

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY - Newsletter

21st October 2025



Headteacher's Weekly Awards - WELL DONE TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

All the children get a special mention in the Achievement assembly on Friday and will bring home a certificate detailing the reason for their award.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
EVIE RUBY	ELLA MOHAMMED	VINNIE FAYE	VINNIE AIDEN	NICO AIYANNA	ZARA ELLA	ADAM ABRAHAM	JACOB ROXANNE

As we come to the end of a busy and successful first half of the autumn term, we'd like to take a moment to celebrate all that our children have achieved so far. From exciting classroom projects to wonderful teamwork and creativity across the school, it's been fantastic to see everyone settle in so well and embrace their learning with enthusiasm.

A big thank you to all our families for your continued support — it truly makes a difference and helps our school community thrive.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and some time to relax. When we return, we'll be diving into an exciting second half of the term, filled with festive activities, Christmas performances, and plenty more opportunities for learning and success.

We're looking forward to making the run-up to Christmas a joyful and memorable time for everyone! Wishing you all a safe and happy half term.

Christmas card design: Don't forget to order – the online shop closes on **at 12pm on 23rd October 2025**. There are lots of lovely things that you can buy, please use the card brought home and take a look here <https://myfundraisinghub.com/welcome> Please enter the codes from the Parent Order Card and confirm your child's name and class. **If you don't have your parent order card we can provide another one at school, just get in touch.** Whatever you put here is what will be printed on the products you order. Once you have approved the artwork you will receive a link to the online shop. **Please keep your Parent Order Card until you receive your order.**

It's a great opportunity to buy some personalised Christmas gifts or just keepsakes for yourself. This year they have the limited edition Cuddle Club teddies, personalised story books, baubles, snow globes, Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift tags, mugs, cushions and much more! We hope you like them!



If you have opted for the free **'Collect From School'** option, all orders will be delivered back to school approximately 2 weeks from the order date as stated above.

If you are unable to order before the deadline the images will still be available to order, however there will be an increased charge for home delivery.



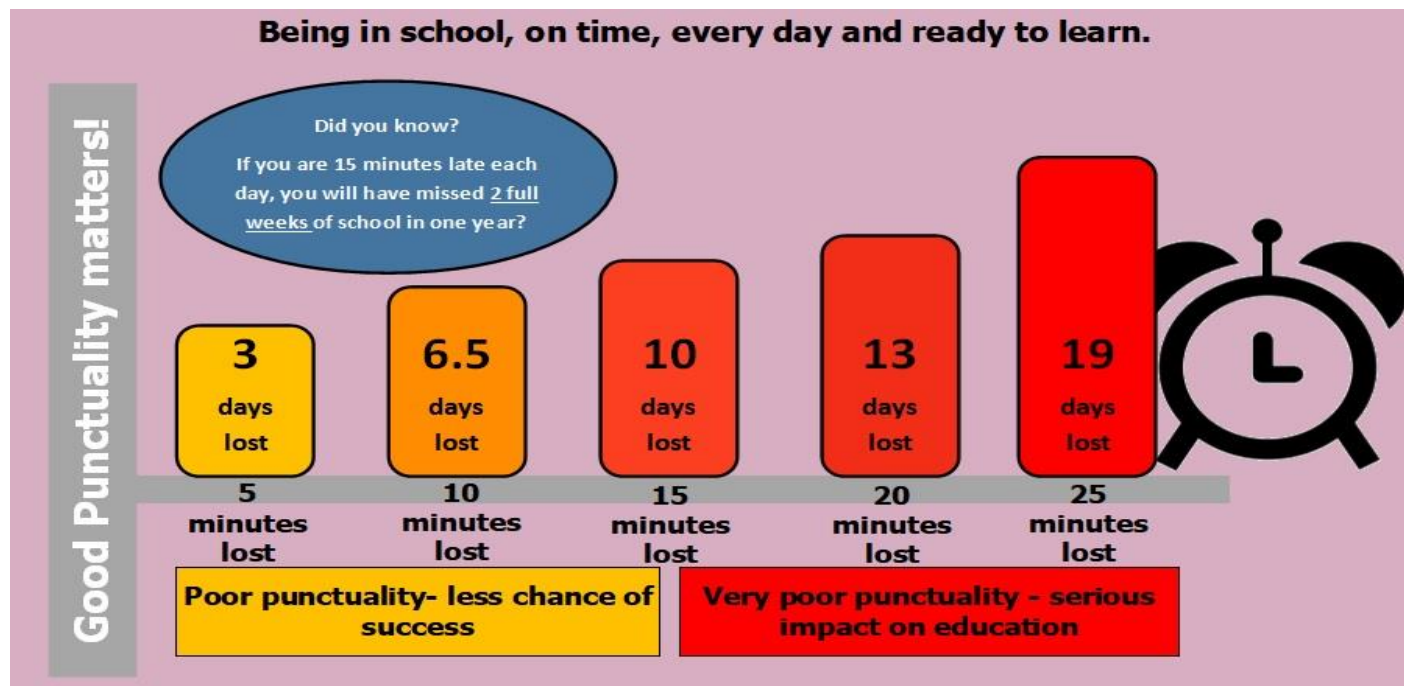
- Contact school to be request an email invitation to re-register
- Delete the app from your phone
- Use the link in the email school has sent that you have just requested.
- Once you are re-registered you can download the app again and log in on the app.

