

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you have had a good week.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Young Voices performance on Tuesday evening. It was a fantastic event, and a great opportunity for our choir to be involved in. They joined with choirs from around London to fill the O2 and sing together. Following on from the strength of Tuesday, next week Friday, our choir will be attending an inter-school competition at Selwyn Primary and competing against the four trust schools. We wish you the best of luck!

Also next Friday, we'd like to invite the parents to a literacy coffee morning, where we will be sharing the ways in which we teach reading, writing and spelling. It will be very informative – Ms Lewis would love to have you there!

One-page profiles begin the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. If your child has a one-page profile, their class teacher will be getting in touch with you to arrange a time to meet to discuss their targets.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, we are inviting our Y1 and Y3 parents in to join their children in class for the annual 'Bring your parent to school event'. This is an opportunity to join in with some of the children's classroom activities and see some of our curriculum in action. We look forward to seeing you there!

On the 5<sup>th</sup> February, we have our next **parent council** visit. I hope to see all our representatives at this meeting. You will have the opportunity to see art and computing lessons in action, speak to the children about their learning and see some of the work in their books. We look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher



## Diary Dates

### January

23th Year 5 Kensington Palace

28th Year 3 British Museum

30th Literacy Coffee Morning

30th Interschool Choir Competition

### February

2nd This week we start the one page profile meetings between teachers and parents.

4th Bring your parent to school morning. Y1 and Y3. 9:00-10:00am. Parents invited to join their children to take part in learning.

5th Parent council. 9:00—10:00am Outcomes in Art, Computing and PE.

6th Nursery parent coffee morning.

9th One page Profile meetings with Teachers & Parents Years 4, 5 & 6

11th Well being parent workshop.

13th Autism/SEND coffee morning 9:00—10:00am . Parents of Autistic/SEND children are welcome to meet the team.

16th Half Term

**Please check the calendar on our website**

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

## 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.

## Attendance

We are pleased to introduce a new incentive aimed at encouraging excellent attendance and celebrating our pupils' commitment to learning. Regular attendance plays a vital role in a child's academic progress, confidence, and overall school experience. To recognise and reward students who make a strong effort to attend school consistently, we will be awarding attendance badges based on the following criteria:

**Gold Badge** – 100% attendance

**Silver Badge** – 99% attendance

**Bronze Badge** – 98% attendance

These badges will be presented to children termly to acknowledge their achievement and promote attendance across the school. We understand that absences due to illness or unforeseen circumstances can occur, and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child attends school whenever possible. Thank you for working with us to support your child's education.

## St Michael's Church

Year 1 Redwood enjoyed a wonderful visit to our local church this week as part of their learning about places of worship. The Reverend warmly welcomed the children and showed them a range of interesting church artefacts, explaining what they are used for and why they are special. The children were especially excited to try on some of the traditional church garments, which really helped bring their learning to life. Afterwards, the children took part in a fun *I Spy* activity, carefully exploring the church and spotting different features such as the altar, stained glass windows and the font. The visit was a fantastic hands-on experience, and the children asked thoughtful questions and showed excellent curiosity and respect throughout the morning.



## 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

## 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.

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



### Sign of the Week

19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

This week's sign is 'To Learn'!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.



To Learn



To Learn

## Spellbound

The night is darkening round me,  
The wild winds coldly blow;  
But a tyrant spell has bound me  
And I cannot, cannot go.  
The giant trees are bending  
Their bare boughs weighed with snow.  
And the storm is fast descending,  
And yet I cannot go.  
Clouds beyond clouds above me,  
Wastes beyond wastes below;  
But nothing drear can move me;  
I will not, cannot go.

Emily Brontë

## Class Attendance W/E 1/12/2025

Well done to **Year 6 Maple** with the highest attendance last week. They had **99.17%** attendance.

| Class        | Attendance %  |
|--------------|---------------|
| 2 Year Old's | 87.23%        |
| N Elm 2      | 90.78%        |
| RC Ash       | 92.50%        |
| RC Sycamore  | 95.00%        |
| Y1 Redwood   | 93.94%        |
| Y2 Pine      | 97.10%        |
| Y3 Elder     | 88.24%        |
| Y3 Teak      | 95.65%        |
| Y4 Cedar     | 95.26%        |
| Y4 Hawthorn  | 88.24%        |
| Y5 Beech     | 97.33%        |
| Y5 Hazel     | 98.62%        |
| Y6 Juniper   | 97.67%        |
| Y6 Maple     | 99.17%        |
| Grand Total  | <b>92.01%</b> |

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

## **FUNDRAISING**

We are supporting our local area and raising as much as possible for local food banks and soup kitchens.

We would be grateful for any donations that parents are able to contribute.

Please bring in any food items that you can—the charity leads will be collecting contributions to this very worthy cause at the school gate each Tuesday this half term. Donations will be accepted up to February half term, and then distributed.

We will keep you informed on which food banks and soup kitchens the charity leaders decide to send your donations to.



## **School Term dates 2025 -2026**

### **Spring Term: (55 days)**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

- Half term holiday Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- Easter holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### **Summer Term: (65 days)**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## **Nursery Spaces Available**

**Apply Now!**

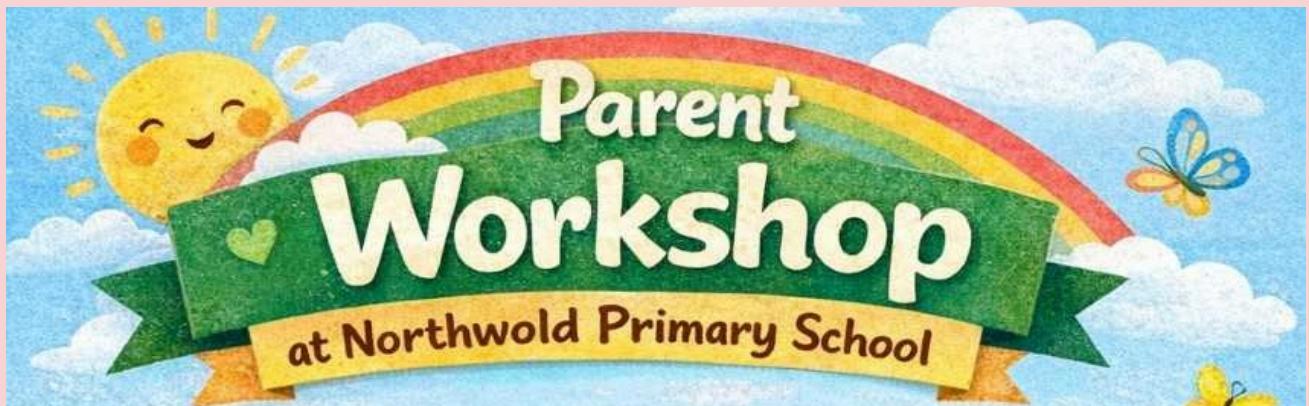
We still have spaces in Nursery for 2 and 3 - year old children. Part time or full-time applications are welcomed. Please contact the school office or email [office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk) for further information.

## **Bring Your Parent to School**

Y1 and Y3 parents—please join us on 4th February between 9am and 10am for 'Bring Your Parent to School' morning.

## SEND CORNER

Please see below two events that we are running in February at Northwold. We look forward to seeing you there.



# Parent Workshop

at Northwold Primary School

## Supporting your Emotional Wellbeing and Your Children's Emotional Wellbeing

**When?** Wednesday 11th February from 9-10am

**Where?** At Northwold Primary School

**What is it?** A workshop for parents about supporting your emotional wellbeing and your children's emotional wellbeing

**Who is delivering the workshop?**

**Dr. Jodi Cooper**, an Educational Psychologist, who is linked to Northwold Primary School

**What will happen at the workshop?**

To make this as useful and interactive as possible for everyone, this might involve a brief presentation from Dr Cooper, followed by time for parents to discuss any thoughts they have about the workshop or topic.

**What will happen after the workshop?**

Following the workshop, if you would like to have a follow-up discussion one-to-one with Dr. Cooper, this can be arranged for another date. Dr Cooper can tell you more about this at the workshop.

[nlewis@northwold.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:nlewis@northwold.hackney.sch.uk)



**Caught Being Kind**

Please find below the names of the children in each year group who are recognised for their kindness this week.

**Congratulations!**

|                  |                      |                     |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Nursery</b>   | (Elm 1)<br>Rose      | (Elm 2)<br>Cooper   |
| <b>Reception</b> | (Sycamore)<br>Royal  | (Ash)<br>Yabsara    |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | (Redwood)<br>Avianna |                     |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | (Pine)<br>Atarah     |                     |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | (Elder)<br>Riley     | (Teak)<br>Esa       |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | (Cedar)<br>Leanna    | (Hawthorn)<br>Bahez |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | (Beech)<br>Hana      | (Hazel)             |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | (Juniper)<br>Aniyah  | (Maple)<br>Michelle |



# Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 3

|                            | Monday<br><b>MEAT FREE<br/>MONDAY</b>  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                     |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Meat Choice</b>         | Vegetable Chow Mein (E)  | Chicken Pie (G)   | Lamb Meat-balls with Spaghetti (G, MU, SO)         | Tandoori Chicken (MU)                                 | Cod Fish Fingers (F, G)                    |
| <b>Vegetarian Choice</b>   | 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)   |
| <b>Alternative Choice</b>  | 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)                       |
| <b>Sides</b>               | 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) |
| <b>Vegetables</b>          | Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower   | Sliced Carrot Broccoli  | Sweetcorn Peas                                     | Julienne Carrots Green Beans                          | Baked Beans                                |
| <b>Dessert Choice</b>      | Fruit Jelly<br>Fruit Yogurt<br>Fresh Fruit (MK)  | Chocolate Cake with Custard<br>Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK, G) | Fresh Fruit Salad<br>Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK) | Cheese & Crackers<br>Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (G, MK) | Ice Cream<br>Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK) |
| <b>Dietary Information</b> | <b>Fresh salad served daily - All our meat is Halal</b><br>V - Vegetarian<br>CE - contains Celery<br>G - contains Gluten<br>F - contains Fish<br>E - Egg |   |  |   |  |
|                            | SO - contains Soya<br>MK - contains Milk<br>SU - contains Sulphur Dioxide<br>MU - contains Mustard   |   |  |   |  |

## Are You Interested in Holiday Club?

If you would like to send your child to join holiday club over the February half term or Easter and May breaks, please could you return to letters that went out earlier this week. We are currently identifying the number of people who would use a club—if we have enough interest, we will confirm your child's attendance.

## Young Voices O2 Arena

Our wonderful choir represented Northwold Primary at the O2 arena this week, although it was a late night they had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, they made us very proud. We would like to thank all the parents that attended for their continued support.



### Art

Year 6 are learning about the work of Artist and Mathematician, Leonardo Da Vinci and have been practising their drawing skills.

They have been trying out a range of shading techniques such as cross hatching, shading and smudging.

