

Dear parents/carers,

I trust that you have had a good week.

Well done to the Y6 pupils, who organised a pyjama day on Tuesday to raise funds for their chosen charity 'Make a Wish', charity that raises funds to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Well done – they raised over £125.

We also have had our charity leads collecting for the foodbank on Tuesdays this half term – that you for your support. We have collected a wide range of canned, dried and boxed foods that we will be giving to the foodbank over the half term. They will still be collecting next week and the week after. Please continue with your generous donations!

Today our choir took part in a trust wide music competition at Selwyn Primary – everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event and performed extremely well. Well done to Juniper who won the competition this time!

On 4th February we have our 'Bring your parent to school' day for the Y1 and Y3 pupils. We hope to see you there!

Parent council, I look forward to seeing you on the 5th February. You will have the opportunity to see art and PE lessons in action, speak to the children about their learning and see some of the work in their books.

Also, next week we have the Y3 -Y6 inter-school debate. Children will be competing against other schools in the trust – we wish our debating teams the best of luck!

Other upcoming events include the one-page profiles for parents of children with additional needs. Class teachers will be getting in touch with you to arrange the meetings over the next few weeks.

We have the Y5 micro-musical on 10th February at 9:15am and the Y3 micro-musical on 12th February at 9:15am. Parents are invited.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher



Diary Dates

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
- 13th Autism/SEND coffee morning 9:00— 10:00am. Parents of Autistic/SEND children are welcome to meet the team.
- 16th Half Term

March

- 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!
- 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
Got Talent—parents welcome from 1:30-3:00pm

Class Attendance W/E 2/02/2026

Well done to **Year 6 Juniper** with the highest attendance last week. They had **98.3%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	85.7%
N Elm 2	76.2%
RC Ash	92.0%
RC Sycamore	77.5%
Y1 Redwood	97.0%
Y2 Pine	96.8%
Y3 Elder	87.1%
Y3 Teak	94.3%
Y4 Cedar	93.0%
Y4 Hawthorn	91.7%
Y5 Beech	93.3%
Y5 Hazel	93.8%
Y6 Juniper	98.3%
Y6 Maple	97.5%
Grand Total	92.2%

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

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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22nd World Water Day

25th Easter Bonnet Parade

26th Parent's Evening

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/>

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.

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.

Sign of the Week 26th January – 1st February 2026

This week's sign is 'To Cuddle'!

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



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.

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

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 Musical

We are excited to announce our upcoming **School Musical**, 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.

Caught Being Kind

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

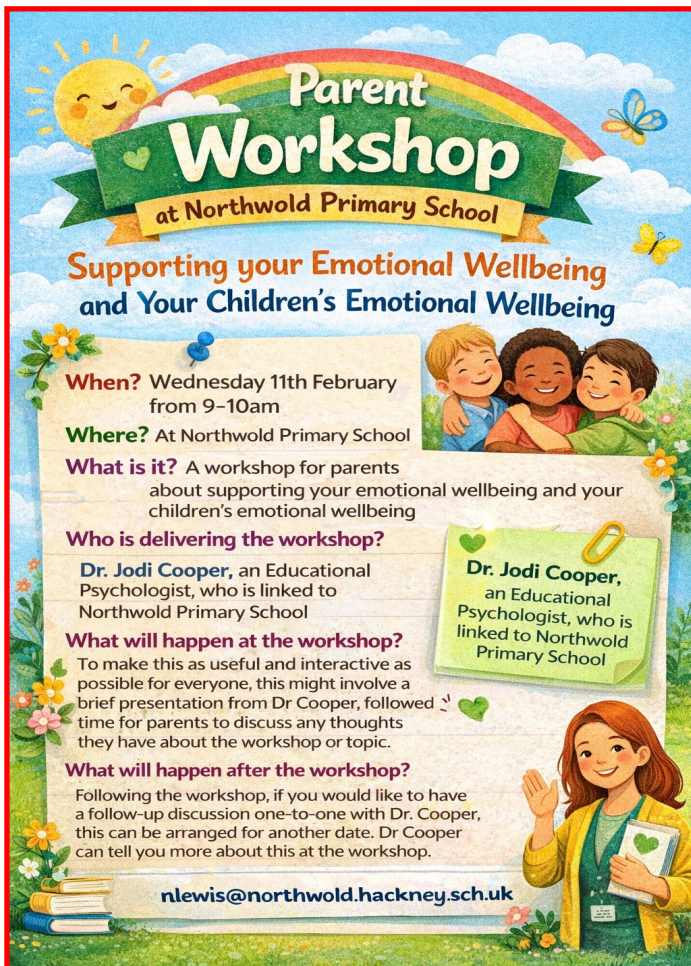
Congratulations!

Nursery	(Elm 1) Nyla	(Elm 2) Huy
Reception	(Sycamore) Boluwatife	(Ash) Ayla
Year 1	(Redwood) Maliya	
Year 2	(Pine) Harper	
Year 3	(Elder) Khaalid	(Teak) Elisa
Year 4	(Cedar) Kiara	(Hawthorn) Sophia F.
Year 5	(Beech) Nova	(Hazel) Vincent
Year 6	(Juniper) Kerem	(Maple) Aklecıya

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 4

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Pasta in Tomato Sauce (G, V)	Peri-peri Chicken (G)	Lamb Tagine (G, MU)	Roast Chicken with Gravy (G, MU)	Cod Fish Fingers Battered Cod Fingers (F)
Vegetarian Choice	Falafel Wrap (V)	Cheese & Potato Whirls (G, V, MU, E, MK)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll (G, V)	Vegetable slices (G, MK, MU)	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans (MK)
Alternative Choice	Lentil Dhal Curry with Naan (V, G, MK)	Cod Fish Cakes (F, G)	Spinach & Chickpea Curry (V)	Vegetable Spring Roll (GF)	Cheese & Egg Flan (G, E, MK)
Sides	Bread Naan Bread (G, MK, E)	Bread Diced Potatoes (G, MK)	Homemade Bread Couscous (G, MK)	Bread Yorkshire Pudding (G, MK)	Homemade Bread Oven Chips (G, MK)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Julienne Carrots Green Cabbage	Baked Beans
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Apple Crumble with Custard Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Fresh Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Cheese & Biscuits 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				



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

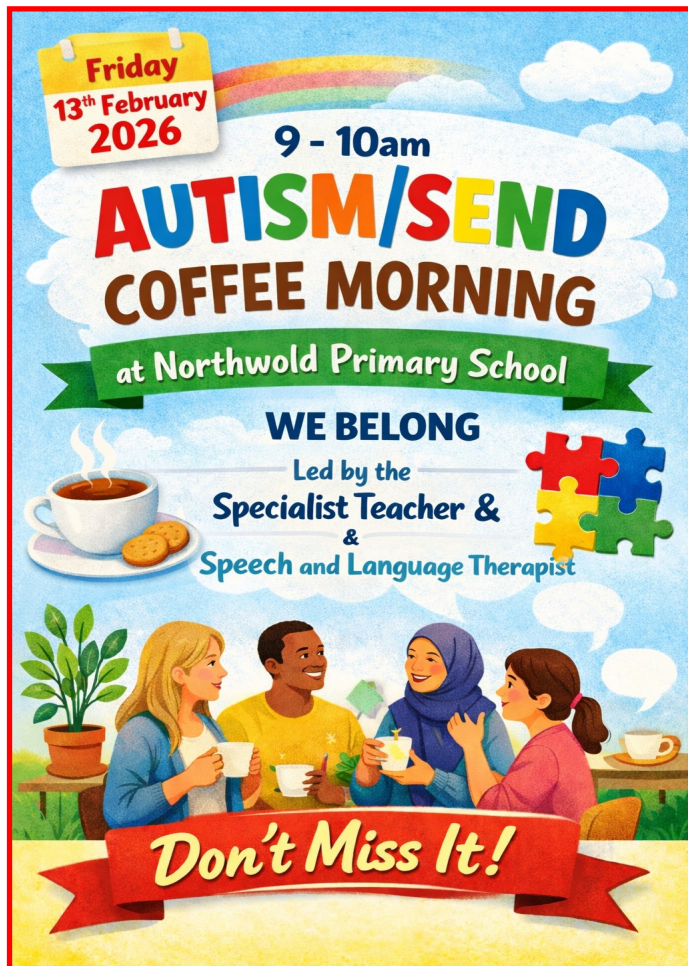
What is it? A workshop for parents about supporting your emotional wellbeing and your children's emotional wellbeing

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.

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Friday 13th February 2026 9 - 10am

AUTISM/SEND COFFEE MORNING

at Northwold Primary School

WE BELONG

Led by the Specialist Teacher & Speech and Language Therapist

Don't Miss It!

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 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.

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 for further information.

Year 3 Trip—British Museum

Year 3 had an exciting and educational trip to the British Museum to learn more about Ancient Egyptians.

During the visit, the class explored the Ancient Egyptian galleries and saw many fascinating artefacts that helped them understand what life was like thousands of years ago. One of the most interesting artefacts was a mummy, which showed how Ancient Egyptians prepared bodies for the afterlife.

The children asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed sketching some sketches of one artefacts they saw. Overall, the trip was a memorable experience that deepened their curiosity for history.



Year 5 Trip—Kensington Palace

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Kensington Palace learning about British royal history through interactive sessions focused on Queen Victoria and also enjoyed examining historical objects and sensory stories to further understand the history of monarchs.



Art Work

Please see below some of our amazing work from our students this term.