Forest school: We will be running Forest school sessions for our Y3 children after half term. These sessions are a fun opportunity to explore the outdoors and learn through nature, building and creativity. Sessions are run by COMMUNITY Little Hulton after a successful funding bid. Sessions take place within school grounds.

The sessions which will take place each Friday from 7th November until the 28th November. On these Fridays, please can all children bring in a pair of wellies and a coat suitable for being outdoors, hats, gloves etc. If your child does not have any wellies, please inform school and we will try our best to support you.



Pumpkin carving competition: We can't wait to see your fantastic designs, please bring them in on Friday so we can all see your amazing creations. You will get to take them home the same day so you can enjoy them for the Halloween festivities over half term.



Punctuality: There has been a rise in the number of children arriving late to school. School starts at 8.45am, the children should be in their classroom at this time otherwise they are missing important input and learning. If you are having issues, we are here to support you, please speak to us and we will work together.

Children should be in school by 8.45am if you arrive after this time you are late!

Well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Almost a full house – let's see if every class can achieve this next week!

Our attendance policy is on our website here

<https://www.northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk/page/policies/25098>



Punctuality and Attendance

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

Last week's attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Class attendance award	93	96 BRONZE	94	98 SILVER	95	98 SILVER	96 BRONZE	96 BRONZE	96
Late arrivals	6	4	6	2	9	4	7	5	43

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control - digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world - discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of overuse. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY

Help children and young people learn to question where information comes from and whether it's reliable - developing media literacy skills prepares young people to understand and navigate through their future online lives. Show them how memes can sometimes exaggerate or misrepresent facts for laughs, and encourage them to check credible sources when memes claim to present truth.

FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE

Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how a meme might make another person feel before sharing or creating it. Highlight examples of positive memes that celebrate creativity without hurting others. Fostering empathy, respect, and kindness in digital spaces will help them become more aware of promoting a safer, more supportive online culture.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



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School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

Contacting School: If you wish to contact school then you can email us on northwalkdenprimary.pupilcontact@northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

DIARY DATES: Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
WEDNESDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	AUTUMN/HALLOWEEN DISCO – Please book your place on The Evolve Hub – information emailed out on 29.09.28	EYFS- 2-3 KS1- 3.30-4.30 KS2- 5-6.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL=
THURSDAY 23 RD OCTOBER	READING AND PHONICS MEETING FOR RECEPTION PARENTS	9.15AM	RECEPTION PARENTS
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	PUMPKIN COMPETITION – ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO BRING A DECORATED PUMPKIN TO SCHOOL	MAKE AT HOME	WHOLE SCHOOL WELCOME TO JOIN
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	RECEPTION BONFIRE WORKSHOP	9-10AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND
THURSDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 EXTRA PE SESSION – PLEASE WEAR PE KIT	PM	YEAR 6
TUESDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER	2 MINUTE SILENCE IN CLASS	11AM	YEAR 3-6
WEDNESDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 5 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE SESSION	PM	YEAR 3 AND 4
WEEK BEGINNING 17 TH NOVEMBER	ASSESSMENT WEEK 1	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-6
WEEK BEGINNING 17 TH NOVEMBER	CHRISTMAS SHOP ORDERS RECEIVED – THESE WILL BE SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK		ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSION	PM	YEAR 1 AND 2

MONDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING PHONECALLS	4-5.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE MEETINGS	3.30-6.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION	TBC	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	Safety Trip at GM Fire and Rescue Service	9.15AM – 3.00PM	YEAR 6
MONDAY 1 ST DECEMBER	HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	9AM	ALL PARENTS WELCOME TO BUY TICKETS
THURSDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHURCH VISIT- CHRISTMAS	1-3	YEAR 3 CLASS
MONDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 SUPPER WITH SANTA	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
TUESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS	2.15PM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS – TICKETS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	ALL DAY	ALL WELCOME TO WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND/OR ACCESSORIES
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	11-1PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	'DAZZLING DARREN 'MAGIC SHOW	9-12	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS	2.30PM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON	1-3	KEY STAGE 2 CLASSES
TUESDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	EYFS PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES!	1-3	EYFS
WEDNESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	HAMPER DRAW	11AM	SCHOOL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES!	1-3	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	NON UNIFORM DAY- CHRISTMAS THEME £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSES	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton