



# NORTHWOLD PRIMARY

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

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	<b>92.2%</b>

**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**

26<sup>th</sup> January - 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 INSET day
- 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

## 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.

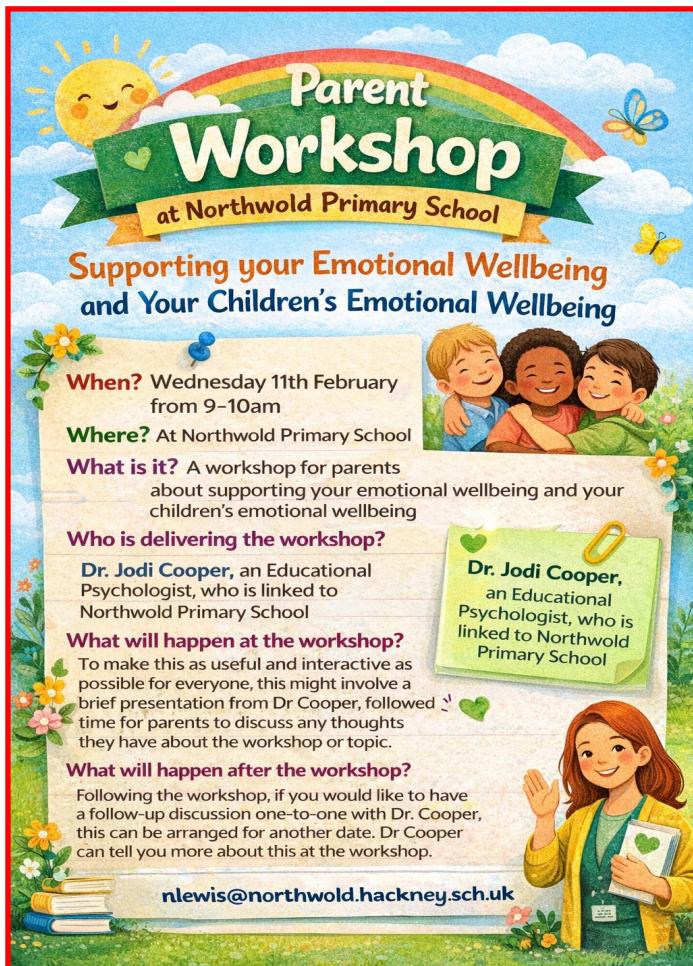
**Congratulations!**

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

## What is on the menu next week?

## Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 4

	Monday <b>MEAT FREE MONDAY</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Meat Choice</b>	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)
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	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)
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	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)
<b>Sides</b>	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)
<b>Vegetables</b>	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Julienne Carrots Green Cabbage	Baked Beans
<b>Dessert Choice</b>	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)
<b>Dietary Information</b>	<b>Fresh salad served daily - All our meat is Halal</b> 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

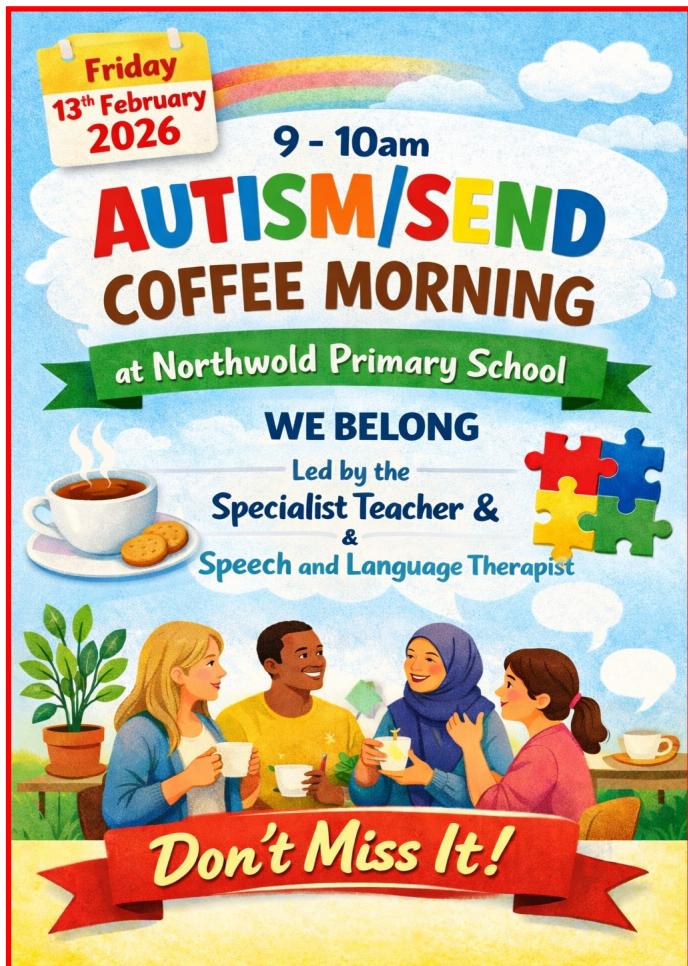
**What is it?** A workshop for parents about supporting your emotional wellbeing and your children's emotional wellbeing

**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!

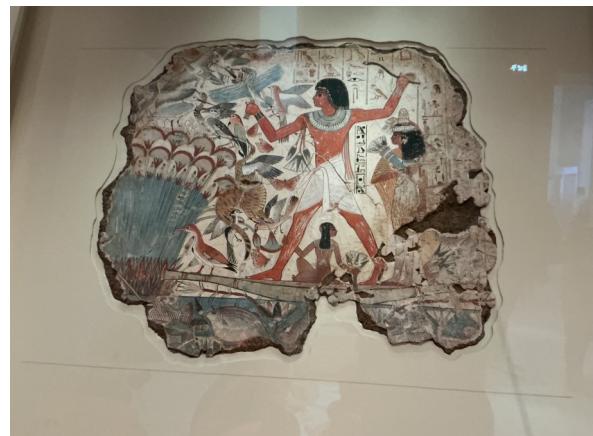
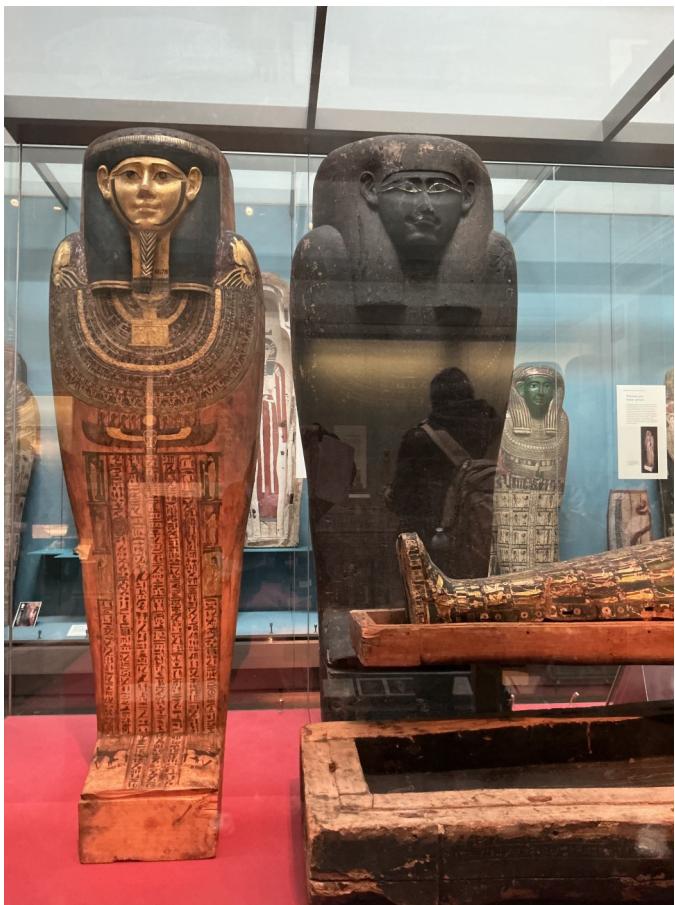
We still have spaces in Nursery for 2 and 3 - year old children. Part time or full-time applications are welcomed. Please contact the school office or email [office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk) for further information.

## 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.

