

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you have had a good week.

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book character yesterday, celebrating World Book Day. Children all took home a book token, which they can use to buy a book at a discounted price.

Well done to the children who took part in yesterday's music concert. Having an opportunity to perform is a key part of learning an instrument and being part of the choir. Thank you to the parents who supported the performance.

We have quite a few things coming up over the next three weeks. Our Spelling Bee teams will be competing in the termly Spelling Bee inter-school competition next Thursday. We wish them luck.

On 13th March, we have our annual Mother's Day breakfast and assemblies. We hope to see you there.

9:00 Breakfast in the lower hall

9:25 Y1-Y3 Assembly (middle hall)

9:30 Reception and Nursery Card making in class

9:50 Y4 – Y6 Assembly (upper hall)

We will be wearing red from head to toe for Red Nose Day on the 18th March. This aligns with the Upper Phase NW has Got Talent show. We will be collecting £1 to wear red, raising funds for this very worthwhile charity which aims to end poverty for children in the UK and around the world.

To support our fundraising, children will be taking part in a talent show - Northwold has Got Talent! Auditions will take place next week and the finalists will be performing on 17th March (Y1-Y3) and 18th March (Y4-Y6). Parents of the finalists are invited to watch the concert.

The 20th March is World Poetry Day – the children will be learning poems and reciting them in phase assemblies on the day. Please support this by helping your child to learn their poem at home.

Lots to look forward to over the next few weeks!

Have a lovely week-end,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers  
Headteacher

## Science Coffee Morning

Please join us for a parent coffee morning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This session, led by Ms Rawat, is an opportunity to find out ways to support your child with science and science investigations at home.



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## Red Nose Day

We will be **selling Red Noses** after school today and early next week.

We are **celebrating Red Nose Day** on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Please wear red from head to toe and your red nose on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

We will collect £1 for Red Nose Day Charity, which aims to end poverty for all children.



## Easter Bonnet Parade

How can you help?

We are looking for donations for prizes in the raffle at the Easter Bonnet Parade and for donations of cakes and eats to sell on the day. We would really appreciate it if you could support our Friends of Northwold in making this event a big success! All donations can be left with the school office.

Thank you for your support!





## Diary Dates

### March

- 10th Y4 Trip to Sikh Temple  
Y6 Trip to Tower of London, Crime & Punishment
- 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  
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/>

## 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.



## World Book Day!

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! Students arrived dressed as their favourite book characters, showcasing some truly amazing and creative costumes. It was wonderful to see the excitement for reading across the school as we shared stories and celebrated the joy of books together.



## Class Attendance W/E 02/03/2026

Well done to **Year 4 Cedar** with the highest attendance last week. They had 100% attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	77.3%
N Elm 2	89.2%
RC Ash	86.0%
RC Sycamore	96.5%
Y1 Redwood	99.4%
Y2 Pine	96.5%
Y3 Elder	98.2%
Y3 Teak	94.8%
Y4 Cedar	100.0%
Y4 Hawthorn	98.9%
Y5 Beech	99.0%
Y5 Hazel	93.4%
Y6 Juniper	96.2%
Y6 Maple	99.2%
Grand Total	<b>95.9%</b>

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



## 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 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.

## Charity Leads—Making A Difference!

Our Charity leads have already done a phenomenal job raising funds for some incredible causes. Between Pyjama Day, Culture Day, and Number Day, they have raised a total of **£297.01!**

Who is going to take the top spot? Year 6 Juniper has set a very impressive record of £126.90 to beat.



## 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.



## 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 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

## What's coming up?



JOIN US FOR

# Mother's Day Breakfast

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 9AM

Celebrating the love, care and support you give everyday, followed by a short assembly and card making session for Reception & Nursery.

Y1-3 Assembly 9:25am  
Y4-6 Assembly 9:45am  
Reception & Nursery Card-Making 9:30-10:15am

Please confirm attendance via the School Office.



JOIN US FOR A

# SCIENCE COFFEE MORNING

LOOKING AT SCIENCE AT HOME INVESTIGATIONS,  
SHARING STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT SCIENCE  
LEARNING AT HOME.

20 MARCH | 9AM  
NORTHWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL



**RED NOSE DAY: MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> 2026!**

## DRESS RED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WEAR YOUR RED NOSE!

RED NOSE HQ

AND DONATE £1!

JOIN RED!

JOIN THE FUN!

SUPPORT COMIC RELIEF ON RED NOSE DAY

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026  
#RedNoseDay2026 #DressRed #ComicRelief

## Northwold Got Talent

We will be having our Red Nose Day Fundraiser taking place on the following days:

17th March: Y1-3

18th March: Y4-6

Parents of finalists are invited to attend from 1:30-3:00pm.

## Red Nose Day—Wednesday 18th March

Students are welcome to come dressed in red on Wednesday 18th March.

## 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) Rose	(Elm 2) Zianna
Reception	(Sycamore) Inayah	(Ash) Mayar
Year 1	(Redwood) Yaser	
Year 2	(Pine) Keyon	
Year 3	(Elder) Zanya	(Teak) Shikiye
Year 4	(Cedar) Chloe	(Hawthorn) Barriya
Year 5	(Beech) Blake	(Hazel) Sherifat
Year 6	(Juniper) Rafaely	(Maple) Danyaal

## 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				

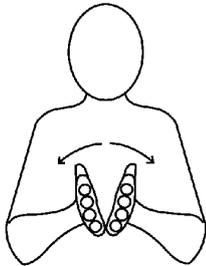
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## Sign of the Week

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.



Book



Book

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.

## 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](http://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](http://ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk) (search: Talking Tuesdays)

**You are not alone—support and community are available.**



## Easter Bonnet Parade

We are excited to announce that our Easter Bonnet Parade will be taking place on Wednesday 25 March!

This is always a lovely event where the children can showcase their creativity and celebrate the Easter season together. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and enjoy the parade.

Children are invited to create and wear their own Easter bonnets to school for the parade. There will also be a bonnet competition, with prizes awarded for a variety of fun categories such as creativity, colour, and originality.

To help make the competition extra special, we would be very grateful for any prize donations from parents and carers. Small items such as Easter treats, chocolates, craft kits, or small toys would be greatly appreciated.