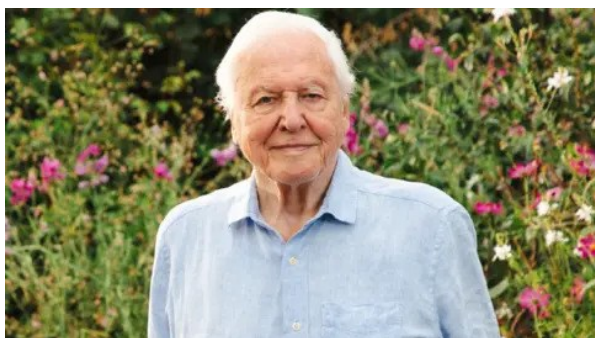


Dear Parents and carers,

"It's surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth."



Sir David Attenborough

Today in school, we took a moment to pause and celebrate a very special milestone: the birthday of Sir David Attenborough. As an advocate of natural history and a voice for our planet, Sir David's work is deeply woven into our curriculum to foster curious, responsible global citizens. We didn't just want to mark the date; we wanted to celebrate the incredible legacy he continues to build.

We joined students across the country for a live online assembly dedicated to Sir David's life, from his early days at the BBC to his role as a global advocate for the environment. Classes also watched a curated selection of "Attenborough Highlights"—ranging from his famous encounter with mountain gorillas to the breath-taking deep-sea footage from Blue Planet and his immense contributions to our understanding of climate change and biodiversity. Sir David is more than just a narrator; he is a source of inspiration for our Science and Geography curriculum. By studying his work, our pupils learn about the Interconnectedness of Life: understanding how every species, no matter how small, plays a vital role in our ecosystem. We are incredibly proud of how thoughtfully the students engaged with these big topics today. It's clear that the next generation of naturalists and conservationists is well on its way!

Next week is the start of our KS2 SATs. Our Year 6 pupils will be completing their end of primary school assessments. We wish them all the best of luck – they have been working so hard towards these tests and we know they will all do their best.

Breakfast will be available for all Year 6 pupils next week at school – we look forward to seeing you at 8:15am for a calm and relaxed start to the day.

On Friday 15th May, we will be hosting our RSHE meeting for Y1, Y2 and Y3. This is an opportunity for you to see what your children will be learning about over the next half term and we will be able to answer any questions or queries that you may have. All parents of children in those year groups are invited. On the 22nd May, we will host a meeting for Y4-Y6 parents, where the content of the RSHE curriculum for summer 2 will be shared with you. This is a key part of our safeguarding policy and our PHSE curriculum. While the majority of the curriculum is compulsory and we recommend that children take part in all learning, parents will be notified of lessons that they may request to opt out from. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, a reminder to our parent council members, we will be meeting on the 21st May to look at the RE and PSHE curriculum. We hope to see you there.

I hope that you have a restful weekend – we look forward to seeing you back at school next week.

Kind Regards

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Northwold Parent Survey Summer 2026

We are always looking for ways to improve and provide the best possible experience for our students and families. To support this, we would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our short survey.

The survey is completely anonymous and is designed to gather your honest feedback on what is working well and where we can make improvements. Your input is incredibly valuable and will help guide our future decisions.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

[Northwold Parent Survey Summer 2026](#)



Diary Dates

May

11-15 **KS2 SATs**

12th Reception Trip to National Gallery

13th Y4 Trip to Ragged School

14th Debating Challenge

15th Coffee Morning 9-10am

18th **Nursery/Reception Sports Day**

21st Parent Council 9-10am

22nd Interschool Art Gallery Showcase

Debating Challenge Semi-Finals

Coffee Morning RSHE Y4. Y5. Y6 9:15-10:00

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

25th Half Term

27th Eid (TBC)

June

1st Y6 Trip to Thames Explorer

4th Interschool Champions League Debate

Y1 Trip to Southend

5th World Environment Day

Y6 Meeting—Residential Trip

Interschool Crickets Competition

9th Y2 Trip to East London Synagogue

10th Y5 Cambridge University Workshop

11th Nursery & Reception Ark Farm Workshop

16th Y3 & 6 Violin Class Assembly 9:30am

Nursery Trip to London Zoo

17th Y2 Trip to Royal Greenwich Observatory

18th Y4 & 5 Ukulele Class Assembly 9:30am

19th Father's Day Breakfast 9am

Father's Day Sports 9:30-10:30am

June

24th Y4 & 6 Bring your Parent to School 9-10am

25th **Sports Day 9:30-11:30 Morning Heats,
1:30-3:00pm Afternoon Heats—Parents
welcome**

26-29 Y6 Residential Trip

29th Y5 Prefect Elections Campaigns begin

30th Y4 Trip to Young V&A

July

2nd Spelling Bee

Parent's Evening

3rd Reception Parents Meeting for September
Reception students

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Citizenship Award Nominations close

7th Leaver's Production 2pm & 6pm—Parents
welcome

9th Parent Council

Arbor Spelling Bee

Music Concert for Parents 4-5pm

9-10 Induction Days

10th Class Swap 11:00am

Coffee Morning

Friends of Northwold Summer Fayre

15th Y1 Micro Musical

16th Citizenship Awards Ceremony

Attendance Lunch

17th Y6 Leaver's Disco

Y6 Prefect Election

20th Leaver's Assembly 9:30-10:30am—Parents
welcome

Class Parties 11-2pm

School closes at 2pm

**Please check the calendar on our
website [https://
www.northwoldschool.com/](https://www.northwoldschool.com/)**

School Term dates 2025 -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

PE Summer Days

Please find the PE dates for this term below:

- Year 1:** Wednesday
Year 2: Thursday
Year 3: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 4: Monday & Wednesday
Year 5 (Beech): Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 5 (Hazel): Tuesday & Friday
Year 6 : Wednesday & Friday

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		Year 1		
			Year2	
	Year 3	Year 3		
Year 4		Year 4		
	Year 5 Beech	Year 5 Beech		
Year 5 Hazel		Year 5 Hazel		
		Year 6		Year 6

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

Class Attendance W/E 27/04/2026

Well done to **2 Year Old's, Ash & Maple** with the highest attendance last week. They had **100%**

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	100.0%
N Elm 2	91.2%
RC Ash	100.0%
RC Sycamore	93.0%
Y1 Redwood	98.5%
Y2 Pine	95.8%
Y3 Elder	94.7%
Y3 Teak	98.7%
Y4 Cedar	97.6%
Y4 Hawthorn	98.9%
Y5 Beech	93.0%
Y5 Hazel	92.1%
Y6 Juniper	97.9%
Y6 Maple	100.0%
Grand Total	96.3%

attendance.

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



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 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.

Parking Reminder for Parents

We kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines or directly outside the front of the school. These restrictions are in place to keep our pupils safe and to ensure clear visibility for everyone.

Parking in these areas can create hazards for children, other road users, and our neighbours. We ask that you use designated parking areas or park a short distance away and walk to the school where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for our school community.

Caught Being Kind

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

Congratulations!

ZaNursery	(Elm 1) Bilal	(Elm 2) Samirah
Reception	(Sycamore) Inayah	(Ash) Aaryan
Year 1	(Redwood) Huma	
Year 2	(Pine) Hatice	
Year 3	(Elder) Kylah	(Teak) Gabriela
Year 4	(Cedar) Imaan	(Hawthorn) Jadiyah
Year 5	(Beech) Hanna	(Hazel) Alexis
Year 6	(Juniper) Issandry	(Maple) Zainab

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 (wholemeal) (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)	Lentil Wellington DL (G, V)	Vegetable Chow Mein (G, SO, V)	Cheese or Tuna Wrap with Salad (G, MK, MU, F, E)	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna (MK, F)
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 Peas
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Plain yoghurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Iced Sponge with Custard Plain 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

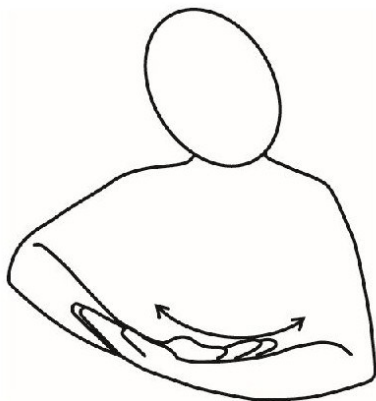
Learning a new sign each week helps everyone in our setting become more confident in using

Makaton, making our environment more inclusive and supportive for all children.

You are welcome to practise the sign at home too! We will share the sign each week so you can join in.



Baby



Baby

If you need anymore information, please feel free to contact.

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

Ambitious about Autism—Talking Tuesdays

Free webinar series for parents and carers.

- Practical advice
- Expert guidance
- Opportunities to ask questions

ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk (search: Talking Tuesdays)

You are not alone—support and community are available.

Summer Trips

Please see below the upcoming trips taking place this Summer Term.

Payments can be made through the MCAS app.

Class	Trip	Date
Nursery	Ark & Farm Workshop	Thursday 11 June
	London Zoo	Tuesday 16 June
Reception	National Gallery	Tuesday 12 May
	Ark & Farm Workshop (onsite)	Thursday 11 June
Y1	South End	Thursday 4 June
Y2	East London Synagogue	Tuesday 9 June
	Royal Greenwich Observatory	Wednesday 17 June
Y3	The Market at Roman Verulamium	Thursday 7 May
Y4	Ragged School	Wednesday 13 May
	Young V&A	Tuesday 30 June
Y5	Cambridge University Workshop (onsite)	Wednesday 10 June
Y6	Thames Explorer	Monday 1 June
	Osmington Bay Residential	Friday 26 June—Monday 29 June

Book Fair

Wednesday 13 May to Tuesday 20 May

We're excited to be hosting our upcoming Book Fair, running from Wednesday 13 May to Tuesday 20 May. A wide range of books will be available for all ages and interests, making it a great opportunity to encourage a love of reading.



SCHOLASTIC  **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

GO ALL IN.
National Year of Reading 2026

Excelsior Academy Visit for Year 5 Families

We are pleased to welcome representatives from The Excelsior Academy who will be visiting our school to speak with Year 5 pupils and parents on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 9:00am.

The session will provide an opportunity to learn more about the transition to secondary school, daily life at the academy, the curriculum, enrichment opportunities, and the admissions process. Parents and pupils will also have the chance to ask questions and meet members of the academy team.

We encourage all Year 5 families to attend this informative session as you begin to consider secondary school options for September 2027.



Key Stage 2

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

🔥 MAKE SOME NOISE & FIND YOUR VOICE!
Trust-Wide Music Clubs for Year 3 to Y6

🥁 TRUST SAMBA BAND
High-energy, loud, and rhythmic!
Play authentic Brazilian drums
Perform at festivals, huge concerts, parades, and competitions.
When and where: Tuesdays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Selwyn Primary School
Cost: £50 per term

🎵 TRUST CHOIR
Meet new friends and perform at big events!
When and where: Thursdays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Northwold Primary School
Cost: FREE!

Contact: caroline.rawlinson@arboracademytrust.co.uk

Y6 SATs: Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May

As you will be aware the SATs are National Tests, with all Year 6 children in England, Wales and Northern Ireland sitting the tests on the same day.

It is essential that your child arrives promptly at 8:30am during this week as we traditionally provide breakfast for the children.

SATs Timetable:

Monday 11th May	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests
Tuesday 12th May	English Reading Test
Wednesday 13th May	Mathematics Arithmetic Test (Paper 1)
	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2)
Thursday 14th May	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3)

Interschool Netball Competition

Congratulations to all participating schools for their outstanding effort and commitment. A special mention goes to our finalists, whose skill and perseverance made for a thrilling championship game.

Y3 & 4: Northwold—2nd place

Y5 & 6: Northwold—4th place



Sprint Test Challenge

Following our Speed Bounce Challenge, where student were required to jump over a line of cones from side to side as many times as possible in 30 seconds—we will be having a Sprint Test. If any students are interested in participating, please see Mr Frimpong at break or lunchtime before the half term.

Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's Birthday

This week, we created beautiful birthday cards to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough.

Inspired by his love of nature and wildlife, the children designed colourful cards filled with thoughtful messages, animal drawings, and facts about the environment.

