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Northway News



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CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95.9% - Fantastic final attendance percentage!

BEST INFANT CLASSES

98.7% - Y1 Miss Veney

BEST JUNIOR CLASS

99.3% - Y4 Mrs Farrington

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As another school year comes to an end (HOW?!), we reflect on the many wonderful memories we've shared this year and the incredible progress of our children. We wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they begin their next adventure....remember you will always be a part of the Northway family.

Thank you so much to my incredibly dedicated staff for their commitment and care and finally to all of you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you a happy, restful summer and look forward to welcoming you back on 2nd September.

Endless Love and Thanks!



We have a number of staff moving on to new adventures from September. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their incredible support and care at Northway - Good Luck to Miss Holmes, Mrs Mounsey, Mrs Hickey, Miss McGann and Miss Harwood.

In assembly, this week we also said a huge thanks to Mrs McGhee who steps down as Deputy Headteacher

at the end of this school year. Thank-you so much for your dedication to Northway as a senior leader for 17 years. We wish you much happiness as you remain in your role as class teacher with us. Finally- wishing Mrs Clare the very best love, rest and enjoyment in her retirement. After 26 years at the helm with us, it's time for you to enjoy a well-earned break!

End of Summer Term Awards

Huge congratulations to our end of term award winners. We are all extremely proud of why you were chosen. Every day you have demonstrated the Northway values and shone!

	Achievement Cup	Values Champion
Infant Winner	Penny B (Y2)	Everlyn D (Rec)
Junior Winner	Rosie H (Y5)	Jessica D (Y3)

Our Citizen of the Year will be announced in the Leavers' assembly on Friday so please check out our Instagram page to find out who won it.

DIARY DATES

Wed 15th July 4.30-6pm: Y6 Leavers' Party

Fri 17th July @9.15am: Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Fri 17th July @11.30am: Y6 finish!

Fri 17th July @ 1.30pm: Finish for Summer (ASC- 4pm)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

Tues 1st Sept: INSET day

Wed 2nd Sept: Y1 to Y6 return

Wed 2nd Sept @ 11-12 OR 2-3: Reception visits

Thurs 3rd Sept: Reception stay until 12.30pm

Fri 4th Sept: Rec in full time

Tues 8th Sept: Nursery reopens

Wed 9th Sept @ 2.15pm: Rec parents workshop

Thurs 10th Sept @ 3.30: Art Week Gallery celebration event at school - This Is Me

Mon 14th Sept @ 9am: Y3 & 4 Meet the Teacher

Tues 15th Sept @ 9am: Y1 & 2 Meet the Teacher

Wed 16th Sept @ 9am: Y5 & 6 Meet the Teacher

Thurs 17th Sept @ 9am : Rec Phonics parent workshop



Match Funding

Huge thanks to Mr Harvey (father of Evie and Elsie) who not only rallied the troops for the Barclays Bank volunteering day but has also been able to bring £1000 into the school as match funding for the Colour Run. An incredible top up to what was already an immense fundraiser! THANK-YOU!

Sefton's Summer Reading Challenge 2026

A reminder to join the Summer Reading Challenge at the library this year to keep your child busy!

Celebrating Our ATSSA Bronze Award!



We are delighted to share that Northway has successfully achieved the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award (ATSSA) Bronze Award, which recognises schools that create safe, nurturing and supportive environments where all children can thrive.

The assessor praised our school's strong commitment to ensuring that every child feels valued, understood and ready to learn. She said that she was 'blown away' in our ability to bring about meaningful change.

The report recognised the positive impact of our work on children's attendance, wellbeing, behaviour and engagement in learning. It also highlighted the strong partnerships we build with families and our determination to remove barriers to learning so that every child can succeed.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and would like to thank our staff, pupils, parents, governors and wider community for their continued support. This award reflects our shared commitment to ensuring Northway is a place where every child feels safe, supported and able to reach their full potential.

Sing for Sefton

Our choir visited The Atkinson Theatre in Southport for the annual Sing for Sefton performance. The children were a credit to our school, singing beautifully and giving a fantastic performance on stage. It was a wonderful opportunity to sing with the live band from Ex Cathedra. Well done to everyone involved—we are incredibly proud of you!

Also a HUGE thanks to Miss Veney for her dedication and passion for running choir this year and giving them the opportunity to attend such fantastic events!



Changes to FSM Eligibility from September 2026

From September 2026, Eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM) will change.

Families currently in receipt of FSM **do not** need to reapply for September 2026. Sefton Council is in the process of checking all applications and will inform us if your claim will continue as FSM Targeted (equivalent to the current system), FSM expanded or you are no longer in receipt of a qualifying benefit.

Eligible Targeted

- Households in receipt of Universal Credit - income **below** £7,400
- Eligible pupils will attract pupil premium funding available for our school.
- Other entitlements for pupils such as Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Eligible Expanded

- Household in receipt of Universal Credit - income **above** £7,400
- FSM only - not entitled to additional funding or extras linked to FSM eligibility.

If you have not applied for FSM eligibility in the past, but think that you may benefit (even if your child receives FSM through Universal FSM eligibility*), please consider applying as this will provide additional funding for the pupils in our school

For more information about this and details of how to apply - please use the link below to Sefton Councils FSM page:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

**Universal Free School Meals (free meals for children in Reception to Year 2) do not attract additional funding such as pupil premium or has any additional extra support linked to it as it does not consider the above criteria.*

Sports Personalities Of The Year

A huge congratulations to our two Year 6 pupils, Lewis and Jess, who won the Sports Personality Of The Year awards for Northway this year. These pupils were chosen for these awards because of their love of PE as well as their hard work, enthusiasm and positivity. Lewis and Jess have taken part in numerous extracurricular clubs during their time at Northway and they have represented the school in a variety of competitions, including football, netball, cross country and cricket. Lewis and Jess have both captained our school football teams this year and they have been superb role models for the rest of the school, displaying all of the Northway values in sport. They have been an absolute credit to Northway.



Girls' Football Team Finish MADCOS League Season Aintree Davenhill Primary School 3 - 0 Northway

A massive well done to our girls' football team who played their final game of the MADCOS league season, losing 3-0 against Aintree Davenhill Primary School in a brilliant game. The two teams have been at the top of the table for most of the year and the standard of the football played by both sides was outstanding. This was a title-decider that was a joy to watch and it was a perfect example of just how much girls football has progressed in recent years. The first half was a very tight affair with both defences on top and it remained goalless until the second half when the game started to open up. The match was decided in a crazy five minute spell when the girls were desperately unlucky not to score and then Aintree Davenhill went down the other end of the pitch and took the lead. The girls had won a succession of corners and Darcy was incredibly unlucky not to score when the ball somehow did not go in after hitting the post, the goalkeeper making a brilliant save and players blocking the ball on the line. Aintree Davenhill then took the lead after a fine move and then they scored a second and a third goal shortly after. It was a tough one to take for the girls after they have been unbeaten since the opening game of the season but they did themselves proud and they more than held their own against a great team, showing just how talented they are. The Player Of The Match award was shared between Jess and Josie who were fantastic in midfield and defence with their tireless energy and quality on the ball. What a wonderful season it has been for the team!



Year 6 Cricket Team Compete in MADCOS Cricket Tournament

A big well done to some of our Year 6 children who took part in a MADCOS Cricket Tournament at Maghull Cricket Club last week. The event involved teams from several primary schools in Maghull and, with the sun shining and clear blue sky, it was a perfect day for cricket. The majority of the children had never even played cricket up until a couple of weeks before the tournament but the progress they made has been incredible to see! They all bowled an over and faced an over in each game so the whole team contributed to some great performances, including some amazing wickets, catches, fours and sixes! Captained by Oliver, the team all played brilliantly and it was a fantastic day of cricket.



Northway Ninjas and Northway All-Stars Take Part In Active Sefton Netball Tournament

It has not just been the pupils at Northway who have been competing in sporting competitions this term as several members of staff took part in the Active Sefton Netball Tournament last week. Workforces from all over Sefton took part in the event and the school entered two teams. The Northway Ninjas (wearing the pink bibs) were captained by Mrs Sumner and the Northway All-Stars (wearing the blue bibs) were captained by Mr Wright and the teams did the school proud, with the Northway Ninjas even making it to the final! The staff have been having weekly matches at Wednesday lunchtimes on the junior playground and the children have loved watching and cheering them on. A special thank you must go to all of the Year 6 children who have stepped in to help in the practise sessions when members of staff have needed a breather!



FAMILY SUPPORT INFORMATION

School Safeguarding Team: Mrs McKenzie, Mrs McGhee & Mrs Harrison. Please arrange a meeting via the school office, if you require support.

Maghull Food Bank: Based at St. Georges United Reformed Church, Northway, Maghull. Open Tuesdays 10am-12pm. No vouchers needed.

CAMHS Crisis Care Team: 0151 293 3577 or Freephone 0808 196 3550. This team offers 24 hour support to children and young people (under 18) who are in mental health crisis in Liverpool or Sefton.

Domestic Abuse support: SWACCA - www.swacca.com for women, young people and children throughout Sefton

Mental Health Support for Men: Sean's Place in Sefton and Liverpool www.seansplace.org.uk

Mental Health Support: MIND - www.mind.org.uk

Mental Health support for young people: Young minds www.youngminds.org.uk