

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had the inter school debating challenges – held across all 4 schools. It is always stiff competition! This term the children were debating the following topics, which linked to their learning across the curriculum.

Year 6: Rules are necessary for society

Year 5: Local jobs should only be for local people

Year 4: Water should be free

Year 3: Stealing can be justified

All children who took part did extremely well. The winners were as follows:

Year 5

Yesterday the parent council met to review the art, PE and computing curriculum and see it in action. They visited a Y1 PE lesson and a Y5 Art lesson and were able to note the impact of the curriculum implementation. We also had the opportunity look at children's art sketch books and learned how the curriculum was structured. If you are interested in joining the parent council, please do make contact via the school office.

Next week Monday (9th February) the Arbor Trust Choir will be performing at the Stratford and East London Music Festival. The choir is made up of pupils from all four schools in the trust who demonstrate exceptionality in singing. We wish them well in the competition.

Next week we continue with the one-page profile meetings. Ms Lewis will be contacting parents to arrange a suitable time to review your child's profile. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress over the term and to raise any questions that you may have.

I hope you have a lovely week end,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher



Diary Dates

February

9th One page Profile meetings with Teachers & Parents of Years 4, 5 & 6

Children's Mental Health Week

10th Reception Trip to Young V&A

Y5 Micro Musical

12th Y3 Micro Musical

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

Y2 Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

14th Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Day!

16th **Half Term**

25th Y2 Djembe Drumming Workshop

26th Spelling Bee

Chinese & Lunar New Year Reception Assembly, parents are welcome to attend

27th Y1 Visit from London Transport Museum

Interschool Sport—Rugby

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!

10th Y4 Trip to Sikh Temple

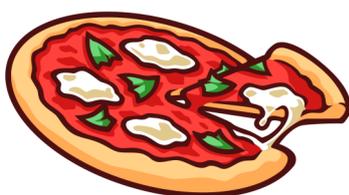
12th Interschool Championship Spelling Bee

Class Attendance W/E 2/02/2026

Well done to **Year 6 Juniper** with the highest attendance last week. They had **99.2%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	78.8%
N Elm 2	86.0%
RC Ash	93.0%
RC Sycamore	97.0%
Y1 Redwood	94.8%
Y2 Pine	95.1%
Y3 Elder	90.3%
Y3 Teak	96.1%
Y4 Cedar	97.2%
Y4 Hawthorn	92.1%
Y5 Beech	95.7%
Y5 Hazel	94.1%
Y6 Juniper	99.2%
Y6 Maple	98.0%
Grand Total	94.6%

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



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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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/>

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 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.

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

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.

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) Bilal	(Elm 2) Ibrahim
Reception	(Sycamore) Royal	(Ash) Harry
Year 1	(Redwood) Eniola	
Year 2	(Pine) Nza	
Year 3	(Elder) Sophia	(Teak) Jamaal
Year 4	(Cedar) Lauren	(Hawthorn) Nina
Year 5	(Beech) Twana	(Hazel) Yasmin
Year 6	(Juniper) Zahraa	(Maple) Chaise

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 1

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Homemade Vegetable Pizza (G, MK)	Chicken & Vegetable Lasagne (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)	Vegan Sausage Roll (G, V)	Vegetable Chow Mein (G, E, SO, V)	Cheese or Tuna Wrap with Salad (G, MK, MU, F, E)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (MK)
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
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Iced Sponge 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	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				

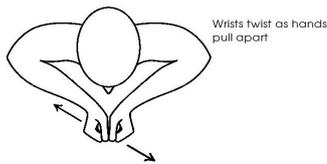
SEND CORNER

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.



Sport



Sport

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.

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 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!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

THIS IS MY PLACE

FEBRUARY 9-15, 2026

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR!

"Your mind matters. Your voice matters. This is your place."

Lunch Bunch

During their recent meeting, the Lunch Bunch spent time discussing why healthy eating is so important for growing bodies and active minds. They talked about how making balanced food choices can help improve energy levels, concentration, and overall wellbeing throughout the school day. Together, they explored what a healthy packed lunch looks like, sharing ideas such as including fresh fruit and vegetables, wholegrains, protein like eggs, beans or lean meats, and limiting sugary snacks and drinks.

The group also delivered an assembly to Years 4, 5 and 6, where they explained different nutrients such as carbohydrates for energy, protein for growth and repair, and vitamins and minerals for staying healthy, along with examples of foods that provide each nutrient. The assembly helped other pupils understand how simple food choices can support both learning and health.

Have a look at these two examples they created.



School Choir Triumphs in Trust Wide Competition

On Friday 30th January 2026, our school choir took part in a singing competition involving schools from across the trust. The event was hosted at Selwyn Primary School and showcased an impressive range of musical talent.

We are delighted to share that our choir emerged victorious. Their confident performance and beautiful singing earned them first place, and they proudly returned with the winning trophy.

A huge congratulations to all the children involved. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievement.

