

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported our Macmillan cake sale. This morning we received so many generous donations. This charity event is run by our school prefects. They will be hosting the cake sale after school today. We hope to see you there, supporting this important fundraiser. The money raised will go towards MacMillan's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' charity. We believe that learning about charity work and being charitable is an important quality to learn. Here at Northwold, we regularly fundraise for worthwhile causes and always appreciate the support we get. A big thank you must also go to the prefects, who helped make the event possible.

Thank you to the parents who have completed the parent survey – if you have not yet done it, please do so using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/4SegiGqVDoH1DPaJ8>

We use the information gathered to improve the school and to improve outcomes for the children – your feedback is valued.

This week we launched the readathon – children will be set the target to read as much as they can before the end of the half term. The hand in date is the 22nd October – there will be prizes for the biggest readers in each year group!

This morning we had a phonics coffee morning for the reception parents – it was lovely to see so many of you there to learn about how we teach phonics and how to support your children with reading at home.

Finally, I would like to remind you about how important it is to keep our children safe online. There are a number of children who have access to social media groups and online apps – there is an age restriction of at least 13 years for most of these social media apps. Please support us to keep your children safe by closely monitoring how the internet is used at home.

I hope you have a lovely week end,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher

Northwold



**PHONICS COFFEE
MORNING**

FRIDAY 2ND OCT, 2026

09:00AM

For Year 1 & 2 Parents



**Northwold
Primary School**

**Nursery
Spaces Available**

Apply Now!

We still have spaces in Nursery for
2 and 3 year olds.

Part time & full-time applications are welcome

Please contact the school office
or email office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk
for further information

**Thank you to all our support staff for all their
hard work!**



**You are greatly
appreciated!**



Waves of Creativity at the Interschool Art Competition!

Today, our talented students made quite a splash at the interschool art competition, diving deep into the theme of **water**. The gallery came alive with stunning interpretations, from delicate drops of water on leaves to intricate ripples and sunlight shining through water. We saw some truly fantastic entries across the board, demonstrating incredible skill and imagination. A massive well done to **Esa**, who took home first prize, and to **Sophia**, who claimed second place—both of whom wowed the judges with their wonderfully detailed underwater scenes. [Congratulations](#) to everyone who took part!





Diary Dates

September

29th Reception Bring your Parent to School
9-10am, parents invited to join classes to
take part in guided learning sessions

October

2nd Phonics Coffee Morning - Year 1 and 2
parents

2nd Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

6th Year 4 trip to Walthamstow Wetlands

7th New Reception parents Open Day (26/27
Intake) 9.30-10.30am

9th Nursery parents coffee morning

9th Interschool Sports - Football Y3-6

15th Parent Council Meeting—9.15-10.30am

15th KS2 Interschool champions league debate

16th Learning councils to visit Trust Schools

16th Flu Immunisations

16th Coffee morning

22nd Charity Event: Wear it Pink

22nd Parents Evening

23rd Inset Day—school closed to pupils

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

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

Our Week in Reception

The market stall is officially open! This week in reception we have been promoting independence by selecting fruit and vegetables from the market stall, chopping them up and treating ourselves to a tasty snack. We have also enjoyed making our own orange juice!



Class Attendance W/E 18/09/2026

Well done to **Y1 Ash** with the highest attendance last week. They had **98.9%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
N Elm	95.0%
RC Maple	93.4%
Y1 Ash	98.9%
Y1 Sycamore	95.7%
Y2 Redwood	97.6%
Y3 Pine	96.1%
Y4 Elder	94.7%
Y4 Teak	97.1%
Y5 Cedar	95.2%
Y6 Beech	92.4%
Y6 Hazel	95.3%
Grand Total	95.5%

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



Have Your Say on Childcare

Hackney Council is calling for urgent action from the Government to make childcare fairer, more affordable and accessible for all families.

We want to hear from parents and carers in Hackney. Tell us about your childcare experiences — what works well, the challenges you face, and what would make the biggest difference to your family.

Whether you use a nursery, childminder, children's centre, family support, or a combination of childcare options, **your experience matters.**

Please share your views by 11 October 2026:

At the end of this period, we will bring the stories together, in an anonymised form, and create a report that will be shared publicly and sent to central government, together with a letter urgently asking for change.

Families can share their experiences online, at <https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-families/fixing-childcare>, or by mailing the Council.



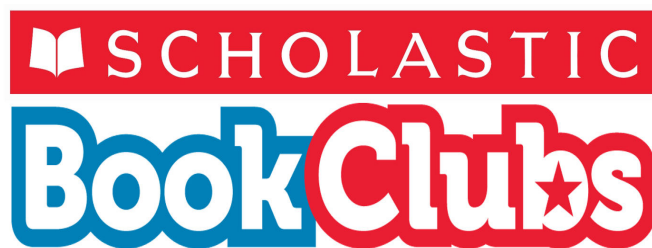
MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App

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.



Scholastic Book Club

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
October 20th, 2026

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) Zoya	
Reception	(Maple) Zoya	
Year 1	(Ash) Harry	(Sycamore) Ava
Year 2	(Redwood) Huma	
Year 3	(Pine) Murphy	
Year 4	(Elder) Nikhat	(Teak) Ido
Year 5	(Cedar) Ariya	
Year 6	(Beech) Annabella	(Hazel) Simran

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 3

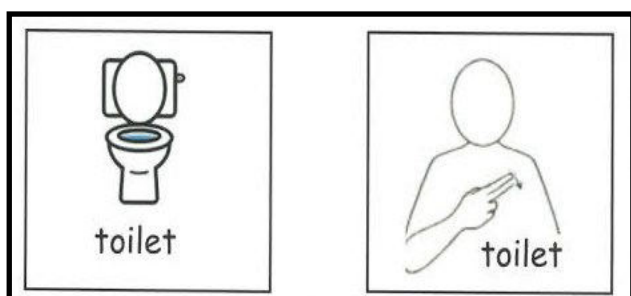
	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Vegetable Chow Mein (E)	Chicken Burger with Salad (G, M)	Lamb Meatballs with Spaghetti (G, MU, SO)	Tandoori Chicken (MU)	Cod Fish Fingers (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Peri-peri rice with Vegetables (V)	Vegetable Lasagne (G, V, MK)	Egg Curry (F, G)	Vegetarian Moussaka (F, MK, G)	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese & Beans (MK, F)
Alternative Choice	Bean quesadilla (V, G, S)	Falafel and hummus wrap (V, G, MK)	Vegan Sausage Roll (V, G)	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 Mushy Peas
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Plain Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Banana bread (V, E, MK, G, S) Plain 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				

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.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL 2027

Adventure • Friendship • Challenge • Memories

Could your child be part of the adventure?

Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in an **unforgettable residential experience at PGL Osmington Bay on the beautiful Dorset coast!**

From exciting outdoor challenges to exploring some of Dorset's most spectacular landmarks, this is a week packed with **adventure, team-work, laughter and new experiences.**

The Year 6 residential is a fantastic opportunity for children to **build confidence, develop resilience and independence, overcome challenges and strengthen friendships** before making the exciting move to secondary school.

There will be plenty of opportunities to try something new, support one another and create memories that will last a lifetime!



Open Events at Hackney Secondary Schools in 2026

Please see the link below detailing Open Mornings and Evenings in Hackney for Y6 students transitioning from primary to secondary in September 2027.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/sites/default/files/document/Hackney%20Secondary%20School%20Open%20Events.pdf>

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

School Uniform

White collared shirt
Charcoal grey dropped waist pinafore
Charcoal grey skirt
Charcoal grey trousers
Charcoal grey shorts
Grey tights
Grey headscarves
White socks
Black school shoes
Red school jumper
Red school cardigan
Red school fleece



P.E. kit

White t-shirt
Black P.E. shorts
Black tracksuit bottoms/ top
Black trainers/ plimsolls

