



Dear Parents and Carers,

Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do. It is our priority to keep your children safe both in school, at home and online. This week I would like to draw your attention to some of the dangers of social media. The age restriction for most social media platforms is thirteen. This means that no child at Northwold should access sites like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Tiktok. Many of these platforms are prime spots for predators contacting young children, particularly if the privacy settings are not set appropriately and children are able to accept followers who are unknown to them.

If unsure, please pop into any phone shop – they will be able to help you and your child to adjust the security settings on your social media accounts at their highest level.

Adults using these sites should also be aware of the risks they pose and ensure that no photographs of our children are put online – as being in school uniform identifies their whereabouts.

To protect your child online:

1. Don't post any personal information online like addresses or phone numbers.
2. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos. Once you've put an image online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
3. Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.
4. Never give out your passwords.
5. Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.
6. Ensure your children are not on social media without your knowledge and guidance.

Parents/carers with children in Year 6, please be reminded to submit your secondary transfer application by **Friday 31 October**. It is important to apply before the deadline late applications are considered after all on time applications have been dealt with. Late applicants are also less

I hope that you have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you back on the 3rd November.

Have a lovely week end,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Useful Safeguarding Sites for Parents

How to talk to children about online safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Reporting online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating online

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Thinkuknow a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Support and tips on how to keep children safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Help to keep children safe online

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Net Aware – advice on social media, apps and games

Reminder

School closed

Friday 24th October - Inset Day

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th October -

Friday 31st October

Children Return

Monday 3rd November 2025

Dear fellow parents,

In my last link visit to the school, I visited reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

I got to see how the teaching curriculum is being applied across year groups as well as the visible progress in the children's work that can be observed since the beginning of the school year. Areas covered included how English language development is being worked on (the Power of Words), with an emphasis on phonics in the younger year-groups and an emphasis on handwriting across all ages.

The Reception group had a range of activities, including planting, digging, building, drawing and handwriting, all chosen for their accessibility, fun and educational development (e.g. digging to develop gross motor skills and drawing to develop fine motor skills, planting to understand the seasons and nature).

Years 1 – 5 have a stronger emphasis on academic progress, with progressively more advanced handwriting development (and pen licenses for the older children). It was apparent that the topics for study (curriculum) were being applied across the year groups (e.g. micro-and-macro environments), with both development and stretch activities available for children in the same classroom and recurring themes across the year-groups as pupils advance (giving children the opportunity to consolidate and develop previous learnings). Confidence is being developed through reading out loud and I was very impressed with the children's ability to articulate what they are learning. There is also a focus on mathematical fluency for children in Years 3-5.

It was great to see the newer arrivals from Oldhill and elsewhere progressing in the classroom and benefitting from the high standards of an Arbor education.

This visit also had a focus on Safeguarding (following on from the school's recent, successful audit) and SEND / additional needs, which I will be following up on in the next half-term.

It is a pleasure to see that the good news of the schools academic success is spreading, with a growing number of parents choosing to join Northwold (having to add an additional class due to extra demand). On the extra-curricular side, the school is going from strength to strength, with a very wide range of after-school clubs, sports events, art competitions, school trips, school events and musical options. This provision is reflected in the very positive feedback from the parent survey and the school leadership team are implementing improvements where these were identified in the survey.

There are a number of ways for parents to get more involved in the school (should they wish), from the excellent Friends of Northwold (events and volunteering), to the Parent Council (academics) and the Local Governing Board (Alastair, Ula, Sabina, Afnan and myself). Please feel free to contact the school office if you would like to be more involved and a big thank you to Friends of Northwold and the Parent Council for their volunteer efforts and contributions to school life.

Yours,

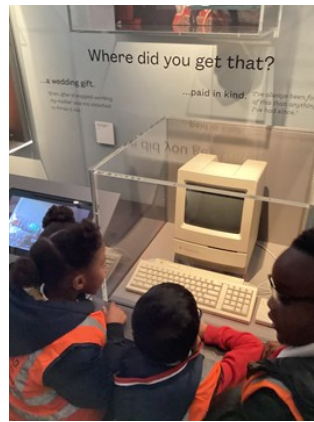
Rohan Wilson
Chair of Governors, Local Governing Board

Punctuality

It is extremely important that your child arrives to school on time each day. The school day begins at 8:55am. Children arriving after this time are late and will receive a late mark on the register. Children who arrive later than 9:25am will receive an 'unauthorised absence' for the morning session, which will affect your child's attendance.

