

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	
Eli Sumayah	Olivia Orion	Aashi Wyatt	Theodore Mason	Farhan Charlie	Archie Brantley	Jaiden Hallie	Carter Delilah	

This week has been a busy and joyful one in school, with the children working incredibly hard—especially practicing for their Christmas shows! Their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork have been shining through, and we cannot wait for you to see all they have been preparing.

The next two weeks promise to be especially exciting. We begin on **Monday after school**, when we will be welcoming **a very special visitor!** From there, the festive fun continues with:

- † Christmas show performances by the children
- <sup>1</sup> Carol concerts

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- Theatre visits
- A magician visit
- A cosy movie afternoon
- Parties for every class, complete with another very special guest delivering presents!

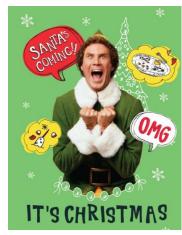
We are truly grateful for the magic this season brings to our school community.

# A polite reminder:

To help us make these wonderful experiences possible, we kindly ask for your continued support with voluntary contributions. Every little bit helps, and we are incredibly appreciative of your generosity. **Thank you for everything you do.** 

# **Supporting Children with Screen Time:**

We know managing screen time can be tricky—especially at this busy time of year. Below, you will find some helpful information and tips to support healthy screen habits at home. Limiting screen time is important for children's wellbeing, sleep, and learning, and we appreciate your partnership in helping them find a good balance.



### **Games We Love!**

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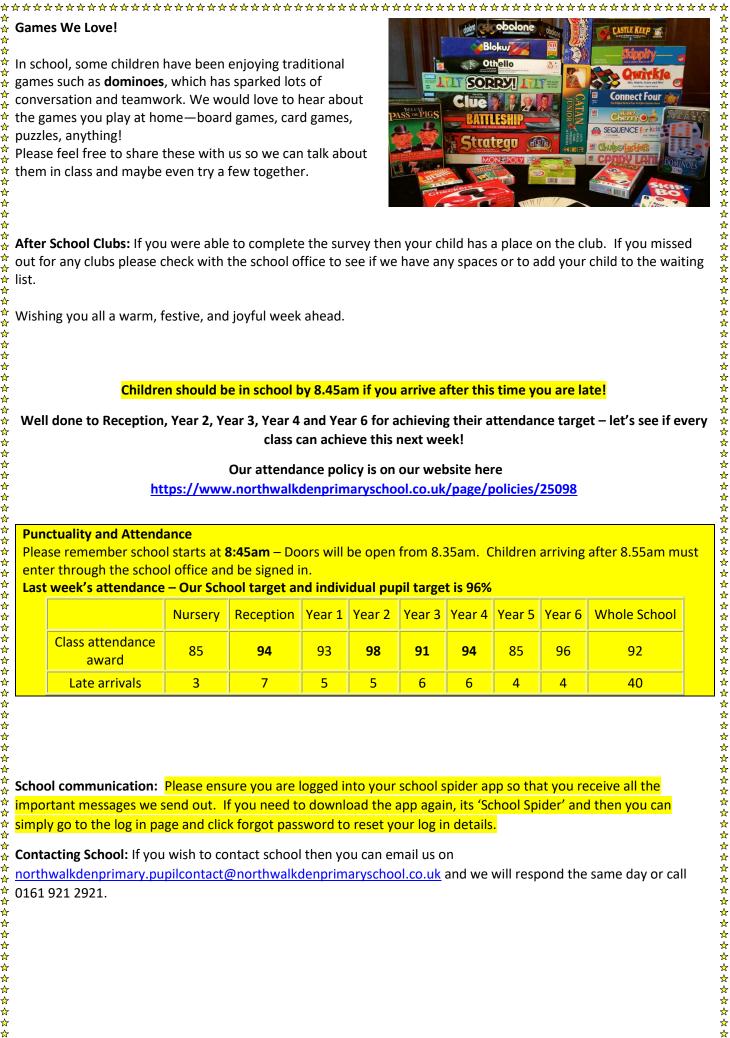
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In school, some children have been enjoying traditional games such as dominoes, which has sparked lots of conversation and teamwork. We would love to hear about the games you play at home—board games, card games, puzzles, anything!

Please feel free to share these with us so we can talk about them in class and maybe even try a few together.



After School Clubs: If you were able to complete the survey then your child has a place on the club. If you missed out for any clubs please check with the school office to see if we have any spaces or to add your child to the waiting ☆ list.

Wishing you all a warm, festive, and joyful week ahead.

# 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	85	94	93	98	91	94	85	96	92
Late arrivals	3	7	5	5	6	6	4	4	40

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.

# **'POSITIVE APPROACHES TO BEHAVIOUR'**

# TRANSITIONS FROM SCREENS WITHOUT MELTDOWNS

# WHEN TURNING SCREENS OFF FEELS IMPOSSIBLE

Screens offer predictability, dopamine, focus and a strong sense of control. For many, especially neurodivergent young people, switching them off isn't a simple request — it's a sudden neurological drop. What looks like refusal is often a nervous system overwhelmed by the shift from digital engagement to realworld demands.

# WHEN THE BRAIN NEEDS TIME TO ADJUST

Two-step warnings give the brain space to prepare. "In five minutes we're finishing, and then it's time for dinner" helps reduce the shock factor. Without warning, the transition can trigger fight, flight or freeze responses, because it feels abrupt, confusing and dysregulating.

# WHEN TIME NEEDS TO BE VISIBLE

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Visual timers minimise arguments because they make time concrete. Many neurodivergent children experience time blindness, so a countdown they can see externalises the demand. It also removes the adult from the role of 'time enforcer', which instantly reduces tension.

# WHEN CONNECTION COMES BEFORE DIRECTION

Co-regulation before the transition changes everything. Sitting beside them, noticing what they're doing, or offering a gentle cue helps shift their nervous system into a safer state. A regulated adult creates a regulated pathway out of hyperfocus.

# WHEN THE BODY NEEDS A BRIDGE

Sensory bridges support the physical shift.

Stretching, standing up, cold water on hands, a favourite fidget, or a quick movement break helps reset dopamine levels and ease the jump from screen focus to the next activity. Think of it as a warm-up for the nervous system.

# WHEN RITUALS MAKE LIFE SMOOTHER

Predictable, repeated end routines like "pause → save → stretch → drink → next activity" give the child something familiar to anchor to. These rituals reduce anxiety and establish a rhythm the brain can rely on every time, making meltdowns far less likely.

FOR A COPY OF A BITESIZE INFORMATION SHEET, HEALTHY SCREEN HABITS, COMMENT SCREEN IN THE COMMENTS.

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**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.

