

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

Newsletter – 23rd 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
Zane Mya	Jesse Ruby	Susie Faye	Freddie Olivia	Fiyinfoluwa Olivia	Spencer Dara	Mohammed Harvey	Milo Jaxon

This Week in School

It has been another fantastic week in school, with lots of exciting events and opportunities to celebrate our wonderful school community!

Autumn and Halloween Discos

On Wednesday, we held our Autumn Disco for our EYFS and KS1 children, followed by our Halloween Disco for KS2. It was wonderful to see everyone's fantastic costumes and the fabulous hats created by our younger children. A huge thank you to all our parents for supporting the school with the costs involved in running these events. Your support is very much appreciated, and the children had a brilliant time!

Reception Phonics Workshop

It was fantastic to see so many parents attending our Reception Phonics Workshop. Developing strong reading skills from the very beginning of a child's education is so important, and working together to support early reading makes a real difference.

For those parents who were unable to attend, the presentation has been emailed out so that you can still access the guidance and advice on how best to support your child's reading journey at home.

Pumpkin Decoration Competition

We have been absolutely blown away by the wonderful creativity shown in this year's Pumpkin Decoration Competition! There were so many fantastic creations, and it has been a real pleasure to see all the imaginative designs.

Congratulations to our winners, who were presented with their prizes during assembly:

- **Nursery:** Ryleigh
- **Reception:** George
- **Year 1:** Olivia
- **Year 2:** Frankie

- **Year 3:** Kurtis
- **Year 4:** Isla
- **Year 5:** Olivia
- **Year 6:** Eva

Well done to all our winners, and a huge well done to everyone who took part. Every entry helped make the competition so special!

Halloween Hamper Raffle and Fundraising

Our Halloween Hamper winner is **Vinnie in Year 2** – congratulations!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts in aid of Mrs O'Reilly's Remembrance Garden. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic **£330!**

We are incredibly grateful for the kindness and support shown by our families. Your contributions will help us create a special space for remembrance, and it is wonderful to see our school community coming together for such a meaningful cause.

Goodbyes and Best Wishes

During assembly this week, the children had the opportunity to wish Mrs Blemmings all the very best in her new job. We will all miss her and would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to our school.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Crook, our Nursery Welfare Assistant, who is moving on to a new role as a Teaching Assistant at another school. We thank her for all her hard work and care for our Nursery children.

We are very grateful to both Mrs Blemmings and Mrs Crook for everything they have contributed to our school community. We wish them both every success and happiness in their new roles and all the very best for the future!

Half-Term Holiday

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting half-term, we would like to wish all our children and families a wonderful half-term break. We hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest, relaxation and special time together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November at 8:45am**, ready for another exciting half-term of learning and fun!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0
99%	2 days	18 lessons missed
97%	6 days (more than a week!)	54 lessons missed
95%	9 days	81 lessons missed
94%	11 days (more than 2 weeks!)	99 lessons missed
93%	13 days	117 lessons missed
92%	15 days (3 full weeks!)	135 lessons missed
91%	17 days	153 lessons missed
90%	18 days	144 lessons missed
85%	28 days (over 4 weeks!)	252 lessons missed

Attendance celebration:

Each week we recognise attendance by class, looking at the class attendance figure for the previous week. This is celebrated by giving the class extra play time in recognition of their class achievement. Each term we will also celebrate individual children who have achieved the target of 96 % for a whole term.

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	91	99 GOLD	97 SILVER	94	99 GOLD	95	94	94	95
Late arrivals	11	7	3	8	8	10	4	7	58

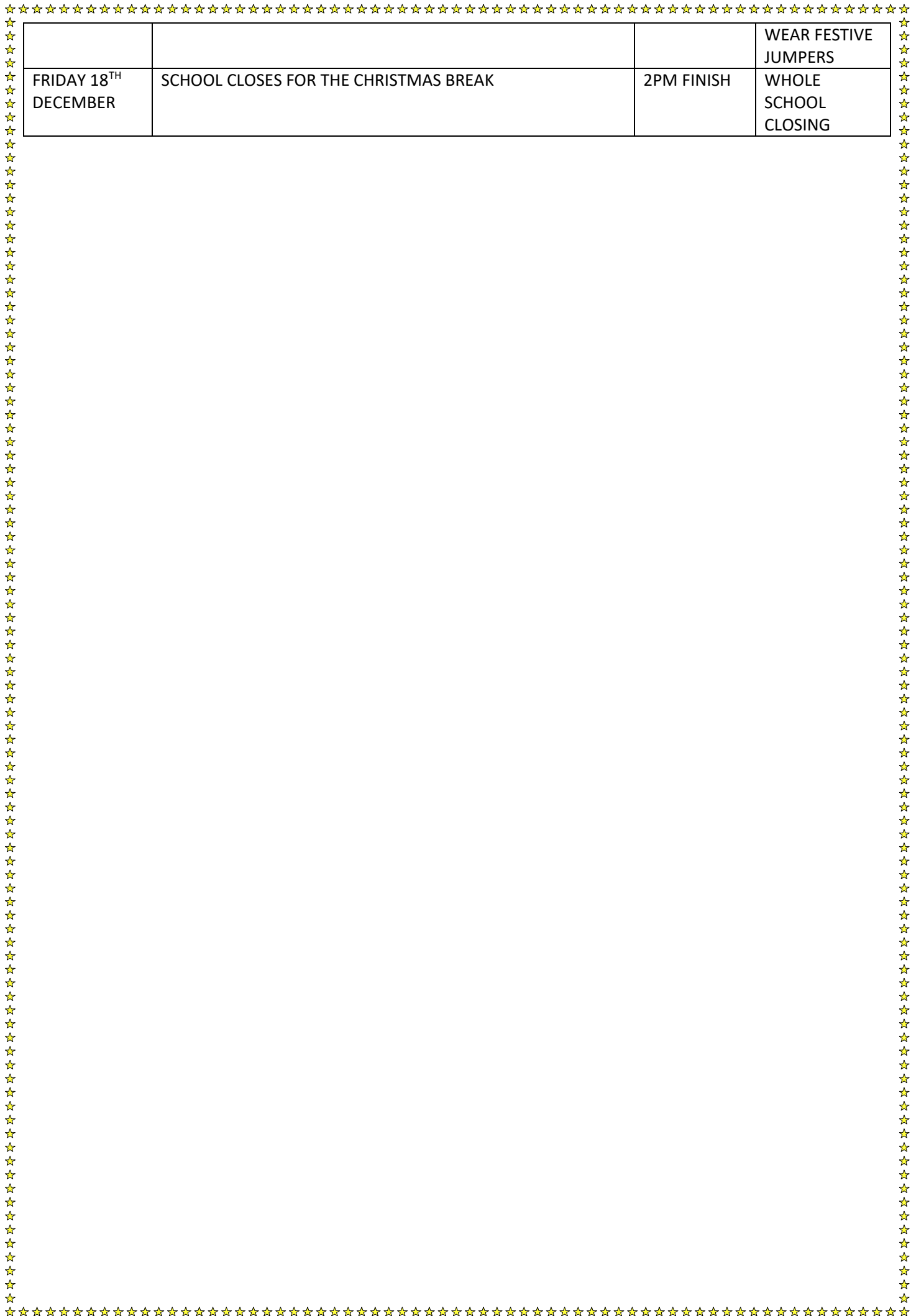
School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your Arbor app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'Arbor' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

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
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 18 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK	2PM FINISH	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSING