

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

Newsletter – 6th February 2026

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

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 Bryan	Ellie-Mae Nilavu	Faye Susie	Fatima Elisha	Rosie Aiyannah	Esther Zara	George Lily	Phoebe Levi

Punctuality: We had 47 children late to school last week. We would like to remind families of the importance of children arriving at school on time each day. The beginning of the school day is a critical part of learning, as important instructions, routines, and foundational lessons are introduced during this time.

When children arrive late, they may miss key information that helps set the tone for the day and supports their understanding of later lessons. Consistent punctuality helps children stay engaged, feel prepared, and develop positive habits that support their academic success.

We appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn. Thank you for your support and remember lessons start at **8.45am**.

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	87	98 SILVER	93	97 SILVER	91	91	83	94	91
Late arrivals	9	5	6	4	5	10	7	11	47

Trips: Reception, Year 1, 2 and 5 all have trips coming up in February and March. **Consent is required for these trips and this must be given on the Arbor app/portal.** Year 1 and 2 please also ensure you advise school if you wish us to provide a packed lunch (only for those in receipt of free school meals). To do this you need to use the links below which were emailed out last week in the trip letters. Reception class have been asked to order only sandwiches on Evolve.

[FSM Lunch Order for class trip - Year 1 27.02.26 – Fill in form](#)

[FSM Lunch Order for class trip - Year 2 Eureka trip 26.02.26 – Fill in form](#)

Preloved uniform: We have lots of pre-loved uniform in fantastic condition, some new! We have some really good winter coats too. All of it is only £1 per item so please come, look, and save some pennies.



Valentines disco: Polite reminder - further to the email sent on 08.01.26, which contains full information - Valentines disco is on 11th February. EYFS children will have their disco during school time and KS1 children straight after school. We do reply upon the small parental contribution we have asked for to be able to hold such events. We have a professional DJ coming into school and there will be snacks and drinks too. Please can you make your contribution on the Evolve Hub so we can continue to offer these events. For children in KS2, we offer entrance only or meal deals for the after school disco. Please book this on the Evolve Hub as we need to know numbers for meals and to ensure we can mark everyone in as quickly as possible. Please do not bring cash to pay on the door. KS2 children can bring some extra spends as there will be a snack/gift shop also. Thank you to those who have already booked/contributed.

