

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY - Newsletter

28th 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
Kayla Massoud	Moiz Hattie	Neitus Edie	Fatima Rafael	Deniz Alfie	Zara Frazer	Eva Taylor	Whole class

Parents' Evenings: Thank you to all families who attended our Parents' Evenings this week. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and to share the wonderful progress the children are making. These conversations are such an important part of ensuring every child feels supported, challenged, and confident in their learning.

We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our parents' survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us. It helps us celebrate what is working well and identify ways we can continue to grow and improve. Working in partnership with our families is central to everything we do, and your insight plays a key role in shaping our next steps.

Thank you once again for your time, support, and commitment to our school community.

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.



Design our Christmas card! We're excited to invite your pupils to take part in the **Vision for Education Christmas Card Competition 2025**! This year's theme is **"A festive scene"**, pupils are encouraged to get creative and design anything they wish, as long as it reflects this seasonal theme.

Each pupil may submit **one entry**, and all work must be the pupil's **own original creation**. Entries will be judged on **creativity and care taken**.

Prizes to win! The pupil whose design is chosen as the winning entry will receive a **£50 gift voucher** and have their artwork featured as the official Vision for Education Christmas e-card for 2025, shared with schools and partners across the country.

The winning school will receive a £250 book voucher to support reading and learning across the school community.

Want to take part? The closing date for entries is **Monday 15th December**, so if you would like to take part in the competition just make sure you put the school name on, your name and age and hand it in to school before Monday 15th December! Good Luck

After School Clubs: The survey to book onto clubs for years 1-6 for spring term will open today at 6pm and will close next Tuesday evening. All clubs have limited places and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you are able to complete the survey then your child will have a place so please ensure they attend the club. If they miss 2 consecutive sessions their place may be offered to another child. The survey will disappear once full, if you want to add your child to the waiting list please contact the school office.



Y1&2 - Premier led club - Gymnastics - Tuesdays

Y1 - Staff led club - Character Creator Collective - Mondays

Y2 - Staff led club - Power Brains - Mondays

Y3&5 - Premier led club - Multisport - Mondays

Y3 - Staff led club - Character Creator Collective - Tuesdays

Y4 - staff led club - Art & Design - Mondays

Y4&6 - Premier led club - Bench ball - Wednesdays

Y6 - Staff led booster clubs - letters will be sent home to those children invited to attend booster session before and after school.



Forest School: This term, Year 3 have had an unforgettable time exploring the great outdoors at Forest School! Each week brought a new adventure—discovering mini-beasts, building dens, learning about woodland plants, and working together to solve outdoor challenges. The children have grown in confidence, teamwork, and independence as they explored the natural world around them.

In today's final session of the term, the excitement reached a peak as the children learned how to build and light small, safe fires under close supervision. They gathered kindling, prepared fire circles, and proudly watched their teamwork spark into real flames. The highlight was toasting marshmallows over the fire—sticky fingers, big smiles, and lots of laughter!

Although this term's sessions have come to an end, the adventure certainly hasn't. **Forest School will continue for Year 3 in the Spring term**, with sessions running from **Friday 9th January until Friday 13th February**.

A quick reminder: children will need to bring **warm coats, scarves, hats, gloves, and wellies** again to stay cosy and comfortable during their outdoor learning.

Year 3 have been brilliant Forest School learners this term—full of curiosity, courage, and enthusiasm. We can't wait to see what discoveries await them next!

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

Well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 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	91	98 SILVER	95	97 SILVER	97 SILVER	96 BRONZE	90	96 BRONZE	95
Late arrivals	7	3	4	3	4	6	7	2	36

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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See full reference list on our website

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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
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
MONDAY 24 TH 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 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
THURSDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHURCH VISIT- CHRISTMAS	1-3	YEAR 3 CLASS
MONDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 SUPPER WITH SANTA - £2.50 – the children will have supper with a special visitor who will be giving presents out – please book on The Evolve Hub	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
TUESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 th November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 th November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 th November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.	2.15PM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS – TICKETS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 th November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - DONATIONS TO BE MADE TO 'SAVE THE CHILDREN' Please donate directly here https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here	ALL DAY	ALL WELCOME TO WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND/OR ACCESSORIES
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY – please order on The Evolve Hub	11-1PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	'DAZZLING DARREN 'MAGIC SHOW' - we have two 45 minute shows for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 – £2.00	9.15 – 10am 10.15 – 11am	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS – please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 th November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted	9.15AM & 2.15PM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON – CHILDREN CAN BRING A PILLOW, BLANKET AND PJ'S. They will be having popcorn and a drink - £2.00	1-3	KEY STAGE 2 CLASSES
TUESDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	EYFS PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES! – PARTY CLOTHES DAY! Children will have crisps, biscuits and a drink - £2.00	1-3	EYFS
WEDNESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	KS2 TRIP TO THE THEATRE – BOLTON ALBERT HALLS – PETER PAN - Children will receive a chocolate bar and a drink - £10.50 contribution due by Wednesday 3rd December	9.30 – 12.30AM	KS2
WEDNESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW	11AM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES! – PARTY CLOTHES DAY! Children will have crisps, biscuits and a drink - £2.00	1-3	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 18 TH 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 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSSES	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 5 TH JANUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 8 TH JANUARY	YEAR 5 AND 6 EXTRA PE	1-3PM	YEAR 5 AND 6 CLASSES
FRIDAY 9 TH JANUARY	SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN FOR YEAR 4	1.3PM	YEAR 4
WEDNESDAY 14 TH JANUARY	YEAR 4 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 4 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 15 TH JANUARY	YEAR 3 EXTRA PE SESSION	1-2	YEAR 3
FRIDAY 16 TH JANUARY	YEAR 6 VISITING STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTER	9-3	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 22 ND JANUARY	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSIONS	1-3	YEAR 1 AND 2 CLASSES
WEEK BEGINNING 26 TH JANUARY	'WORLD OF WORK WEEK' IN SCHOOL	ALL WEEK	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 4 TH FEBRUARY	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	9-3	YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6
THURSDAY 5 TH FEBRUARY	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY SESSION	9AM OR 1PM ON A BOOKING SYSTEM	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
WEEK BEGINNING 9 TH FEBRUARY	MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	ALL WEEK	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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

TUESDAY 31 ST MARCH	JUNGLE BOOK THEATRE PERFORMANCE £2 DONATION PER CHILD	9.15AM	NURSERY-YEAR 6
TUESDAY 31 ST MARCH	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT PARADE	BRING DECORATED HATS TO SCHOOL	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 1 ST APRIL	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 1 ST APRIL	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY COMPETITION	BRING ANY EGG DISPLAYS TO THE HALL 9AM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN WELCOME TO ENTER
THURSDAY 2 ND APRIL	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 2 ND APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton