

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring term – it is always a busy term and this year proves to be no other. We have some exciting trips planned for the children, that align with what they will be learning in class. Letters regarding dates and costs will be sent to parents soon, we ask that you return the permission slips at your earliest convenience.

Next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, we have an e-safety coffee morning at school. We look forward to seeing you there for this informative session. Being online is an integral part of children's lives through social media, online games, websites and apps. The internet and online technology provides new opportunities for young people's learning and growth, but it can also expose them to new types of risks. E-safety is a fundamental part of our school's safeguarding measures – being well-informed will help protect your children. We hope to see you there!

Communication between parents and the school is key. Below are the emails of staff that can be contacted if you have questions or concerns that cannot be answered by your child's teacher.

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Have a restful week end,

Kind regards,

Bronwen Chalmers



## Diary Dates

### January

- 16th E-safety coffee morning
- 20th Young Voices Concert at the O2
- 23rd Nursery Parents Coffee Morning
- 30th Literacy Coffee Morning
- 30th Interschool Choir competition

### February

- 2nd One page profile meetings, 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

## 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

**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.

## MEASLES

The school Nursing Team has been informed that there has been a rise in cases of measles in Hackney. Please see attached the information for schools regarding measles; if there are more than two cases in one class then this needs to be reported to public health.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if any support is required.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



### Measles

Measles is a serious disease caused by a very infectious virus. It can be dangerous, especially for babies, young children and pregnant women.

#### Catching measles

Measles spreads easily when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

The virus can stay in the air and on surfaces for up to 2 hours. You can catch measles just by being in a room where an infected person has been, even up to 2 hours after they have left.

A person with measles can spread the infection in the 4 days before they get the rash until 4 days after the rash appears.

#### Symptoms of measles

rash fever loss of appetite sore, red eyes cough

Other early symptoms include sneezing and a runny or blocked nose. A person with measles will feel very unwell. They will have to spend about five days in bed and will be off school or work for around 2 weeks. There is no treatment or cure for measles.

If you think you might have measles, it's important to call your GP surgery. You will need to stay away from other people to avoid spreading the disease.

#### Possible complications

hearing loss blindness pneumonia encephalitis brain damage death

If you get measles when you're pregnant, it could harm your baby. It can cause miscarriage or stillbirth, premature birth, or your baby having a low birthweight.

The measles virus also attacks your immune system, destroying the special white blood cells that react quickly to fight infections you have already had. This means that people who have had measles are more likely to catch other diseases, even ones they have had before. This effect can last up to 3 years after recovering from measles.

#### Measles in numbers

9 out of 10 unvaccinated people will catch measles if they come into contact with an infected person.

1 in 5 people with measles will be admitted to hospital.

1 in 15 children with measles will get one or more complications.

1 in 5,000 people with measles is likely to die.


#### Preventing measles

MMR vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Everyone needs two doses, ideally given at 1 year old and at 3 years 4 months old. The MMR vaccine also protects against mumps and rubella.

The MMR vaccine works very well. After 2 doses, 99% of people will be protected against measles.


The vaccine is free for everyone. If you or your child missed a dose, contact your GP surgery to catch up. You are never too old to have the vaccine.

#### More about measles




(nhs.uk)

#### More about the MMR vaccine



(nhs.uk)

#### Measles case numbers



(gov.uk)

This is not a diagnostic tool. If you think your child might have measles, call your GP surgery or 111 right away.  
Developed by NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board.

## **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 1/12/2025

Well done to **Year 4 Cedar** with the highest attendance last week. They had **93.68%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	95.24%
N Elm 2	91.04%
RC Ash	82.50%
RC Sycamore	91.00%
Y1 Redwood	93.64%
Y2 Pine	93.23%
Y3 Elder	91.18%
Y3 Teak	89.55%
Y4 Cedar	93.68%
Y4 Hawthorn	88.24%
Y5 Beech	90.33%
Y5 Hazel	92.41%
Y6 Juniper	86.96%
Y6 Maple	89.17%
Grand Total	<b>90.55%</b>

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

### 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.



Apple



Take apple to mouth and mime biting it

Apple

### 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

### **Nursery Coffee Morning**

23rd January—Lower Hall

Please join us to learn about how you can support your child's gross and fine motor skill devel-



### Caught Being Kind

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

Nursery	(Elm 1) Rose	(Elm 2) Maarilyahj
Reception	(Sycamore) Scarlett	(Ash) Ayla
Year 1	(Redwood) Aasiya	
Year 2	(Pine) Osan	
Year 3	(Elder) Sophia	(Teak) Savannah
Year 4	(Cedar) Harry	(Hawthorn) Inaaya-Rae
Year 5	(Beech) Blake	(Hazel) Daniel
Year 6	(Juniper) Zahraa	(Maple) Yusuf

### 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				



