

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

Newsletter – 27th 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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| Reggie Alex | Jackson Amber | Mustafa Orlando | Sapphiah Henry | Rosie Hallie | Idir Alice | Jaiden Ivy | Paige Fin |

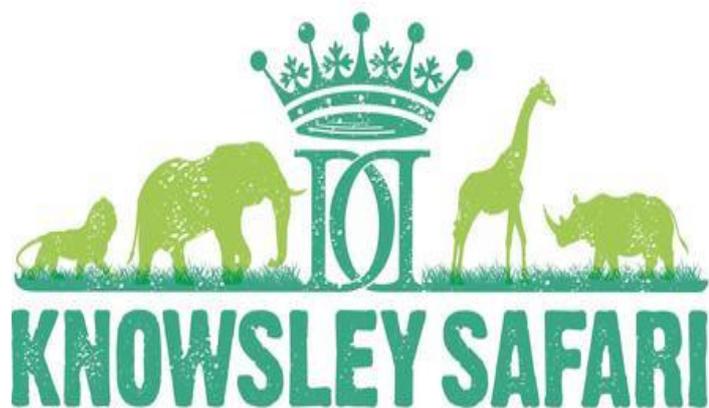
What a fantastic and busy week we have had across school last week!

Firstly, I would like to ask parents to support school by speaking to their children to make sure they do not use the trim trail in the junior playground, as this is currently out of order for safety reasons. We are awaiting this to be fixed at which time it will re-open for use during school time. As always, we ask parents to not allow their children to use the school equipment before and after school, as it is not being supervised. Thank you for your support.

Year 2 Trip to Eureka! The National Children's Museum: Year 2 had an amazing visit to Eureka in Halifax this week. The children explored a wide range of interactive galleries designed to bring learning to life. They enjoyed hands-on experiences in the **Living and Working Together** area, where they role-played in a bank, supermarket and garage, helping them understand how communities function. In the **All About Me** gallery, the children learned about the human body, healthy eating and how to look after themselves. They also explored scientific concepts through water play, engineering challenges and problem-solving activities.



The trip supported their learning in science, PSHE and geography, and the children represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 2!



of animals and their environments. We are so proud of how engaged and curious they were throughout the day.

Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park: Year 1 had a truly unforgettable day at Knowsley Safari Park! The highlight of the trip was the exciting **safari drive**, where the children saw lions, giraffes, zebras, rhinos and many more incredible animals up close from the coach. There were lots of “wows” and big smiles throughout the journey! The children also explored the Foot Safari area, learning more about different animal habitats and how animals are cared for. They discovered fascinating facts about lifecycles, diets and where animals come from around the world. This trip brought their science learning to life and helped deepen their understanding



Reception Trip Next Week: Imagine That! Science and Discovery Centre: Next week, Reception are off to Imagine That in Liverpool! This is always a wonderful hands-on experience for our youngest children.

A reminder that a message has been sent today regarding any **outstanding contributions and consent**. Please log into Arbor to complete this. You can find guidance on how to do this here: [https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008180414-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-](https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008180414-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Trip-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-the-Parent-App#h_01HAPEDSPX4R41QNK2GD4C5XYM)

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Please ensure you order the relevant sandwich on Evolve if you would like school to provide a packed lunch. Alternatively, you may send your child in with their own packed lunch in a disposable bag.

If your child has a hot meal selected, please update their lunch order for the trip day. Messages were also sent last week regarding this.

World Book Day – Next Week: We are also looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** next week!

Children across school are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Please note that **Reception children will dress up on Friday**, as they will be on their trip on Thursday.

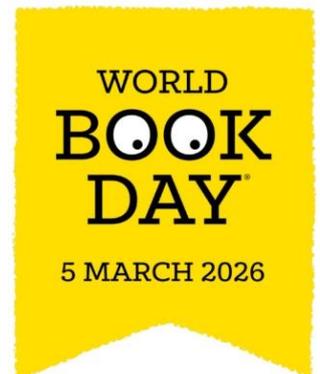
We cannot wait to see all of the wonderful costumes and share our love of reading together!

Here is a reminder of the information previously shared

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**. For those classes who would normally have an extra PE session please remember this is cancelled on Thursday as we have Altru Drama in all day providing workshops.

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

Year 1 Forest School: A reminder that **Forest School takes place every Friday morning from this week for one hour for Year 1.** Children will be outdoors in all weathers, taking part in nature-based activities that develop teamwork, resilience, confidence and practical skills. Activities may include den building, exploring habitats, seasonal crafts and learning about the natural environment.

Please ensure your child comes to school with **appropriate outdoor clothing**, including:

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Hat and gloves (in colder weather)
- Wellies

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure the children can fully enjoy this valuable outdoor learning experience.

Easter Support: We are pleased to share that **Community Little Hulton** are supporting school once again this year by providing Easter eggs for families who may need a little extra support at this time of year.

If you feel that your family would benefit from this support, please complete the survey link below before **Thursday 19th March**. All requests will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

[Easter Egg - request for support – Fill in form](#)



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.

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

WELL DONE TO RECEPTION, YEAR 2 AND YEAR 4 WHO ACHIEVED THEIR CLASS ATTENDANCE TARGET

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 | 89 | 96 BRONZE | 92 | 97 SILVER | 95 | 96 BRONZE | 90 | 95 | 94 |
| Late arrivals | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 40 |

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.

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 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 | RECEPTION CLASS HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS | 9.30AM | RECEPTION |
| 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 |

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| MONDAY 23 RD MARCH | PARENTS EVENING | 3.30-4.15PM | WHOLE SCHOOL – DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| WEDNESDAY 25 TH MARCH | PARENTS EVENING | 3.30-6.00PM | 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