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DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR 3 CHURCH VISIT- CHRISTMAS	1-3	YEAR 3 CLASS
DECEMBER	TEAM S CHOKEN VISIT CHRISTIANS		12/11/3 62/133
MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup>	KEY STAGE 1 SUPPER WITH SANTA - £2.50 – the children will	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
DECEMBER	have supper with a special visitor who will be giving presents	3.30 4.301 101	RETSTAGET
DECEIVIBER	out – please book on The Evolve Hub		
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup>	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS – please book	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 2
DECEMBER	your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.13AIVI	PARENTS-
BECEIVIBER	November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted		TICKETS TO
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WEDNESDAY	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS – please book your	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS-
10 <sup>TH</sup>	tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.137 (17)	TICKETS TO
DECEMBER	November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.		FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS – please book	2.15PM	KEY STAGE 2
10 <sup>TH</sup>	your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.13. 11.	PARENTS –
DECEMBER	November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.		TICKETS TO
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THURSDAY	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS – please book your	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS-
11 <sup>TH</sup>	tickets on School Spider. Booking opens Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	0.207	TICKETS TO
DECEMBER	November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be permitted.		FOLLOW
THURSDAY	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - DONATIONS TO BE MADE TO 'SAVE	ALL DAY	ALL WELCOME
11 <sup>TH</sup>	THE CHILDREN'		TO WEAR A
DECEMBER	Please donate directly here		CHRISTMAS
	https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here		JUMPER
			AND/OR
			ACCESSORIES
THURSDAY	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY – please order on The Evolve Hub	11-1PM	WHOLE
11 <sup>TH</sup>			SCHOOL
DECEMBER			
FRIDAY 12 TH	'DAZZLING DARREN 'MAGIC SHOW - we have two 45 minute	9.15 – 10am	ALL CLASSES
DECEMBER	shows for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 – £2.00	10.15 – 11am	
MONDAY 15 <sup>™</sup>	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS –	9.15AM &	KEY STAGE 1
DECEMBER	please book your tickets on School Spider. Booking opens	2.15PM	PARENTS
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Only booked entrance will be		WELCOME
	permitted		
MONDAY 15 <sup>™</sup>	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON – CHILDREN CAN BRING A	1-3	KEY STAGE 2
DECEMBER	PILLOW, BLANKET AND PJ'S. They will be having popcorn and		CLASSES
	a drink - <mark>£2.00</mark>		
TUESDAY 16 <sup>™</sup>	EYFS PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES! – PARTY CLOTHES DAY!	1-3	EYFS
DECEMBER	Children will have crisps, biscuits and a drink - £2.00		
WEDNESDAY	KS2 TRIP TO THE THEATRE – BOLTON ALBERT HALLS – PETER	9.30 –	KS2
17 <sup>TH</sup>	PAN - Children will receive a chocolate bar and a drink -	12.30AM	
DECEMBER	£10.50 contribution due by Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		
WEDNESDAY	CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW	11AM	SCHOOL
17 <sup>TH</sup>			COUNCIL
DECEMBER			
WEDNESDAY	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES! – PARTY CLOTHES	1-3	KEY STAGE 1
17 <sup>TH</sup>	DAY! Children will have crisps, biscuits and a drink - £2.00		
DECEMBER			
THURSDAY	NON UNIFORM DAY- CHRISTMAS THEME	ALL DAY	WHOLE
18 <sup>TH</sup>	£1 DONATION you can contribute to all Non–uniform days		SCHOOL
DECEMBER	in one go on the Evolve Hub!		

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THURSDAY	SCHOOL CLOSES	2PM	WHOLE
18 <sup>TH</sup>			SCHOOL
DECEMBER			
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup>	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	ALL CLASSES
JANUARY	VEAR F AND C EVERA RE	4.2014	VEAD E AND C
THURSDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 5 AND 6 EXTRA PE	1-3PM	YEAR 5 AND 6 CLASSSES
FRIDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup>	SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN FOR YEAR 4	1.3PM	YEAR 4
JANUARY	SWIMMING ELSSONS BEGIN FOR FEAR 4	1.35101	TLAN 4
WEDNESDAY	YEAR 4 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 4
14 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	TEXAL TITUMENT THE WORLDOOM	3 20,	PARENTS
2. 3			WELCOME
THURSDAY	YEAR 3 EXTRA PE SESSION	1-2	YEAR 3
15 <sup>™</sup> JANUARY			
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR 6 VISITING STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTER	9-3	YEAR 6
JANUARY			
THURSDAY	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSIONS	1-3	YEAR 1 AND 2
22 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY			CLASSES
WEEK	'WORLD OF WORK WEEK' IN SCHOOL	ALL WEEK	ALL CLASSES
BEGINNING			
26 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	0.2	VEAD 1
WEDNESDAY	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	9-3	YEAR 1
4 <sup>™</sup> FEBRUARY			YEAR 5
THURSDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup>	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY SESSION	9AM OR 1PM	YEAR 6 NURSERY
FEBRUARY	NONSERT STAT AND PLAT SESSION	ON A	PARENTS
ILBIOAN		BOOKING	WELCOME
		SYSTEM	VVELCOIVIE
WEEK	MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	ALL WEEK	WHOLE
BEGINNING			SCHOOL
9 <sup>™</sup> FEBRUARY			ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY	RECEPTION VALENTINES WORKSHOP	9-10	RECEPTION
11 <sup>TH</sup>			PARENTS
FEBRUARY			WELCOME
WEDNESDAY	VALENTINES DISCO	2-3 EYFS	WHOLE
11 <sup>TH</sup>		3.30-4.30-	SCHOOL-
FEBRUARY		KS1	DETAILS TO
		5-6.30- KS2	FOLLOW
FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE
FEBRUARY FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM	2 15014	SCHOOL
FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE
FEBRUARY		3. 13	SCHOOL
THURSDAY	YEAR 2 TRIP TO EUREKA	9-3PM	YEAR 2
26 <sup>TH</sup>			
FEBRUARY			
THURSDAY	EXTRA PE FOR YEARS 5 AND 6	1-3PM	YEARS 5 AND 6
26 <sup>TH</sup>			
FEBRUARY			
WEDNESDAY	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3
4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH			PARENTS
			WELCOME

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THURSDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup>	WORLD BOOK DAY	ALL DAY	WHOLE
MARCH			SCHOOL
THURSDAY 5 <sup>™</sup>	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	ALL DAY	ALL KEY
MARCH			STAGES
WEDNESDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	CRUCIAL CREW TRIP	12 – 3PM	YEAR 5
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THURSDAY  12 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EXTRA PE FOR YEAR 3	1-2PM	YEAR 3
FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION FOR THE EASTER	VARIOUS	WHOLE
MARCH	HAMPER	TIMES	SCHOOL
WEEK	ASSESSMENT WEEK FOR YEARS 1-6	ALL WEKK	YEARS 1-6
BEGINNING			
16 <sup>™</sup> MARCH			
THURSDAY	EXTRA PE FOR YEARS 1 AND 2	1-3PM	YEAR 1 AND 2
19 <sup>™</sup> MARCH			
FRIDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	RED NOSE DAY	ALL DAY	WHOLE
MARCH			SCHOOL
MONDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	2 WEEKS	ALL WELCOME
MARCH			TO BUY
			TICKETS
MONDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	PARENTS EVENIHNG PHONECALLS	330-4.30PM	WHOLE
MARCH			SCHOOL -
			DETAILS TO
-			FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY	PARENTS EVENING – FACE TO FACE CONSULTATIONS	3.30-6.30PM	WHOLE
25 <sup>™</sup> MARCH			SCHOOL-
			DETAILS TO
			FOLLOW
THURSDAY	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9AM OR 1PM	NURSERY
26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	THORSE TO THE PERIOD OF THE PE	BOOKING	PARENTS
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THURSDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 5 EASTER CHURCH VISIT	1-3	YEAR 5
TUESDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup>	JUNGLE BOOK THEATRE PERFORMANCE	9.15AM	NURSERY-YEAR
MARCH	£2 DONATION PER CHILD	9.13AIVI	6
TUESDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup>	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT PARADE	DDING	EYFS AND KEY
·	ETTS AND KET STAGE I CASTEK HAT PAKADE	BRING	
MARCH		DECORATED	STAGE 1
		HATS TO	CHILDREN
MEDNECT	FACTED HANADED DAFFI'S DOWN	SCHOOL	CCHOCH
WEDNESDAY	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	SCHOOL
1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	WEY STACE & EGG DISPLAY CONTENTS :	DD1110 11111	COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY COMPETITION	BRING ANY	KEY STAGE 2
1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL		EGG	CHILDREN
-		DISPLAYS TO	WELCOME TO
		THE HALL	ENTER
		9AM	
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup>	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE
APRIL			SCHOOL
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	2PM	WHOLE
APRIL			SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton