

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

## Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### 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.

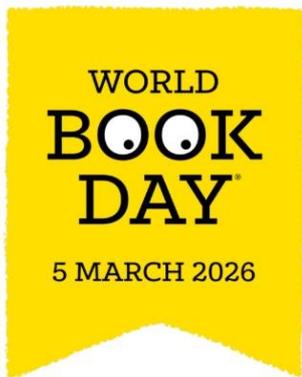
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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As we come to the end of another fantastic term, we would like to thank all our pupils, staff, and families for their continued hard work, enthusiasm, and support. It has been a busy and rewarding term filled with learning, achievements, and wonderful moments across the school.

We hope everyone enjoys a restful and well-deserved half-term break, taking time to relax and recharge.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at 8.45am on Monday 23rd February, ready for the next exciting part of the term ahead.

Have a lovely half term!



### World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are excited to be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5th March**! This special day is all about sharing our love of books and encouraging children to enjoy reading for pleasure.

### KS2 Competition

KS2 children are invited to take part in a creative competition linked to their **favourite book**. Using the details on the poster, children can choose to create a **prop, a scene, or a character** inspired by a book they love. We cannot wait to see their imaginative ideas!

### Dressing Up

- **KS2 pupils** are also welcome to dress up as their favourite **book character if they wish** (please avoid football kits).
- **Nursery and KS1 pupils** are also invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book (please avoid football kits).
- There is **no expectation** for parents to buy expensive costumes – we would much rather see some **fabulous homemade creations!**

Reception children will be on their school trip on Thursday, so they are invited to **dress up on Friday instead**.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a fun, creative celebration of books and stories!



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

Well done to year 1 who arrived every day on time!

Well done to Reception and Year 4 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	<b>97 SILVER</b>	94	93	94	<b>96 BRONZE</b>	92	93	93
Late arrivals	8	2	0	4	2	3	8	6	33

**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](mailto:northwalkdenprimary.pupilcontact@northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk) and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

### 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

### 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

### 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

### 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

### 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

### 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

### 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

### 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

### 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

### 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



See full reference list on our website

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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.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
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 – 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 <sup>TH</sup> 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 <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
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
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
FRIDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	YEAR 1 TRIP – KNOWSLEY SAFARI PARK – letter emailed 30.01.26	8.30 – 3.15	YEAR 1
WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> 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 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY – CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES EXCEPT RECEPTION
THURSDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS	ALL DAY	ALL KEY STAGES
FRIDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	RECEPTION - WORLD BOOK DAY – CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER	ALL DAY	RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	CRUCIAL CREW TRIP – letter emailed 30.01.26	12 – 3PM	YEAR 5
THURSDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	RECEPTION CLASS HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS	9.30AM	RECEPTION
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 WEKK	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 EVENIHNG PHONECALLS	330-4.30PM	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 CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton