

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY - Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> November 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
Edwin Arthur	Kayson Nilavu	Leah Orlando	Kevin Theo B	Aria Luna	Fahida Sheldon	Aliza Thomas	Byron Iyla H



As you will have noticed, the temperatures have dropped significantly this week. Due to the weather warning that was issued, we have emailed our Extreme Weather information with all parents to ensure everyone is aware of the procedures we follow during colder conditions. Despite the chilly days, we continue to value regular access to the outdoors. Outdoor learning and play remain an important part of our curriculum, particularly for our Early Years children who use the outdoor provision daily. To help us keep this routine safe and enjoyable, please ensure your child comes to school with suitable warm clothing, including a winter coat, hat, gloves, and any additional layers they may need. Thank you for helping us keep everyone warm, comfortable, and ready to learn.

This week marks **Assessment Week for Years 1–6**, giving our pupils a chance to celebrate what they've learned and helping teachers see how best to support each child's progress. The children have been trying their very best, and we are so proud of their effort and determination.

**Parents' Evening:** We start our Parents evening appointments next week. Your appointment will be visible on the school spider app. Please make sure you are aware of whether you have booked a **phone call** or a face 2 face appointment. These are listed below for your reference.



Class	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Nursery	<b>Phone calls</b> 3.45 – 5.00pm	Face to Face in school 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Reception	<b>Phone calls</b> 3.45 – 5.00pm	Face to Face in school 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Year 1	<b>Phone calls</b> 3.45 – 5.00pm	Face to Face in school 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Year 2	<b>Phone calls</b> 3.45 – 5.00pm	Face to Face in school 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Year 3		Face to Face in school 3.30 – 5.00pm	<b>Phone calls</b> 3.00 – 5.00pm
Year 4	<b>Phone calls</b> 3.45 – 5.00pm	Face to Face in school 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Year 5	<b>Phone calls</b> 3.45 – 5.00pm	Face to Face in school 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Year 6		Face to Face in school 3.30 – 6.30pm <b>Phone calls</b> 3.45 – 5.00 pm	

## Christmas Shop – Reopened!

Our Christmas Shop is open once again from **21st November to 1st December**. If any families missed out earlier or would like to order extra items, now is the perfect time. We want everyone to have the opportunity to own a special keepsake for 2025.

All products will be delivered **FREE within 10 days** of the shop closing. Parents can order using the **same artwork and design codes**, and all designs remain exactly as before.

### Place your orders here:

[https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/?mc\\_cid=386702df13&mc\\_eid=d3cbc34ec9](https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/?mc_cid=386702df13&mc_eid=d3cbc34ec9)

### Lost your codes?

No problem! Recover them here:

[https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/pages/lost-codes?mc\\_cid=386702df13&mc\\_eid=d3cbc34ec9](https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/pages/lost-codes?mc_cid=386702df13&mc_eid=d3cbc34ec9)

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our Christmas Hamper raffle tickets are now on sale—just **£1 per ticket**. You can purchase them through the **Evolve Hub** or by popping into school. We are gratefully accepting donations for the hamper throughout next week. As a little thank you, children will receive **extra playtime on Friday** for bringing in donations. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.



**GREATER  
MANCHESTER  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

### Year 6 Trip – GM Fire and Rescue Service

Year 6 are looking forward to their exciting visit to the **Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service** next Friday. This is a **fully subsidised trip**, but **parental consent is still required**. Please ensure you have completed the survey on **School Spider** ahead of the visit.

**Christmas Activities:** The **Christmas Activities Letter** has been attached again, detailing all the exciting things we have planned for the festive season. Please ensure you book your seats for the shows! Activities requiring a contribution are clearly listed for you, and payments can be made via the **Evolve Hub**. Thank you in advance for your support—it helps us create magical experiences for the children.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to another brilliant week ahead!

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

**Well done to Reception and Year 2 for achieving their attendance target – 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	84	<b>96 BRONZE</b>	93	<b>99 GOLD</b>	94	95	93	92	93
Late arrivals	4	6	7	9	7	6	4	3	46



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

### STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

### INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

### TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

### DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

### FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

### USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

### CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

### HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



The National College



**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](mailto: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
WEEK BEGINNING 17 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	ASSESSMENT WEEK 1	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-6
WEEK BEGINNING 17 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	CHRISTMAS SHOP ORDERS RECEIVED – THESE WILL BE SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK		ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSION	PM	YEAR 1 AND 2
MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING PHONECALLS	4-5.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE – £1 per ticket – Online special 6 tickets for £5 or 12 for £10	9AM	ALL PARENTS WELCOME TO BUY TICKETS
WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE MEETINGS	3.30-6.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION	TBC	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	Safety Trip at GM Fire and Rescue Service	9.15AM – 3.00PM	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHURCH VISIT- CHRISTMAS	1-3	YEAR 3 CLASS
MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 SUPPER WITH SANTA - <b>£2.50</b> – the children will have supper with a special visitor who will be giving presents out – please book on <b>The Evolve Hub</b>	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.	2.15PM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS – TICKETS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW

THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - DONATIONS TO BE MADE TO 'SAVE THE CHILDREN' Please donate directly here <a href="https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here">https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here</a>	ALL DAY	ALL WELCOME TO WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND/OR ACCESSORIES
THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY – please order on The Evolve Hub	11-1PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	'DAZZLING DARREN 'MAGIC SHOW' - we have two 45 minute shows for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 – <b>£2.00</b>	9.15 – 10am 10.15 – 11am	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted	9.15AM & 2.15PM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON – CHILDREN CAN BRING A PILLOW, BLANKET AND PJ'S. They will be having popcorn and a drink - <b>£2.00</b>	1-3	KEY STAGE 2 CLASSES
TUESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES! – PARTY CLOTHES DAY! Children will have crisps, biscuits and a drink - <b>£2.00</b>	1-3	EYFS
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KS2 TRIP TO THE THEATRE – BOLTON ALBERT HALLS – PETER PAN - Children will receive a chocolate bar and a drink - <b>£10.50 contribution due by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	9.30 – 12.30AM	KS2
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW	11AM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES! – PARTY CLOTHES DAY! Children will have crisps, biscuits and a drink - <b>£2.00</b>	1-3	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	NON UNIFORM DAY- CHRISTMAS THEME £1 DONATION - - you can contribute to all Non-uniform days in one go on the Evolve Hub!	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSES	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 5 AND 6 EXTRA PE	1-3PM	YEAR 5 AND 6 CLASSES
FRIDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN FOR YEAR 4	1.3PM	YEAR 4
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 4 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 4 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 3 EXTRA PE SESSION	1-2	YEAR 3
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 6 VISITING STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTER	9-3	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSIONS	1-3	YEAR 1 AND 2 CLASSES
WEEK BEGINNING 26 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	'WORLD OF WORK WEEK' IN SCHOOL	ALL WEEK	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	9-3	YEAR 1 YEAR 5

			YEAR 6
THURSDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY SESSION	9AM OR 1PM ON A BOOKING SYSTEM	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
WEEK BEGINNING 9 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	ALL WEEK	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	RECEPTION VALENTINES WORKSHOP	9-10	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	VALENTINES DISCO	2-3 EYFS 3.30-4.30- KS1 5-6.30- KS2	WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW
FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY/EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CLASS/STAFF</b>
MONDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	YEAR 2 TRIP TO EUREKA	9-3PM	YEAR 2
THURSDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	EXTRA PE FOR YEARS 5 AND 6	1-3PM	YEARS 5 AND 6
WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	ALL DAY	ALL KEY STAGES
THURSDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EXTRA PE FOR YEAR 3	1-2PM	YEAR 3
FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION FOR THE EASTER HAMPER	VARIOUS TIMES	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEK BEGINNING 16 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ASSESSMENT WEEK FOR YEARS 1-6	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-6
THURSDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EXTRA PE FOR YEARS 1 AND 2	1-3PM	YEAR 1 AND 2
FRIDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	RED NOSE DAY	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MARCH	HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	2 WEEKS	ALL WELCOME TO BUY TICKETS
MONDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MARCH	PARENTS EVENING PHONECALLS	3.30-4.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL – DETAILS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTS EVENING – FACE TO FACE CONSULTATIONS	3.30-6.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL-

			DETAILS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9AM OR 1PM BOOKING SYSTEM	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 5 EASTER CHURCH VISIT	1-3	YEAR 5
TUESDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	JUNGLE BOOK THEATRE PERFORMANCE £2 DONATION PER CHILD	9.15AM	NURSERY-YEAR 6
TUESDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT PARADE	BRING DECORATED HATS TO SCHOOL	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY COMPETITION	BRING ANY EGG DISPLAYS TO THE HALL 9AM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN WELCOME TO ENTER
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton