

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lovely to see so many parents at parent's Evening yesterday. These meetings are an opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher and find out about how your child is getting on. If you did not manage to make an appointment, but would still like to meet your child's teacher, please do get in touch with them.

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.

Parents/carers with children in Year 6, please be reminded to submit your secondary transfer application by Friday 31st October. It is important to apply before the deadline as late applications are considered after all on-time applications have been dealt with. Late applicants are also less likely to get a place at their preferred school. If you need any help, please do make contact with the school office.

I hope that you have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you back on the 2nd 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

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

URGENT!

Secondary Transfer Applications

The secondary transfer applications deadline is **31 October 2026**.

Please ensure that you submit an application if you have a child in Year 6.

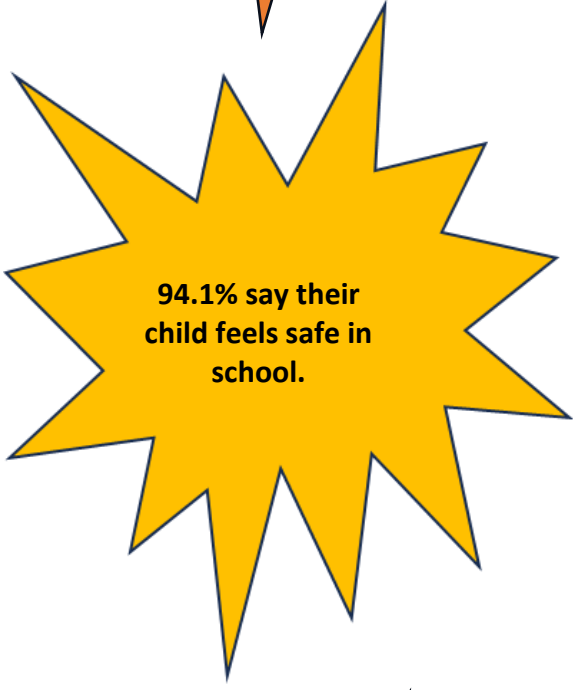
Parents must complete an online [application form](#)

Further details about the process can be found in the [secondary transfer admissions guide](#)

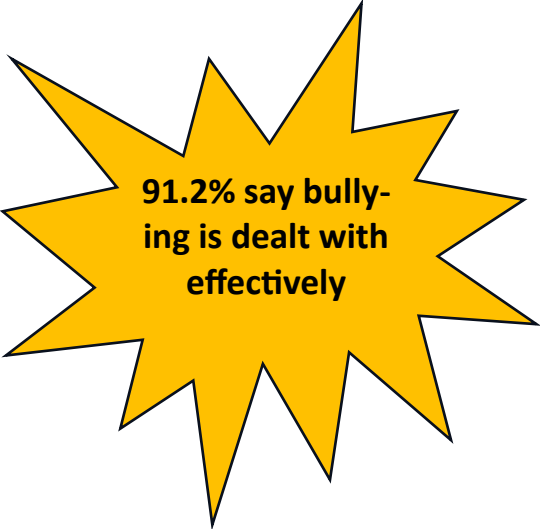
Parent Survey Feedback



**91.2% agree that
there is a good
standard of behav-
iour in the school.**



**94.1% say their
child feels safe in
school.**



**91.2% say bully-
ing is dealt with
effectively**

Confirmed School Term dates 2027-2028

Autumn Term: (73 days)

Wednesday 1st September 2027 to Friday 17th December 2027

- Wednesday 1st September 2027 INSET day
- Thursday 2nd September 2027 INSET day
- Friday 3rd September 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25th October 2027 to Friday 29th October 2027
- Christmas Holiday Monday 20th December 2027 to Monday 3rd January 2028

Spring Term: (59 days)

- Tuesday 4th January 2028 to Friday 31st March 2028.
- Tuesday 4th January 2028 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 14th February 2028 to Friday 18th February 2028.
- Easter holiday Monday 3rd April 2028 to Monday 17th April 2028.

Summer Term: (63 days)

- Tuesday 18th April 2028 to Friday 21st July 2028
- Tuesday 18th April 2028 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 29th May 2028 to Friday 2nd June 2028
- Summer holiday Monday 24th July 2028

Public holidays

Monday 27th December 2027 (Christmas Day)
Tuesday 28th December 2027 (Boxing Day)
Monday 3rd January 2028 (New Year's Day)
Friday 14th April 2028 (Good Friday)
Monday 17th April 2028 (Easter Monday)
Monday 1st May 2028
Monday 29th May 2028
Monday 28th August 2028

HALLOWEEN DISCO!

THURSDAY, 5th NOVEMBER

SCHOOL MAIN HALL



SESSION 1: RECEPTION, Y1, Y2, Y3

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM



SESSION 2: Y4, Y5, Y6

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

£1 ENTRY



**INCLUDES A
FREE GLOWSTICK!**



**PRIZES FOR BEST
DRESSED COSTUMES!**



**CAKES & HOT FOOD
FOR SALE!**

**DON'T MISS THE
HOT CHOCOLATE!**



**LIVE DJ ON
THE NIGHT!**



Wear it Pink Day



Year 2 visit St Paul's Cathedral

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting educational visit to St Paul's Cathedral, where they learnt about its history and importance in London. The children discovered fascinating facts about King Charles II and Sir Christopher Wren, the architect who designed the cathedral after the Great Fire of London in 1666. They explored how the fire destroyed much of London, including the original St Paul's Cathedral, and how a new, magnificent cathedral was built in its place. The visit helped bring their history learning to life and deepened their understanding of this significant event in London's past.



STARTING WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9:30-11 AM

THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE'S 5 WEEK PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP
CREATING ROUTINES AND BOUNDARIES THAT WORK FOR YOU

@ WILLIAM PATTEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (N16 0NX)

William Patten
Primary School

Hackney

All families with a child that has a need within **any of the 4 areas of SEND** are welcome
We are a needs based service. **No EHCP or formal diagnosis** is needed.

4 Areas of SEND

Communication & Interaction



Cognition and learning



Social, Emotional & Mental Health



Sensory and Physical



4TH NOVEMBER

What's already in your routines and boundaries toolbox?

11TH NOVEMBER

Resources for routines and boundaries

18TH NOVEMBER

How to be consistent

25TH NOVEMBER

Your strengths and motivation

2ND DECEMBER

Actioning your plan

We ask that you're able to **attend all 5 sessions**

There are **10 spaces available** for the parent empowerment group
Email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with **Your name** and **Child's school**



Diary Dates

October

26/10/26 –30/10/26 Half Term Holiday

November

- 5th Y5 trip to Brunel Museum
- 5th Bonfire Night - Cooking marshmallows around the fire
- 5th Halloween Disco
- 6th Autism awareness coffee morning for parents - 9:00am-10:00am
- 6th Flu immunisations
- 6th Interschool Instrumental Music competition
- 11th Remembrance Day Assembly - Year 6 - Parents welcome -11:00am
- 11th Y5 Shakespear for Schools
- 12th Music performance assembly for parents and community - 9:30am
- 13th Learning Council to visit Trust School
- 13th Charity Event: Children in Need
- 17th Y2 visit Westminster Synagogue
- 17th Y2 & Y5 Bring your parents to school morning 9:00am-10:00am
- 19th Year 4 violin & Year 6 Ukulele whole school assembly
- 19th Year to Buddhapadipa Temple
- 20th Coffee Morning - Using appropriate online learning platforms - 9:00am-10:00am
- 20th Y2 Royal Ballet and Opera online event: Magic Flute

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

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) Raine	
Reception	(Maple) Samirah	
Year 1	(Ash) Aaryan	(Sycamore) Sekani
Year 2	(Redwood) Maliya	
Year 3	(Pine) Tabitha	
Year 4	(Elder) Ibrahim	(Teak) Grace
Year 5	(Cedar) Harry	
Year 6	(Beech) Dami	(Hazel) Sukhveer

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 3

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Vegetable Chow Mein (E)	Chicken Pie (G)	Lamb Meatballs with Spaghetti (G, MU, SO)	Tandoori Chicken (MU)	Cod Fish Fingers (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Peri-peri rice with Vegetables (V)	Vegetable Lasagne (G, V, MK)	Vegetable Sausage Roll (V, G)	Vegetarian Moussaka (F, MK, G)	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Tuna (MK, F)
Alternative Choice	Cheese Roll with salad (MK, G)	Cheese & Tuna Sandwich with salad (E, F, MK)	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini (MK, G, V)	Chickpea & Vegetable Stew (V)	Vegetable Samosa (V)
Sides	Coleslaw Bread (G, MK, E)	Bread Garlic bread (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Spaghetti (G, MK, E, MU, SO)	Bread Brown Rice (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Oven Baked Chips (G, MK, E)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrot Broccoli	Sweetcorn Peas	Julienne Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Chocolate Cake 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				

Class Attendance W/E 16/10/2026

Well done to **Year 5 Teak** with the highest attendance last week. They had **100%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
N Elm	87.3%
RC Maple	91.4%
Y1 Ash	98.7%
Y1 Sycamore	98.0%
Y2 Redwood	95.3%
Y3 Pine	93.1%
Y4 Elder	93.3%
Y4 Teak	100%
Y5 Cedar	96.4%
Y6 Beech	98.9%
Y6 Hazel	94.6%
Grand Total	95.4%

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



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.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

We are always grateful for the support of our wonderful parent community. If you have a little spare time and would like to help with reading, school trips, events, or classroom activities, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office or email shaun.acharya@northwold.hackney.sch.uk to find out more about becoming a volunteer.

Thank you for helping us make our school a great place to learn and grow!

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



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.

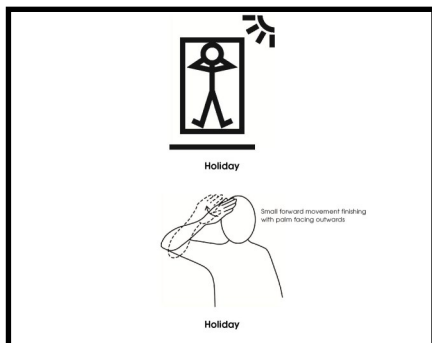
Please place your order online by
3rd November 2026

SEND CORNER

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.