

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Summer Term Begins

### 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
Sumayah Parker	Ellie-Mae Ini	Lily Antoni	Theo B Fatima	Fahida Lydia	Spencer Noah	Yassmin Jaxon	Phoebe Georgie

### Welcome Back!

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter holidays. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see so many smiling faces around the school again.

Year 4 have had an especially exciting start to the term with their recent visit to Seven Acres for a fieldwork trip. This experience provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to bring their classroom learning to life. By exploring the local environment, observing natural features, and collecting data, the children were able to deepen their understanding of geography and develop important enquiry skills. Opportunities like this help to make learning meaningful and memorable.



We also had our Class Photo Day on Wednesday this week. This is always a special occasion and a chance to capture a snapshot of the children together. We will share further details soon about how photographs can be viewed and purchased. In addition, we were delighted to have some drone footage taken of the whole school gathered outside—something a little different and very exciting! We cannot wait to see the final images.

Next week, we warmly invite Year 2 parents and carers to join us for our Family Time Workshop on Wednesday at 9:00am. These sessions are a wonderful way to share in your child’s learning and spend some time together in the school environment. We hope to see many of you there.



As we begin our final term of the academic year, our Year 6 pupils continue their preparations for their SATs. These assessments are an important milestone, allowing children to demonstrate all they have learned during their time in primary school. We encourage the children to approach this period with confidence—there is no need to feel worried. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of their efforts and progress.



**Summer Fair**

We are excited to try something different this year and our Summer Fair will take place on a Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June after school. This is the first time, and we hope it will allow more families to attend and enjoy the event together. To make the fair a success, we would greatly appreciate donations of new toys, teddies, or other suitable items for prizes. **We are also seeking support from local businesses for raffle donations—if you know of any who may be willing to contribute, please do get in touch. As always, your support is invaluable and very much appreciated.**



**School Trips**

Other classes will also be heading out on their summer trips soon, which are always a highlight of the school year. Please ensure that consent for your child’s trip is completed via the Arbor app as soon as possible once requested. This information is essential for teachers to prepare thoroughly and to ensure all safeguarding requirements are met, helping to keep everyone safe while they enjoy their experiences.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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

**WELL DONE TO RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 3, AND YEAR 4 WHO ACHIEVED THEIR CLASS 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	96	85	96	96	90	92	92
Late arrivals	8	5	4	10	5	8	7	13	60

# Why talking about digital life is hard for kids ...

... and how to make it easier



## Parents and carers don't know enough

### 1 **Talk about both the good and the bad of life online**

Young people say parents don't always understand the platforms they use or the online trends they enjoy. They also feel that adults focus mostly on what can go wrong, and rarely acknowledge the parts of being online that matter to them.

### 2 **Be involved early and collaborate on key decisions**

Young people say that when parents take an active interest from the start, they're better placed to help if something goes wrong. They also want to be consulted about decisions around their digital use, so they can understand the reasoning and feel the rules are fair.

### 3 **When in doubt, ask your child**

They know their online world best — and you're the person best placed to help them navigate it.

### 4 **If you're still unsure, speak to a teacher or trusted professional**

They can guide you towards the right advice and further support.

## Fear of consequences

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### Create a safe space for talking about what they see online

Young people want to share their experiences but don't always feel they can. Help them feel comfortable talking about the apps they use and what they're seeing online.

2

### Set ground rules together

Agree on rules with your child and be prepared for them to change over time. Reassure your child that you trust them, especially as they grow older. Involving them in these discussions helps them feel respected and empowered, as they can share their voice in the process.

3

### Be honest and explain

If you limit social media access or end up taking their phone, give reasons. Young people understand that sometimes this is a reasonable response, but needs to be explained properly. If not, trust can be damaged and children might not open up a second time.

## It's awkward/embarrassing

1

### Start conversations early and keep them going

Keep the conversation going, responding to your child's experiences. Don't let awkward or "taboo" topics stop you. **Conversation starters** are included later in this guide, and the **Thinkuknow website** has age-appropriate ideas.

2

### Keep it casual

Use everyday moments to talk about their online experiences — for example, while walking or driving. Teens say they don't want "the big talk"!

3

### Be a role model

Think about how your own habits set an example. Talk openly about them, use them to shape family rules, and share stories from your childhood or teenage years — reflecting on how things might be different in today's digital world.

4

### Have a conversation and ask questions

If you're unsure how to start, try watching an **#AsktheAwkward video** together.

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### It's okay to laugh!

Sharing a laugh can ease tension and make conversations more comfortable. Teens say they don't want parents to be too serious or intimidating.

**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.

**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
MONDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SCHOOL RE -OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	YEAR 4 FIELDWORK TRIP TO SEVEN ACRES – trip letter has been emailed to parents. Contribution of £5 requested. Consent must be given on Arbor under 'Activities'	9.00 – 3pm	YEAR 4
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	CLASS PHOTOS	AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	YEAR 2 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10	YEAR 2 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9AM /1PM ON A BOOKING SYSTEM	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
WEEK BEGINNING 11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEAR 6
TUESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	PHONIC SCREENING CHECK – MEETING FOR PARENTS	3.30PM	YEAR 1 PARENTS
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	ALTRU DRAMA WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOL YEAR 4- MAYANS YEAR 2- CASTLES	AM-Y4 PM Y2	YEAR 4 AND 2
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	YEAR 3 TRIP TO 'BRING YER WELLIES' Please ensure you have given consent on Arbor and paid your contribution on Evolve.	9-3PM	YEAR 3
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	YEAR 1 CHURCH VISIT	1-3	YEAR 1
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	COLOURED ITEM DONATION FOR SUMMER FAIR STALL IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY	ALL DAY	EACH CLASS TO BRING A DIFFERENT COLOURED LUXURY ITEM-TBC
WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 1 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10	YEAR 1 PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 6 TIME ODYSSEY TRIP - Please ensure you have given consent on Arbor and paid your contribution on Evolve.	9-3	YEAR 6

FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	BOTTLE DONATION FOR SUMMER FAIR IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEK BEGINNING 15 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY	ALL WEEK VARIOUS TIMES AND GROUPS	YEAR 6
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 5 WATERSPORTS DAY AT SALFORD QUAYS - Please ensure you have given consent on Arbor and paid your contribution on Evolve.	9-3	YEAR 5
TUESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 5 WATERSPORTS DAY AT SALFORD QUAYS	9-3	YEAR 5
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY	9AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	CHOCOLATE DONATION FOR SUMMER FAIR IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 2 CHURCH VISIT	1-3	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	SUMMER FAIR AT SCHOOL	3.30-5.30PM	EVERYBODY WELCOME – PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT !!
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE	YEAR 5 WATERSPORTS AT SALFORD QUAYS	9-3	YEAR 5
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE	YEAR 4 TRIP TO LLANDUDNO - Please ensure you have given consent on Arbor and paid your contribution on Evolve.	8-5PM	YEAR 4
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NEW NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING AND VISITING THE CLASSROOM	5PM	NEW PARENTS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> AND 26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS FOR MOST SCHOOL-PARENTS WILL BE ADVISED	ALL DAY	YEAR 6 CHILDREN DEPENDANT ON HIGH SCHOOL
WEEK BEGINNING 29 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NORTH WALKDEN'S 100 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WEEK OF FUN	ALL WEEK	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NEW TO NURSERY PHONECALLS	1PM	RK
MONDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	FRONT ROW CONCERT FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE LUNCH TIME MUSIC LESSONS	2.45PM	PARENTS INVITED
TUESDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NEW TO NURSERY PHONECALLS	1PM	RK
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 VISIT TO CHURCH	1-3PM	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION PHONECALLS	1PM	CLB
FRIDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	100 YEAR BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY	1-3PM	CHILDREN STAFF AND GOVERNORS
MONDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	ONLINE SAFETY SESSION FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 – Parents are invited to the assembly and for an additional session afterwards to explore trends, usage and safety controls	9AM	YEAR 5 AND 6 Parents welcome
TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN X13 TO VISIT SCHOOL	9.15-10.15AM	NEW NURSERY

WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT SCHOOL	9.15- 10.15AM	NEW TO RECEPTION
THURSDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN X13 TO VISIT SCHOOL	9.15AM- 10.15AM	NEW NURSERY
THURSDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 3 TRIP TO CHESTER AND THE ROMAN MUSEUM - trip letter has been emailed to parents. Consent must be given on Arbor under 'Activities'	9-3PM	YEAR 3
THURSDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	EYFS TEDDY BEARS PICNIC	TBC	EYFS CHILDREN
FRIDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	ANNUAL REPORTS ISSUED TO PARENTS	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
TUESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 2 TRIP TO MANCHESTER AIRPORT AVIAITON PARK – TRIP LETTER WILL BE EMAILED SOON	9-3PM	YEAR 2
TUESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT 2	9.15- 10.15AM	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHOW FOR PARENTS	2.15PM	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	EYFS SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM	KS2 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	MOVE UP MORNING FOR ALL CHILDREN	9-10.30AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 TALENT SHOW	1-3	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN WELCOME TO AUDITION
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> JULY	BUMP AND BOUNCE FUN DAY FOR EYFS AND KS1	ALL DAY	EYFS AND KS1
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 WATERPLAY AND GAMES AFTERNOON	1-3	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY	9AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION	10-3- VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED	YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton