

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you have had a good week. We have a few events coming up over the next few weeks and hope to see you in school.

On 5th March we will be celebrating book character day – children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on that day. We look forward to seeing a range of different characters across the school.

We also have our Spring term Music concert on the 5th March – our choir and instrumentalists will be performing for parents at 2:15pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

On 13th March, we have our annual Mother's Day breakfast and assemblies. We hope to see you at the event.

9:00 Breakfast in the lower hall

9:30 Reception and Nursery card making in class

9:25 Y1-Y3 Assembly (middle hall)

9:45 Y4 – Y6 Assembly (upper hall)

It is Red Nose Day on the 20th March. Please support us in raising funds for this very worthwhile charity – aiming to end poverty for children in the UK and around the world. We ask that all children dress in red from head to toe on the 17th March. Please dress up in red and bring £1 to support this charity. To support our fundraising, children will be taking part in a talent show - Northwold has Got Talent! Auditions will take place next week and the finalists will be performing on 17th March (Y1-Y3) and 18th March (Y4-Y6). Parents of the finalists will be invited to watch the concert.

The 21st March is World Poetry Day – the children will be learning and reciting poems in assembly on the day. Please support this by helping your child to learn their poem at home.

Well done to the group of children who took part in the inter-school rugby competition today. They had a wonderful day, did themselves proud and came home with second place.

Lots to look forward to over the next few weeks!

Have a lovely week-end,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher



Diary Dates

March

- 2nd Y2 Trip to East London and Essex Synagogue
- 5th Music Concert for Parents and Community
2:15-3:15pm

Spelling Bee Semi-finals

World Book Day, all children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book characters!
- 6th Y1 Trip to Orchestra
- 10th Y4 Trip to Sikh Temple

Y6 Trip to Tower of London, Crime & Punishment
- 12th Interschool Championship Spelling Bee
- 13th Coffee Morning

Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00am, all welcome to attend assembly; RC/Y1 9:30am, Y2/Y3 9:50am, Y4/5/6 10:10am
- 17th Red Nose Day

Middle Phase Got Talent—parents welcome from 1:30—3:00pm
- 18th Upper Phase Got Talent—parents welcome from 1:20-3:00pm
- 19th Class Group Photos

Parent Council 9:00-10:00am; outcomes in History and Geography
- 20th World Poetry Day Assembly

Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00am

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Class Attendance W/E 2/02/2026

Well done to **Year 4 Hawthorne** with the highest attendance last week. They had 98.4% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	85.1%
N Elm 2	91.7%
RC Ash	80.0%
RC Sycamore	96.0%
Y1 Redwood	97.0%
Y2 Pine	96.1%
Y3 Elder	97.6%
Y3 Teak	94.8%
Y4 Cedar	93.9%
Y4 Hawthorn	98.4%
Y5 Beech	96.7%
Y5 Hazel	93.1%
Y6 Juniper	96.2%
Y6 Maple	97.5%
Grand Total	94.6%

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



22nd World Water Day

25th Easter Bonnet Parade with Cake Sale

26th Parent's Evening 3:30-7:00pm

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

27th Attendance Lunch for the class with the highest attendance!

30th **Easter Holiday**

April

2nd Autism Awareness Day

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.

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 Musical

We are excited to announce our upcoming **School Music Concert**, taking place on **5th March 2:15-3:15pm!**

Students have been working incredibly hard to bring this production to life, and we can't wait to share their talent with our school community. Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for an evening of music, drama, and creativity.

Debating Challenge!

Our Debate Challenge will take place in stages next term. Students will compete to earn a place in the next round, successful teams will then progress to the semi-finals.

Please find the dates below:

Classroom Debate Heats: 14th May

Semi-Finals: 22nd May

School Term dates 2025 -2026

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

- Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 4 May 2026
- Monday 25 May 2026
- Monday 31 August 2026

Reception—Chinese & Lunar New Year Assembly

We enjoyed a wonderful Chinese New Year assembly with Reception this week!

The children learned about how Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world and what the different traditions mean.



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) Zain	(Elm 2) Destiny
Reception	(Sycamore) Ziyon	(Ash) Sapphire
Year 1	(Redwood) Beau	
Year 2	(Pine) Roshawn	
Year 3	(Elder) Khadijah	(Teak) Victor
Year 4	(Cedar) Lauren	(Hawthorn) Musa
Year 5	(Beech) Enes	(Hazel) Vincent
Year 6	(Juniper) Asel	(Maple) Hafiza

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Fresh salad served daily - All our meat is Halal</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">V - Vegetarian</td> <td style="width: 50%;">SO - contains Soya</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CE - contains Celery</td> <td>MK - contains Milk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G - contains Gluten</td> <td>SU - contains Sulphur Dioxide</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F - contains Fish</td> <td>MU - contains Mustard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E - Egg</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>					V - Vegetarian	SO - contains Soya	CE - contains Celery	MK - contains Milk	G - contains Gluten	SU - contains Sulphur Dioxide	F - contains Fish	MU - contains Mustard	E - Egg	
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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.



Spring



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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.

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.

Children's Mental Health Week – This Is My Place

Children's Mental Health Week was celebrated during the week of **February 9th**, embracing this year's theme: **"This Is My Place."** The theme encouraged every child to think about where they feel safe, valued, and that they truly belong.

Throughout the week, students enjoyed a range of engaging activities including **card games, table tennis, skipping challenges, and King Ball**. These activities helped build friendships, promote teamwork, and strengthen our sense of community. Through play and shared experiences, pupils were reminded that our school is a place where everyone has an important role.

A special highlight was our **"Wear Your Favourite Colour" Day**, where children dressed in colours that represent who they are. The bright display across the school was a wonderful celebration of individuality and belonging.

Arbor Trust Choir

Arbor Academy Choir gave a fantastic performance today! The choir conducted a tour of all 4 schools within Arbor trust to showcase their singing and to inspire other pupils to get more involved in singing.

The trust choir performs at concerts, festivals, theatres and sings competitively. They learn a wide variety of vocal repertoire; children have particularly enjoyed singing songs from the opera Carmen and some of their favourite pop songs.

Pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 are welcome to join the choir and there is no cost. Children are invited to come along on Thursday 12th March, 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Northwold Primary School to audition.

The audition just involves taking part in a rehearsal with the existing members, so pupils get a taster.

All rehearsals take place on Thursdays, 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Northwold Primary School.



Arbor Trust Rugby Competition

Our school rugby competition was lots of fun! The children showed great teamwork and tried their very best in every game.

It was wonderful to see everyone joining in, cheering for their friends, and playing fairly. The children showed kindness, courage, and big smiles on the field.

We are very proud of all the boys and girls who took part. Well done for your hard work and great effort! KS1 placed 2nd, with KS2 placing 3rd—well done to all!

