

Dear Parents and carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you in school yesterday for parents' evening. I trust that you had a successful meeting with your child's teacher, had a look at your children's books and had the opportunity to discuss their targets for the next term. The children have worked extremely hard and have made fantastic progress. The targets set will ensure that they continue to make the progress they need over the summer term. I know many of you also enjoyed the gallery which displayed the children's art and design work from the last 2 terms.

At Northwold, we are proud to celebrate the excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning that our children display. Good behaviour is celebrated through our 'Going for Gold' behaviour chart in each class – children move up the chart from green to bronze, silver and then gold. Each class has a set of agreed rules that children adhere to in order to maintain the high expectations. We recognise that sometimes children need to be reminded of the school policy and the school rules to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. This is also done through the 'Going for Gold' chart. Children's names may move to orange and red as a sanction if appropriate and they are reminded of the expectations by the class teacher. If your child has reached red, the class teacher will meet with you to discuss strategies to support them.

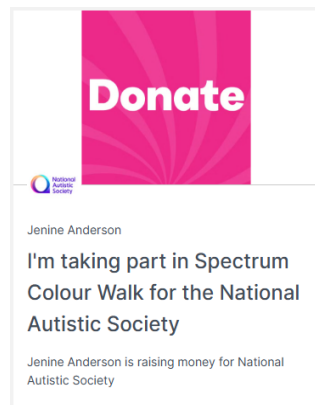
I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the volunteers who have helped at school this term. We have a range of volunteers from trip volunteers to the people running our school events (FoNW). We could not offer the children the variety of events and experiences without your help. We are very grateful for your hard work!

Finally, I would like to wish you a happy Easter and a restful break. If you are travelling, please stay safe. We look forward to seeing the children return on Tuesday 14th April at 8.40am.

Kind Regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher



Scan the QR to donate!

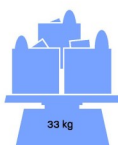


Blake and his family are taking part in a 5K walk for the National Autistic Society on April 19th at Battersea Park.

If you would like to support them at this worthy cause please use the link below. All contributions will go to help funding education, workplace and social challenges that so many from the Autistic community face.

[https://waam.autism.org.uk/fundraising/
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Thank you for your generous donation to



Northwold Primary School's donation of **33 kg** of food will contribute to **3 emergency parcels** which will help relieve immediate hunger for people in Hackney in crisis or trapped in poverty. Food parcels are provided alongside wider support, including caseworker support to help them to address the causes and effects of poverty in their lives.

Thank you for joining the fight for a hunger-free Hackney!

Menu Changes

Please note that there have been a number of changes to our menu that will take effect following the Easter break.

To view our new menu's, please visit our website;

[https://
www.northwoldschool.com/
school-dinners](https://www.northwoldschool.com/school-dinners)





Diary Dates

April

2nd Autism Awareness Day

14th Pupils return

17th Eid Event

23rd BBC Ten Pieces for Parents

24th SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am

28th Individual/Sibling Photos

May

1st Y6 SATs Assessment Meeting for parents 9-10am

Occupation Day

4-10 Children's Book Week

4th Bank Holiday

8th Nursery Parent Coffee Morning

11-15 KS2 SATs

14th Debating Challenge

15th Coffee Morning 9-10am

18th Nursery/Reception Sports Day

20th Sports Day

21st Parent Council 9-10am

22nd Interschool Art Gallery Showcase

Debating Challenge Semi-Finals

Coffee Morning RSHE Y4. Y5. Y6 9:15-10:00

Pre Loved Uniform Sale

25th Half Term

27th Eid (TBC)

Please check the calendar on our website

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

WANTED: COMPOSERS AGES 4 - 11!

It's time to take your sounds from your bedroom to the **BIG STAGE!** We are officially launching the **Composition Competition**

THE CHALLENGE

Create your very own piece of music at home. It can be anything you like:

- **A Catchy Song:** Write some lyrics and sing.
- **An Epic Track:** Use an app (like GarageBand or BandLab) or your own DIY drums (pots and pans allowed!).
- **A Classic Tune:** Play a piece you've made up on an instrument you play.

THE GRAND PRIZE

- **The Big Showcase:** The best entry in each year group will be performed or played at our special **winners' assembly!**
- The **overall winner** will be presented with a **trophy.**
- Your friends and teachers will get to hear your work performed.

HOW TO ENTER

1. **Record it or write it down:** Ask a grown-up to help you record your music on a phone or tablet or ask your music teacher to help you write it down.
2. **Send it:** Email or hand your music to Miss Rawlinson by **Friday 24th April.**
3. **Label it:** Make sure to include your **Name** and **Year Group.**

Don't worry about being perfect—we just want to hear your unique style!

READY TO ROCK?

Grab your instruments, clear your throat, and start composing. We can't wait to hear what you create!

Key Stage 2

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

MAKE SOME NOISE & FIND YOUR VOICE!
Trust-Wide Music Clubs for Year 3 to Y6

TRUST SAMBA BAND
High-energy, loud, and rhythmic!
Play authentic Brazilian drums
Perform at festivals, huge concerts, parades, and competitions.
When and where: Tuesdays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Selwyn Primary School
Cost: £50 per term

TRUST CHOIR
Meet new friends and perform at big events!
When and where: Thursdays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Northwold Primary School
Cost: **FREE!**

Contact: caroline.rawlinson@arboracademytrust.co.uk

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

Holidays During Term Time

As we approach the Easter period, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the school's attendance policy regarding holidays during term time.

Time off for holidays is not authorised during term time. Good attendance is essential to ensure children make the best possible progress in their learning, and even short absences can have a significant impact.

Please be aware that if a child is taken out of school for a holiday during term time, this may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued. The current penalty is £80 per parent, per child. If a second penalty notice is issued within a three year period, this may lead to court proceedings.

We kindly ask that all holidays and family trips are arranged outside of term time. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and benefits fully from their education.

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

Class Attendance W/E 16/03/2026

Well done to **Y5 Hazel** with the highest attendance last week. They had 90.7% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	88.4%
N Elm 2	89.8%
RC Ash	89.5%
RC Sycamore	90.0%
Y1 Redwood	85.9%
Y2 Pine	87.4%
Y3 Elder	84.7%
Y3 Teak	85.2%
Y4 Cedar	87.0%
Y4 Hawthorn	85.3%
Y5 Beech	83.7%
Y5 Hazel	90.7%
Y6 Juniper	76.9%
Y6 Maple	86.3%
Grand Total	86.3%

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



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 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.

Eid Celebration—Friday 17th April

We are delighted to share that we will be holding a special Eid celebration after school on 17th April. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate.

There will be a variety of delicious food and sweet treats available for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to support the event, donations are warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

We look forward to celebrating together and making this a joyful and memorable occasion for all!



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) Raine	(Elm 2) Ibrahim
Reception	(Sycamore) Sekani	(Ash) Zaiyden
Year 1	(Redwood) Leah-Mai	
Year 2	(Pine) Tabitha	
Year 3	(Elder) Kiren	(Teak) Burak
Year 4	(Cedar) Kitty (Kieu)	(Hawthorn) Nina
Year 5	(Beech) Kairo	(Hazel) Daniel
Year 6	(Juniper) Willow	(Maple) Zara

What is on the menu after the Easter Holiday?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 1

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Homemade Vegetable Pizza (G, MK)	Chicken & Vegetable Lasagne (wholemeal) (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)	Lentil Wellington DL (G, V)	Vegetable Chow Mein (G, SO, V)	Cheese or Tuna Wrap with Salad (G, MK, MU, F, E)	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna (MK, F)
Alternative Choice	Vegetable Pasty (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 Peas
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Plain yoghurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Iced Sponge with Custard 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

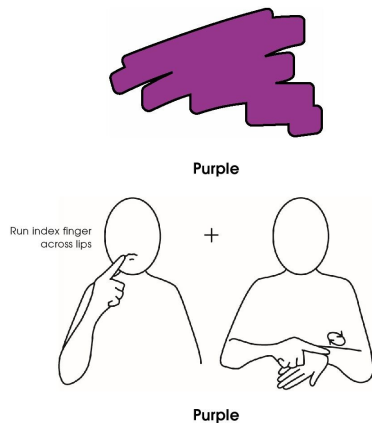
Learning a new sign each week helps everyone in our setting become more confident in using Makaton, making our environment more inclusive and supportive for all children.

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.

This week's sign is 'Purple'

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



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.

SEND Coffee Morning

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming coffee morning for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Enjoy a hot drink and friendly conversation

Meet other parents and share experiences

Talk to staff and access support and advice

Date: Friday 24 April

Time: 9:00-10:00am

Location: Northwold Primary School



The Big Cleanup



Our school recently came together to take part in the Great Big School Clean Up, and it was an inspiring experience for everyone involved. Students worked side by side with a shared goal of making our environment cleaner and more welcoming.

Some collected litter, carefully sorting recyclable materials, while others focused on tidying outdoor spaces, planting flowers, and refreshing shared areas.

The sense of teamwork was clear as everyone contributed, no matter how big or small their role.

The clean-up wasn't just about improving how our local area looks—it also helped us understand the importance of caring for our environment. It encouraged responsibility, pride in our surroundings, and a stronger sense of community. Many students said they felt more motivated to keep the school and local area clean going forward.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade was a wonderful success, bringing together creativity, colour, and community spirit. The students showcased an incredible array of beautifully designed bonnets, each one reflecting imagination, effort, and individuality.



It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and pride in their creations. A number of students were recognised and awarded for their outstanding designs, making the event even more special.

We are proud of all the participants for their fantastic efforts and for making the parade such a joyful and memorable occasion. Well done to everyone involved!

