 2027.



### Diary Dates

#### May

25th Half Term

27th Eid (TBC)

#### June

1st Y6 Trip to Thames Explorer

3rd Excelsior Academy Visit for Y5 Families 9am

4th Interschool Champions League Debate

Y1 Trip to Southend

5th World Environment Day

Y6 Meeting—Residential Trip

Interschool Crickets Competition

10th Y5 Cambridge University Workshop

11th Nursery & Reception Ark Farm Workshop

15th Nursery Trip to London Zoo **(Moved)**

16th Y3 & 6 Violin Class Assembly 9:30am

17th Y2 Trip to Royal Greenwich Observatory

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

25th **Sports Day Y1-6 —Parents welcome**

**9:30-11:30 Morning Heats**

**1:30-3:00pm Afternoon Heats**

**Spring Hill Sports Ground**

Reception Hackney Music Festival

26-29 Y6 Residential Trip

29th Y5 Prefect Elections Campaigns begin

30th Y4 Trip to Young V&A

#### July

2nd Spelling Bee

Parent's Evening

3rd Reception Parents Meeting for September  
Reception students

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Citizenship Award Nominations close

7th Leaver's Production 2pm & 6pm—Parents  
welcome

9th Parent Council

Arbor Spelling Bee

Music Concert for Parents 4-5pm

9-10 Induction Days

10th Class Swap 11:00am

Coffee Morning

Friends of Northwold Summer Fayre

15th Y1 Micro Musical

16th Citizenship Awards Ceremony

Attendance Lunch

17th Y6 Leaver's Disco

Y6 Prefect Election

20th Leaver's Assembly 9:30-10:30am—Parents  
welcome

Class Parties 11-2pm

School closes at 2pm

**Please check the calendar on our  
website [https://  
www.northwoldschool.com/](https://www.northwoldschool.com/)**

## 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		
			Year 2	
	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 11/05/2026

Well done to **Redwood** with the highest attendance last week. They had **99.7%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	97.8%
N Elm 2	92.0%
RC Ash	90.0%
RC Sycamore	92.5%
Y1 Redwood	99.7%
Y2 Pine	98.1%
Y3 Elder	92.9%
Y3 Teak	90.4%
Y4 Cedar	97.8%
Y4 Hawthorn	94.1%
Y5 Beech	98.0%
Y5 Hazel	96.4%
Y6 Juniper	95.8%
Y6 Maple	99.2%
Grand Total	<b>95.7%</b>

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



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](mailto:caroline.rawlinson@arboracademytrust.co.uk)

## Meat Suppliers at Northwold Primary

Forest Foods are suppliers of meat and groceries to Northwold Primary School.

Forest Foods are using Kashmir Halal Food LTD for the chicken and Asia Halal Meat Supplier LTD for lamb. Both of these meat suppliers have the HMC certificate, and can be found on the website under the Certified Members tab.

After the half term Forest Foods will have their own certification to sell Halal meat and we will share this with parents once received.





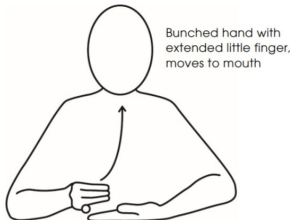
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## Sign of the Week

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.



Tea (2)



Tea

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

### National Autistic Society (NAS)

Trusted information and guidance for parents, young people and schools.

- Education and EHCP advice

### Ambitious about Autism—Talking Tuesdays

Free webinar series for parents and carers.

- Practical advice
- Expert guidance

**You are not alone—support and community are**

## Parents Workshop at Northwold Primary School

### Focus: Supporting Emotional Wellbeing

This group at Northwold Primary School offers a supportive space for parents/carers to meet with a small group and the Educational Psychologist (EP) to discuss their own and their child's emotional wellbeing. It focuses on sharing experiences, building understanding, and supporting one another.

There will be four one-hour sessions, and attending all is encouraged to help build trust within the group. The group includes a small number of parents, some of whom may have children with additional needs.

Discussions are confidential, except in cases of safeguarding concerns, which must be shared with the Safeguarding Lead. Taking part will not lead to further EP involvement, though helpful information can be shared with the SENCO if agreed.

The group will take place at the school on Wednesdays.

- 3rd June, 9-10am
- 17th June, 9-10am
- 1st July, 9-10am
- 5th July, 9-10am

If you are interested in joining this group, please let the school know by **1st June**. This will help us confirm numbers and organize the sessions.

## 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 (onsite)	Thursday 11 June
	London Zoo	Monday 15 June (rescheduled)
Reception	Ark & Farm Workshop (onsite)	Thursday 11 June
Y1	South End	Thursday 4 June
Y2	Royal Greenwich Observatory	Wednesday 17 June
Y4	Young V&A	Tuesday 30 June
Y5	Cambridge University Workshop (onsite)	Wednesday 10 June
Y6	Thames Explorer	Monday 1 June
	Osmington Bay Residential	Friday 26 June—Monday 29 June

## Wacky Friday Fundraiser

Today, the children and staff came to school dressed in their wackiest outfits to help raise money for Cancer Research. From crazy hairstyles and colourful clothing to mismatched socks and funny accessories, everyone made a fantastic effort and brought lots of smiles and laughter to the day!

Thank you to all families for your generous donations and support for such an important cause. Together, we have



helped raise awareness and money for Cancer Research while having lots of fun along the way.