

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our Macmillan Cake Sale last week. The money raised will go towards supporting those with cancer, a very worthy cause. Thank you too to those of you who brought in donations for our harvest collection today. We are collecting non-perishable goods over the month of October. Donations can be dropped at the school office or with your child's teacher. We will also be collecting on the gate each Friday over the next 3 weeks. Charity is an important aspect of our school life. Fundraising helps make a positive difference in the lives of others while learning kindness and empathy. Supporting charities helps children understand other people's difficulties - even small donations can help charities provide essential services and support people in need. Through our regular charity events, children learn that they can help their community and contribute to making the world a better place. Thank you to the parents who completed the parent survey – if you have not yet done it, today is your last opportunity, using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/7nGYzbKSVAiPwLr86>

We use the information gathered to improve the school and to improve outcomes for the children – your feedback is valued

Thank you to the parents who attended this morning's coffee morning. I hope it was useful and supported your understanding of how children learn to read and how you can support at home.

Next week our coffee morning is for Nursery parents – we hope to see you there!

I hope you have a lovely week end,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Nursery Parents Coffee Morning

Friday 9th October 2026

9am-10pm

Health Care Plans

Urgent:

If your child has allergies, epilepsy, eczema or asthma you should have been given a care plan at your yearly review. This yearly review takes place with a specialist nurse or doctor. Please hand this in to reception for our team to take a copy.



Northwold Primary School

Nursery Spaces Available

Apply Now!

We still have spaces in Nursery for 2 and 3 year olds.

Part time & full-time applications are welcome

Please contact the school office or email office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk for further information



Northwold Primary School





2025 Results			
Maths	93%	National	74%
Reading	90%	National	75%
Writing	93%	National	72%
Combined	90%	National	62%

“Pupils love learning here and achieve exceptionally well academically, personally and have fantastic new experiences.” – Ofsted 2024



OPEN DAY

7 October 2026

9:30–10:30am

5:00–6:00pm online

[Book your visit](#)

[northwoldschool.com](#)



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growing excellence

Northwold Road,
Hackney,
London E5 8RN

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and Punctuality is key. All children should be in school every day. We want all our children to have 98% attendance or above. This term we will be award pupils with attendance badges for those who come into school every day!

Look out for the GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE badges.

If your child is unable to attend because they are unwell, please contact the school office by 8:30am to let us know. That way, we can authorise the absence. We will contact you if we have not heard from you as part of our safeguarding processes.

Punctuality is also important. Our gates are open from 8:40am for a soft start. Children can attend school from 8:40am and take part in the value of number sessions in class. School officially starts at 8:55am sharp. Any child after this time is marked as late in the register. Children who arrive after 9:25am will get an **unauthorised absence, which will affect your child's attendance**. Please support your children by ensuring that they arrive at school on time.



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	If your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 Days	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	340 Lessons

You must not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please bring your child to school on time so that they do not miss out.
Remember absence = Lost Opportunity

Our Week in Reception

Bring Your Parents to School

Parents enjoyed visiting reception class on Tuesday, where they got the experience some of the learning that children take part in. They enjoyed the food market - cutting their fruit and vegetables and squeezing fresh orange juice. They also learned about autumn colours, created in the art area and took part in many of the engaging outdoor activities.





Diary Dates

October

- 6th Year 4 trip to Walthamstow Wetlands
- 7th New Reception parents Open Day (26/27 Intake) 9.30-10.30am
- 9th Nursery parents coffee morning
- 9th Interschool Sports - Football Y3-6
- 15th Parent Council Meeting - 9.15am-10.30am
- 15th KS2 Interschool champions league debate
- 16th Learning councils to visit Trust Schools
- 16th Flu Immunisations
- 16th Coffee morning
- 22nd Charity Event: Wear it Pink
- 22nd Parents Evening
- 23rd Inset Day—school closed to pupils
- 26/10/26 –30/10/26 Half Term Holiday

November

- 5th Y5 trip to Brunel Museum
- 5th Bonfire Night - Cooking marshmallows around the fire
- 5th Halloween Disco
- 6th Autism awareness coffee morning for parents - 9am-10am
- 6th Flu immunisations
- 6th Interschool Instrumental Music competition
- 11th Remembrance Day Assembly - Year 6 - Parents welcome -11am

Please check the calendar on our website <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

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 & 2) Umar	
Reception	(Maple) Zianna	
Year 1	(Ash) Sapphire	(Sycamore) Royal-Reign
Year 2	(Redwood) Divine	
Year 3	(Pine) Akeem	
Year 4	(Elder) Khalid	(Teak) De'Andre
Year 5	(Cedar) Aamir	
Year 6	(Beech) Abu-Bakr	(Hazel) Hamza

What is on the menu next week?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 4

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Pasta in Tomato Sauce (G, V)	Shepherd's Pie (MK, G)	Lamb Tagine (G, MU)	Roast Chicken with Gravy (G, MU)	Crumbed Cod (F)
Vegetarian Choice	Lentil Dhal Curry with Naan (V, G, MK)	Veggie sausage and homemade wedges (V, G, S)	Vegetable Shepherd's Pie (V, CE, S)	Cheese & Potato Whirls (G, V, MU, E, MK)	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans/Tuna (MK)
Alternative Choice	Vegetable Goulash (V)	Salmon Fish Cakes (F, G)	Spinach & Chickpea Curry (V)	Vegan Spring Roll (G)	Cheese & Egg Flan (G, E, MK)
Sides	Bread Naan Bread (G, MK, E)	Bread Potato Wedges (G, MK)	Homemade Bread Couscous (G, MK)	Bread Yorkshire Pudding (G, MK)	Homemade Bread Oven Chips (G, MK)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Julienne Carrots Green Cabbage	Baked Beans Mushy Peas
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Plain Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Apple Crumble with Custard Plain 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)
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				

Class Attendance W/E 25/09/2026

Well done to **Y5 Cedar** with the highest attendance last week. They had **98.8%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
N Elm	91.4%
RC Maple	93.5%
Y1 Ash	98.4%
Y1 Sycamore	94.7%
Y2 Redwood	98.6%
Y3 Pine	92.8%
Y4 Elder	96.4%
Y4 Teak	97.1%
Y5 Cedar	98.8%
Y6 Beech	93.4%
Y6 Hazel	93.2%
Grand Total	95.5%

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



Have Your Say on Childcare

Hackney Council is calling for urgent action from the Government to make childcare fairer, more affordable and accessible for all families.

We want to hear from parents and carers in Hackney. Tell us about your childcare experiences — what works well, the challenges you face, and what would make the biggest difference to your family.

Whether you use a nursery, childminder, children's centre, family support, or a combination of childcare options, **your experience matters.**

Please share your views by 11 October 2026:

At the end of this period, we will bring the stories together, in an anonymised form, and create a report that will be shared publicly and sent to central government, together with a letter urgently asking for change.

Families can share their experiences online, at <https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-families/fixing-childcare>, or by mailing the Council.



MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App

MCAS is our online portal and app used to monitor your child.

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.



Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-23X3D969> to browse the latest books and order online.

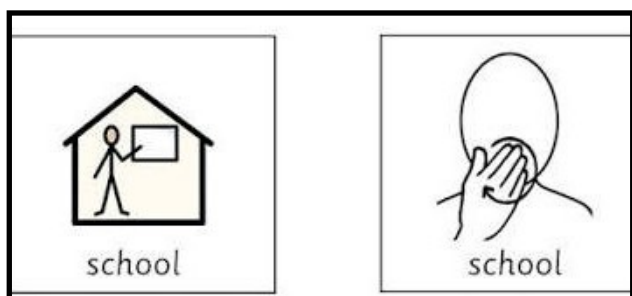
Please place your order online by
October 20th, 2026

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.

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



You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

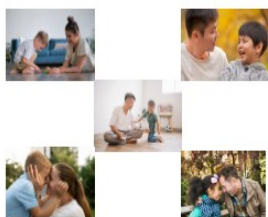
A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website

<https://youarenotalone.community> or you can send an email to

team@youarenotalone.community



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.

Safeguarding Policy

Keeping Our Community Safe: We are committed to providing a safe, welcoming space for all our families. To reflect the latest best practices, we have launched an updated Safeguarding Policy.

You can read the full policy [here](#). If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr. Acharya; and Deputy DSLs: Ms. Chalmers and Mr. Williams.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our children safe.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL 2027

Adventure • Friendship • Challenge • Memories

Could your child be part of the adventure?

Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in an **unforgettable residential experience at PGL Osmington Bay on the beautiful Dorset coast!**

From exciting outdoor challenges to exploring some of Dorset's most spectacular landmarks, this is a week packed with **adventure, team-work, laughter and new experiences.**

The Year 6 residential is a fantastic opportunity for children to **build confidence, develop resilience and independence, overcome challenges and strengthen friendships** before making the exciting move to secondary school.

There will be plenty of opportunities to try something new, support one another and create memories that will last a lifetime!



Open Events at Hackney Secondary Schools in 2026

Please see the link below detailing Open Mornings and Evenings in Hackney for Y6 students transitioning from primary to secondary in September 2027.

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

PE Autumn Days

Please find the PE days for this term below.

Pupils may come to school wearing PE Kit on the days that they have PE.

Year 1:	Monday, Wednesday
Year 2:	Thursday
Year 3:	Tuesday
Year 4:	Monday, Wednesday
Year 5:	Tuesday, Thursday
Year 6:	Wednesday, Friday

School Uniform

White collared shirt
Charcoal grey dropped waist pinafore
Charcoal grey skirt
Charcoal grey trousers
Charcoal grey shorts
Grey tights
Grey headscarves
White socks
Black school shoes
Red school jumper
Red school cardigan
Red school fleece



P.E. kit

White t-shirt
Black P.E. shorts
Black tracksuit bottoms/ top
Black trainers/ plimsolls