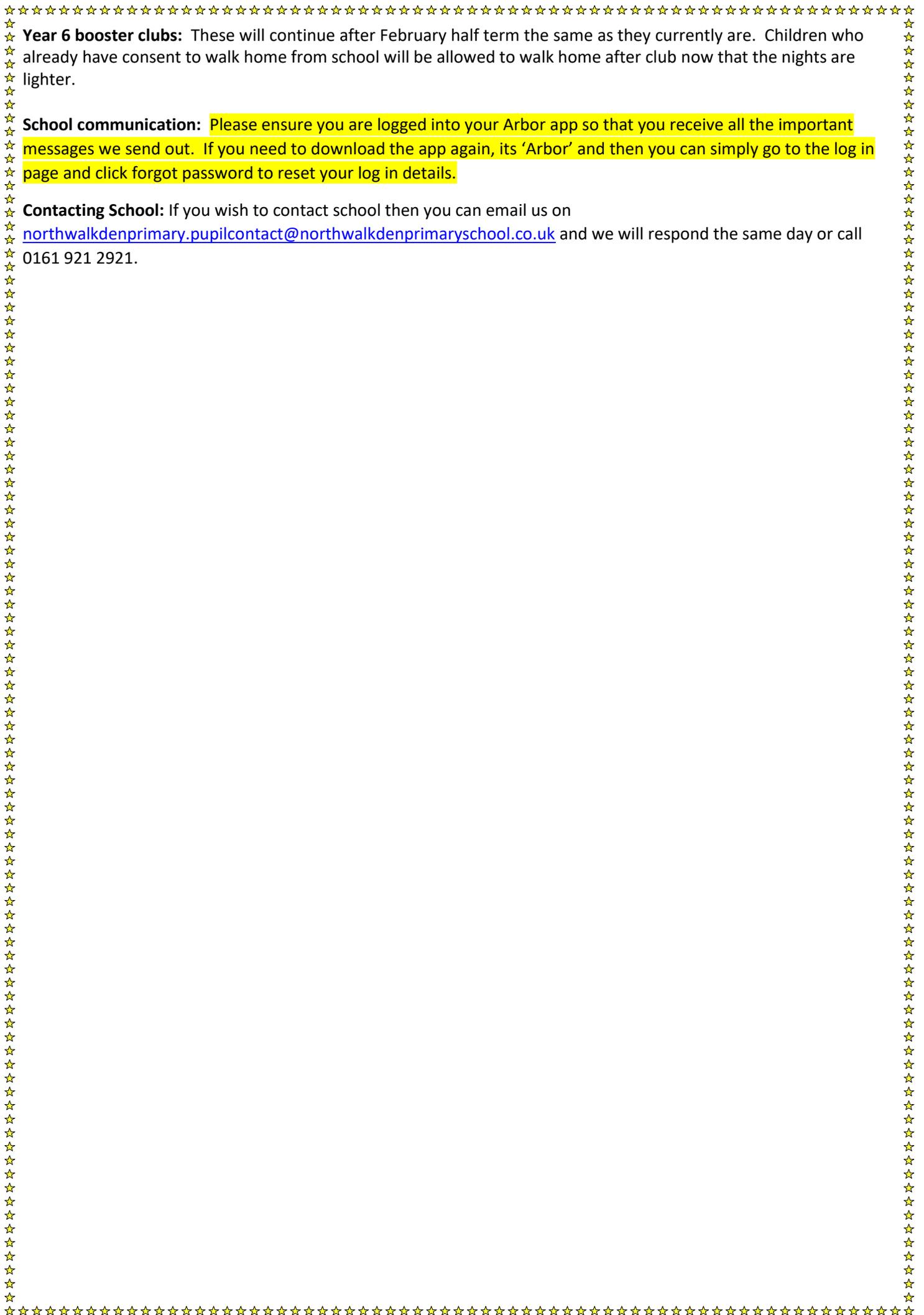


Arbor App – Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is the best place to keep up to date with your child while they are at school. We use Arbor to send messages, reminders, for booking onto clubs and providing consent for trips along with booking for parents evenings. You can also update your own and your child's personal information, report your child's absence and message school though the portal/app if you have a general queries. All you need in one place!



Logging in couldn't be easier, go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account. You can then select first time logging in and follow the steps to create your account. You will also need to confirm your child's date of birth. If you need any help we have some great guides on the [Arbor Help Centre!](#) If you have any questions just contact your school office.



Year 6 booster clubs: These will continue after February half term the same as they currently are. Children who already have consent to walk home from school will be allowed to walk home after club now that the nights are lighter.

School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your Arbor app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'Arbor' 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.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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 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 – Professional DJ, drink, snacks provided for EYFS/KS1. Emails with full details sent out 08.01.26 – EYFS/KS1 children are welcome to wear red themed clothes to school for the disco. KS2 children can dress up for when they return to school. Please ensure you buy your ticket to attend and order your meal deal to ensure school can cover the costs.	2-3 EYFS 3.30-4.30- KS1 5-6.30- KS2	WHOLE SCHOOL- details emailed 08.01.26
THURSDAY 12 TH FEBRUARY	MINDFULNESS DAY – Focussing on Mental Health, Wellbeing and self-care. All classes will be doing Yoga so children can wear suitable comfortable clothing		
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
FRIDAY 27 TH FEBRUARY	YEAR 1 TRIP – KNOWSLEY SAFARI PARK – letter emailed 30.01.26	8.30 – 3.15	YEAR 1
WEDNESDAY 4 TH MARCH	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 5 TH MARCH	RECEPTION CLASS TRIP TO IMAGINE THAT! LIVERPOOL – FULL INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED OUT – UNIFORM MUST BE WORN – letter emailed	9AM – 3PM	RECEPTION CLASS
THURSDAY 5 TH MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY – CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES EXCEPT RECEPTION
THURSDAY 5 TH MARCH	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	ALL DAY	ALL KEY STAGES
FRIDAY 6 TH MARCH	RECEPTION - WORLD BOOK DAY – CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER	ALL DAY	RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY 11 TH MARCH	CRUCIAL CREW TRIP – letter emailed 30.01.26	12 – 3PM	YEAR 5
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 WEKK	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 EVENIHNG PHONECALLS	330-4.30PM	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 CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton