

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

Newsletter – 9th October 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	Sunshine Room
Ryleigh Marcus	Edwin Evie	Amber Amin	Vinnie Edie	Blaine Kurtis	Heidi Luna	Geonel Riley	Keeley Esther	Jidenna

It has been another busy and positive week in school! Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our children safe, happy and ready to learn. Please see below for this week's updates and important reminders.

First Fire Drill of the Year

This week, we carried out our first fire drill of the academic year. Fire drills are an important part of keeping everyone safe in school, as they help children and staff understand what to do in an emergency. Practising regularly means that everyone knows how to leave the building calmly, safely and quickly if needed.

We were incredibly proud of how well all the children did, including our new Nursery children, who did brilliantly! They listened carefully to instructions and showed just how well they are settling into our school routines.

Please take a moment to reassure your child about why we practise fire drills. You can explain that, just like practising road safety, fire drills help us learn what to do to keep ourselves and others safe. There is no need to worry — it is simply a way for us all to be prepared.

Swimming Updates

Year 4 have continued to enjoy their swimming lessons, developing their confidence and essential water safety skills.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be inviting some children in Years 5 and 6 who need a little extra support with swimming to take part in additional lessons. These sessions will help them work towards the required swimming and water safety standard before the end of primary school.

We will contact the parents and carers of the children involved directly with further information.

Attendance Matters

We have recently completed a whole-school attendance review and are pleased to report that our overall attendance has improved compared with last academic year. This is encouraging news, and we would like to thank all our families for their continued efforts to ensure children attend school regularly.

However, we know there is still work to do. Good attendance is essential because every school day provides valuable opportunities for children to learn, build friendships, develop confidence and take part in all that school has to offer. Missing lessons can make it harder for children to keep up with their learning and feel fully connected to their class.

Please continue to make attendance a priority by ensuring your child arrives at school on time every day, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend. Working together, we can help every child make the most of their time in school.

Dates and Reminders — Week Commencing 12th October

Wednesday 14th October – Year 6 Family Time Workshop, 9:00am

A reminder was sent last week about our Year 6 Family Time Workshop. We hope as many Year 6 parents and carers as possible will be able to join us on Wednesday at 9:00am. We look forward to welcoming you for this special opportunity to spend time together and support your child's learning and development.

Thursday 15th October – Nursery Stay and Play

Our Nursery families are invited to join us for a Stay and Play session on Thursday. Please remember to reply to the message sent via Arbor to confirm which session you will be attending. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing some of the fun and learning taking place in Nursery.

We hope you can join us for these events!

School Discos – Don't Forget to Book!

Information about our upcoming school discos is included below and has been attached again for your convenience. Please take a look at the details and remember to book your child's place.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting event for the children!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. Have a lovely week, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Year 4 Harvest Experience

Year 4 will be visiting St Johns church this Thursday for their Harvest visit.

Autumn Disco

Don't forget to **book your child's place at our Autumn Disco!** Payments should be made via **Evolve**. Don't miss out on what promises to be a fantastic afternoon/evening! <https://myevolvehub.com/login>

We have attached the posters again for your information, including all of the details you need.

That's all for now.



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

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	82	98 SILVER	94	96 BRONZE	100 GOLD	100 GOLD	98 SILVER	99 GOLD	96
Late arrivals	0	4	2	5	0	2	3	4	20

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.

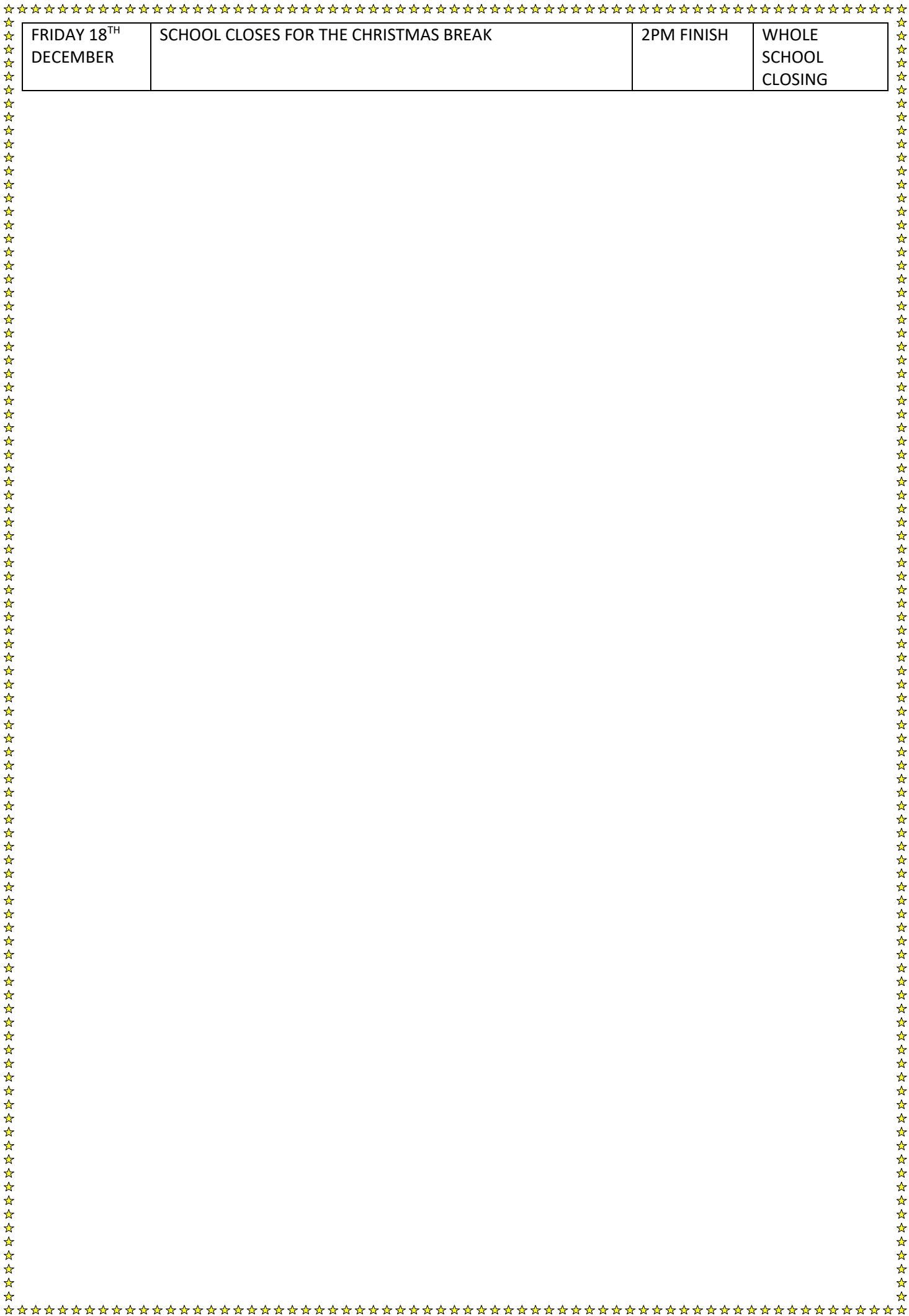
Contacting School: If you wish to contact school then you can email us on northwalkdenprimary.pupilcontact@northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

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 14 TH OCTOBER	YEAR 6 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 15 TH OCTOBER	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY SESSION – reply to the message on Arbor to advise which session you would like to attend.	9AM OR 1PM ON A BOOKING SYSTEM	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND
WEDNESDAY 21 ST OCTOBER	AUTUMN DISCO	2-3- EYFS 3.30-4.30- KS1 5-6.30-KS2	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO ATTEND
THURSDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	TEACHING OF READING WORKSHOP FOR RECEPTION PARENTS	9AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND

FRIDAY 23 RD OCTOBER	PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION	9AM	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO BRING A DECORATED PUMPKIN TO SCHOOL.
FRIDAY 23 RD OCTOBER	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM BREAK	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER	RECEPTION STAY AND LEARN WORKSHOP	9-10AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WK BEGINNING 9 TH NOVEMBER	ASSESSMENT WEEK FOR YEARS 1-6	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-6
WEDNESDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER	2 MINUTES SILENCE FOR REMEMBRANCE	11AM	YEARS 1-6
WEDNESDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 5 PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – children can wear yellow or spots. All donations to be made via the donation page link below. Thank you https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/		WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER	NASAL FLU INJECTIONS BY SCHOOL HEALTH (CONSENT REQUIRED)	9-12PM	FURTHER INFO TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS	9.30AM	YEAR 6
MONDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE.	3,30-5.00PM	N-Y6
WEDNESDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING – FACE TO FACE	3.30-6.00PM	N-Y6
FRIDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A LUXURY ITEM FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER	TIME TBC	ALL CHILDREN ASKED TO DONATE AN ITEM
MONDAY 30 TH NOVEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	UNTIL END OF TERM	ALL PARENTS INVITED TO PURCHASE TICKETS ON EVOLVE
THURSDAY 3 RD DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AT CHURCH	1.30-2.30	YEAR 3 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS- CRAFT DAT AT SCHOOL	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 7 TH DECEMBER	SUPPER WITH SANTA	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
TUESDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS

			WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	2.15PM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER/CHRISTMAS ACCESSORY DAY	ALL DAY	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO WEAR A JUMPER OR ACCESSORY
THURSDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	11-1PM	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO HAVE A FESTIVE LUNCH
FRIDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	DAZZLING DARREN MAGIC SHOW- £2 DONATION	9-11AM	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO ENJOY THE SHOW.
WK BEGINNING 14 TH DECEMBER	NO PE IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK DUE TO HALL USAGE FOR SHOWS	ALL WEEK	NO PE FOR ALL CLASSES.
MONDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS	9.15AM AND 2.30PM 2 SHOWINGS	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
MONDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON WITH TREATS	1-3PM	YEARS 3-6
TUESDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	EYFS PARTY AFTERNOON- CHILDREN MAY WEAR PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY	1-3PM	EYFS CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME	9.30- 12.20PM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – INFO TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON- CHILDREN MAY WEAR PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY	1-3PM	KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL COUNCIL TO DRAW WINNERS FOR THE HAMPER	1PM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	NON UNIFORM - CHRISTMAS THEMED FOR £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO WEAR FESTIVE JUMPERS



FRIDAY 18TH
DECEMBER

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

2PM FINISH

WHOLE
SCHOOL
CLOSING