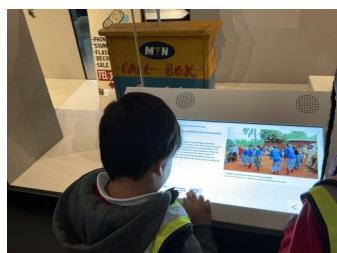
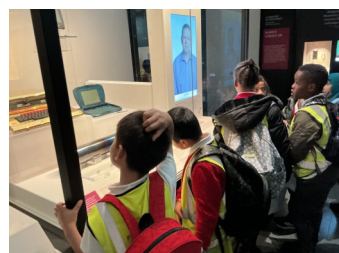
Year 1 visit The Museum of Home

Year 1 Redwood had a fantastic trip to the Museum of the Home to explore how homes have changed over time. The children discovered Victorian furniture, household items, and learned how families cooked, cleaned, and played without modern technology. They asked great questions and enjoyed imagining life in the past. The visit brought their history lessons to life and inspired lots of ideas for writing about homes from long ago.



Year 3 visit Science Museum

Last week, year 3 had an exciting and educational visit to the Science Museum. The children explored a range of interactive exhibits and learned about space and different materials. The pupils asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity throughout the day. Everyone had a fantastic time and returned to school full of enthusiasm for science!



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)	Saint-Tru (Elm 2)
Reception	Lia (Sycamore)	Phoenix (Ash)
Year 1	Gassmim (Redwood)	
Year 2	Talisha (Pine)	
Year 3	Nikhat (Elder)	Alicja (Teak)
Year 4	Harry (Cedar)	Inaaya-Rae (Hawthorn)
Year 5	Hannah (Beech)	Yasmin (Hazel)
Year 6	Zahraa (Juniper)	Zainab (Maple)

What is on the menu next week

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 1

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Homemade Vegetable Pizza (G, MK)	Chicken & Vegetable Lasagne (G, MK, MU)	Lamb Curry (CE, MU)	Chicken Sausage with Gravy (G, MK, SO, SU, CE, MU)	Cod Fish Fingers (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Whole meal Pasta with Vegetables in Tomato Sauce (G)	Vegan Sausage Roll (G, V)	Vegetable Chow Mein (G, E, SO, V)	Cheese or Tuna Wrap with Salad (G, MK, MU, F, E)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (MK)
Alternative Choice	Vegetable Pasta (G, V, MK, MU)	Stuffed Peppers (V)	Baked Salmon with Lemon Sauce (F)	Red Kidney Bean & Vegetable Stew (V)	Vegetable Samosa (G, V)
Sides	Bread Potato Wedges (G, MK, E)	Bread Diced Potatoes (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Brown Rice (G, MK, E)	Bread Mash Potatoes (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Oven Chips (G, MK, E)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Diced Carrot Broccoli	Sweetcorn Peas	Sliced Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Iced Sponge with Custard Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK, G)	Fresh Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Cheese & Crackers 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 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 2 visit St Paul's Cathedral

Year 2 Elder had a fantastic time visiting St Paul's Cathedral to learn all about 'The Great Fire of London'. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as significant historical figures such as Samuel Pepys and Christopher Wren. They then had the opportunity to tour the cathedral, venturing into the crypt and then exploring the famous dome. The children were in awe when they were able to lay on the cathedral floor looking up at all the intricate designs on the inside of the dome.



Harvest Collection

Our charity leaders and prefects did an amazing job collecting donations from our school community. The donations will be sent to Hackney Foodbank.

Thank you Northwold Primary School Community for all your donations.



The background is a dark blue night sky. In the top left, a yellow bat hangs from a branch. In the top right, a large, bright yellow full moon is visible. On the left side, there is a black silhouette of a house with several windows that are glowing yellow. In the bottom right corner, a green hand is shown making a 'rock on' or 'devil horns' gesture. The overall theme is Halloween.

Friends of Northwold
Presents

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 6th November 2025

£1 Entry

Years 1-3 3:45-4:45pm

Years 4-6 5:00-6:00pm

Years 1-3 must be accompanied by an adult

**Years 4-6 must be collected promptly by an
adult before 6pm**

Snacks & Drinks on sale



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.

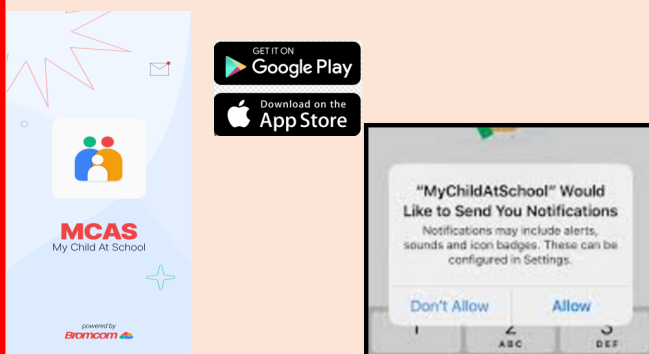
Y1 Redwood	Wednesday, Friday
Y2 Pine	Wednesday, Thursday
Y3 Elder	Tuesday, Wednesday
Y3 Teak	Tuesday, Thursday
Y4 Cedar	Monday, Wednesday
Y4 Hawthorn	Monday, Friday
Y5 Beech	Tuesday, Wednesday
Y5 Hazel	Tuesday, Wednesday
Y6 Maple	Wednesday, Friday
Y6 Beech	Wednesday Friday

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



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

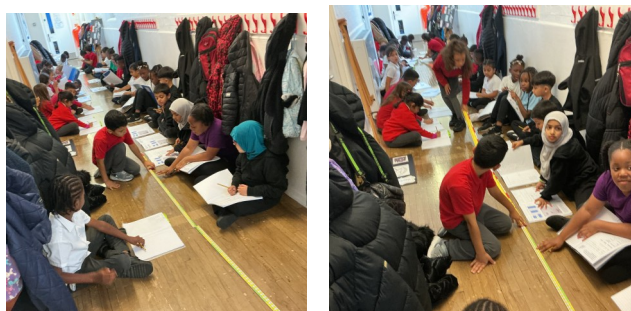
School Trips

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	25/11/25	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

Year 3 Maths

In Maths, year 3 have been looking at measuring large items around the school using meter sticks. We measured the length of the corridor, top hall and the stage.



What is a Holiday Countdown Calendar for?

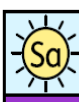
This calendar can help your child understand how long the holidays lasts for and when they need to come back to school. It can help your child settle back into school quickly as they are prepared for starting school again.

How to use the Holiday Countdown Calendar

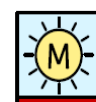
1. Show your child the calendar and say 'today there is no school'. Point to the pictures whilst you do this.
2. Encourage your child to cross off the calendar each day.
3. Remind your child there is no school tomorrow by saying 'tomorrow there is no school'.
4. On Sunday 2nd November say 'today there is no school, tomorrow you go back to school'.

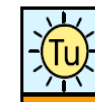
      
Thursday 23rd October school finishes. No school on...

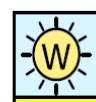

Fri 24th

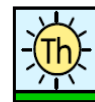

Sat 25th

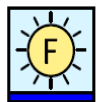

Sun 26th


Mon 27th


Tues 28th

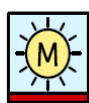
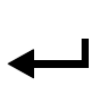

Wed 29th


Thurs 30th


Fri 31st


Sat 1st


Sun 2nd

   
Monday 3rd November, back to school

Class Attendance W/E 17/10/2025

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

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	78.00%
N Elm 2	91.20%
RC Ash	98.95%
RC Sycamore	96.84%
Y1 Redwood	95.86%
Y2 Pine	98.71%
Y3 Elder	97.50%
Y3 Teak	96.36%
Y4 Cedar	98.95%
Y4 Hawthorn	97.22%
Y5 Beech	95.17%
Y5 Hazel	95.86%
Y6 Juniper	97.83%
Y6 Maple	97.37%
Grand Total	96.53%

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



Diary Dates

October

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

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)