



Dear Parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone at Northwold Primary – I trust you had a good summer. I'd also like to welcome our new reception parents and families new to the school. I am sure that your children will have a happy and successful school career here with us. We have a busy term ahead - I look forward to meeting everyone at our many events.

This term we say good-bye to Samantha Castrillo, our office manager for the last year. We would like to thank for her hard work and commitment to the school over the last 2 terms. We wish her well in her future endeavours. We'd like to also welcome back Shaída Kharwa, someone you will all know very well. Shaída will be returning to the role of office manager at Northwold. We look forward to seeing her back from Monday!

Today children have elected pupil voice representatives for the various pupil groups in the school: School Council, Learning Council, Lunch Bunch, and Eco-Warriors. Prefects and playground advocates have also been elected. In electing their representatives, the children learn about one of our British Values: Democracy. Their voice and feedback is vital in the direction of the school.

Next week, Friday 11th September, will also see our first charity event of the year, Dahlicious Day – in support of Roald Dahl's charity. Children are invited to come in dressed as a Roald Dahl character or wear yellow (his favourite colour) and donate £1 towards the charity, which provides specialist nurses for seriously ill children.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Warmest regards,

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher

Important Update Regarding Mobile Phone Policy

As a result of the new national school guidance that has recently come out, our school will be a completely smart device-free environment from Friday 4th September.

Effective from Friday 4th September, the following rules will apply:

1. Smart Devices Are Prohibited

- **No smartphones or smart devices** (including smartwatches with cellular/messaging capabilities) may be brought onto school premises under any circumstances.



2. Travel To and From School ('Brick Phones' Only)

We understand that many parents wish for their children to carry a phone for safety reasons while traveling to and from school.

- If your child requires a phone for their journey, they may only bring a basic '**brick phone**' (a feature phone with call and SMS text functionality only—no internet, app access, or camera capability).
- Upon arrival at school, pupils must immediately take their basic phone to the **school office**, where it will be securely stored until the end of the school day.
- Phones must be handed in before the morning registration and collected promptly at dismissal.

3. Contacting Your Child During the School Day

If you need to reach your child urgently during school hours, please contact the main school office directly.

Our administrative staff will ensure messages are communicated to your child.

4. Medical Exceptions

In line with national guidelines, exceptions will be made for pupils who require smart technology to monitor documented medical conditions (e.g., continuous glucose monitors). If this applies to your child, they will have a formal plan in place.



Diary Dates

September

7th Reception Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm

8th Y2 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm

10th Y6 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm

11th Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day
Y1 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm

14th Y3 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm

15th Y4 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm

16th Y2 & Y5 Fire Brigade Visit

17th Photography and Art Exhibition
Y5 Curriculum Meetings 9-10am
Online 7:00-7:45pm

18th Jeans for Genes Day

25th Interschool Water Colour/Sketching
Competition Y3-6

Phonics Coffee Morning—Reception 9-10am

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee
Morning

29th Reception Bring your Parent to School
9-10am

**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

Communication

Communication with our parents is key. The weekly newsletter and school website (<https://www.northwoldschool.com/>) are the key tools for communication. We also send out text reminders for events in the calendar, giving you at least a two week notice period where possible. Our aim is to present information in an orderly and timely manner to clarify or remind parents of diary dates.

- **Mondays** is office communication day to remind parents of upcoming events in the diary.
- **Tuesdays** is teachers' communication day – teachers will remind parents of trips and events or inform parents of resources needed in school for performances etc.
- **Wednesdays** - Phase leaders' communication regarding school policy or procedures.
- **Thursdays** – Leadership information to parents, intended to stand out from the newsletter.
 - **Fridays** - Newsletter & office letters



Steps to resolving concerns

There will be times when you need a concern resolved. For clarity, we have steps to support you.

Step 1 - The first person to contact is your child's class teacher. If the concern is not resolved satisfactorily then move on to step 2.

Step 2 - Your child's Phase leader is the next step, depending on the phase.

EYFS (Nursery & Reception) – Ms Chalmers

Middle Phase (years 1, 2 & 3) - Mr Williams

Upper Phase (years 4, 5 & 6) - Ms Chalmers (interim)

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 3.

Step 3 - Contact the Deputy Head Teacher – Mr Acharya

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 4.

Step 4 – Contact the Headteacher – Ms Chalmers

If the concern remains unresolved, move onto step 5.

Step 5 – Contact Dr Maureen Okoye OBE

Please note that we also have our complaints procedure on the website which can be found in the communication section of the parent's tab on the website.

Clubs

Many of you signed up for clubs at the end of last term. You'll be receiving letters to let you know if your child has been granted a place. If they have been successful, we look forward to seeing them from next week. Please ensure that your child attends their club each week to keep their place.

We will also be sending out letters informing parents of clubs with vacancies. If you'd like to take up one of these spaces, please complete the reply slip. Places will be given on a first come first served basis. Please note that if your child is not successful on this occasion, they will join the waiting list for next term.



Open Events at Hackney Secondary

Schools in 2026

Please see the link below detailing Open Mornings and Evenings in Hackney for Y5 students transitioning from primary to secondary in September 2027.

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

Curriculum Meetings

Next week, there will be parent curriculum meetings from 9-10am for Reception (7th), Year 2 (8th), Year 6 (10th), and Year 1 (12th).

This is an opportunity for parents to hear about what their children will be learning, we look forward to seeing you then. We will also run the sessions online at 7pm for those who cannot make it in person.

Please use the link below. Monday, 7 September · 7:00 – 7:30pm Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/ujj-sknd-odw>

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App Support

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.

Class Allocations for 2026-27

Please see below the class teacher allocations for the next academic year, including our dedicated support staff. We are delighted to share the team who will be working with your children and look forward to another successful year of learning and growth together.

Year Group	Class Teacher	Class
2 Year Old's	Mrs K Kaur	2 Year Old's
Nursery	Ms Turvey Ms Brown	Elm
Reception	Ms Clarke Ms Auguste	Maple
Year 1	Ms Lewis Ms Choudhury	Sycamore
	Ms Vesey	Ash
Year 2	Ms Adi-Dako Ms Serieux	Redwood
Year 3	Mr Williams Mrs S Kaur Ms Drury	Pine
Year 4	Ms Mehmoood	Teak
	Ms Pektas Ms Lewis	Elder
Year 5	Ms Cassim Ms Jordan	Cedar
Year 6	Ms Brown Mr Whitelocke Ms Esbrand	Beech
	Mrs Rawat	Hazel

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LIBERTY'S OWL RAPTOR AND REPTILE CENTRE



LULWORTH COVE DURDLE DOOR AND CORFE CASTLE



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