

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

Newsletter – 6th November 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
Bleu Jiyana	**Parker Theo**	**Theodore Kevin**	**Riley Malachi Alex**	**Teddy Hattie**	**Aiyanna Jamie**	**Otis Frazer**	**Kye Jaiden**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy and enjoyable week comes to an end, it has been lovely to see so many wonderful learning experiences taking place across school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Here is a look at what we have been up to and some important dates and reminders for the week ahead.

❁ A lovely week in school!

Reception Stay and Play: We had a fantastic turnout for our Reception Stay and Play session this week. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into the classroom and see everyone enjoying the activities together. Parents and children even had the opportunity to take part in a little phonics lesson!

These sessions are a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to experience some of the learning that takes place in school, share in their child's achievements and see how we support early learning through play. Thank you to everyone who joined us – we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Story Time in Nursery: We were also delighted to welcome Salford Library Service into Nursery this week for a special story time session. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, listening carefully and enjoying the stories.

Sharing stories with young children is incredibly important in developing early reading skills. When children listen to adults reading enthusiastically, they begin to develop a love of books, build their vocabulary, hear new words and become familiar with the rhythm and patterns of language. Storytelling also helps children develop their listening skills, imagination and understanding of the world around them.

Reading together helps lay the foundations for a lifelong love of reading and we would encourage all families to make this a regular activity. Thank you to Salford Library Service for providing such a lovely experience for our children.

🌼 Remembrance Day – Supporting Our Poppy Appeal

As we approach Remembrance Day, we are selling poppies in school to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Our School Council have been busy taking poppies around school this week, but there will still be opportunities to purchase one next week. Poppies are also available from the school office.

The Poppy Appeal raises vital funds to support serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. These donations help provide practical, emotional and financial support to those who have served our country and those affected by their service.

By purchasing a poppy, we can help our children understand the importance of remembrance, gratitude and showing kindness and support to others.

Thank you for supporting this important cause.

💉 Important Reminder – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

A polite reminder to please ensure you complete the consent form emailed to you by **Intrahealth** for the upcoming nasal flu vaccination session in school on **Monday 16th November**.

If you are having difficulty completing the consent form, you can contact Intrahealth directly on:

0333 358 3397 – Press option 1, then option 7.

A member of the team will be happy to support you.

By having the flu vaccination, children are not only protecting themselves but also helping to protect the people they love. Flu can be particularly serious for elderly relatives, grandparents and those with underlying health conditions.

Vaccinating your child helps reduce the spread of flu and provides an important additional layer of protection for the most vulnerable members of our families and wider community.

We encourage all parents and carers to consider consenting to the vaccination to help protect their children, their families and others.

Further information:

- Find out more about the children's flu vaccine on NHS.UK
- GOV.UK – Flu vaccination information and resources – including resources in different languages.

Thank you for your support.

📆 Looking Ahead to Next Week

Wednesday – Year 5 Family Time Workshop: We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 5 parents and carers into school on Wednesday for our Family Time workshop.

We hope as many of you as possible can join us. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to spend time learning alongside your child, share experiences and strengthen the link between home and school.

Friday – Children in Need!

We will be supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday.

Children are invited to come to school wearing **yellow or spots** to help us celebrate and raise awareness of this fantastic charity.

If you would like to make a donation, please do so directly through the official Children in Need website:

Donate to BBC Children in Need

Every donation, no matter how big or small, helps support children and young people facing challenges across the UK.

Thank you for helping us support this worthwhile cause!

🕺 Dancethon – Fundraising Update!

Our Dancethon is coming soon, and we are getting excited about seeing the children dance, have fun and raise money for our **Remembrance Garden fundraising project**.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already returned sponsorship money. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

We have also now set up payments through **Evolve**, so if you find it easier, you can make your sponsorship contribution using this method.

Every contribution will help us get closer to creating a special Remembrance Garden for our school community – a peaceful space for reflection, remembrance and learning.

Thank you for getting behind this exciting event and helping us make a difference!

💌 Thank You!

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and involvement in school life. We love seeing our families taking part in school events and sharing in the children's learning and achievements.

🎆 Bonfire Night – Stay Safe!

Please remember to stay safe if you are attending any firework displays or celebrations. We encourage families to attend organised displays wherever possible and remind everyone of the importance of keeping a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires.

Please ensure children are always supervised around fireworks, sparklers and bonfires. Remember:

- Never touch fireworks or pick up fireworks that have been set off.
- Keep a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks.

- Never give sparklers to children under five, and always supervise older children.
- Wear gloves when holding sparklers and place used sparklers in a bucket of water.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Bonfire Night and enjoys the celebrations safely.

🎄 Personalised Christmas Gifts – Featuring Your Child's Own Design! 🎄

Looking for a special Christmas gift? Why not order a range of personalised Christmas items featuring your very own child's design! These make lovely, unique presents for family and friends and are a wonderful keepsake to treasure.

A sample card featuring your child's design and a unique ordering code was sent home on Wednesday. Please see the attached instructions for details on how to place an order and what to do if you misplace your code.

Please note: The online shop closes on Sunday 15th at 12 noon.

All orders will be delivered to school in time for Christmas.

We hope you enjoy seeing your child's artwork turned into something special! Happy shopping! 🎅🎁

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week of learning and experiences.

Have a wonderful weekend!



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	92	93	93	85	**99 GOLD**	92	92	87	92
Late arrivals	3	4	4	5	5	8	5	6	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
WK BEGINNING 9TH NOVEMBER	ASSESSMENT WEEK FOR YEARS 1-6	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-6
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER	2 MINUTES SILENCE FOR REMEMBRANCE	11AM	YEARS 1-6
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 5 PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 13TH 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 16TH NOVEMBER	NASAL FLU INJECTIONS BY SCHOOL HEALTH (CONSENT REQUIRED) – MESSAGE SENT ON ARBOR 02.11.26	9-12PM	RECEPTION – YEAR 6
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS	9.30AM	YEAR 6
MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE.	3,30-5.00PM	N-Y6

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING – FACE TO FACE	3.30-6.00PM	N-Y6
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A LUXURY ITEM FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER	TIME TBC	ALL CHILDREN ASKED TO DONATE AN ITEM
MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	UNTIL END OF TERM	ALL PARENTS INVITED TO PURCHASE TICKETS ON EVOLVE
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AT CHURCH	1.30-2.30	YEAR 3 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER	COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS- CRAFT DAT AT SCHOOL	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER	SUPPER WITH SANTA	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	2.15PM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS WELCOME – TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER/CHRISTMAS ACCESSORY DAY	ALL DAY	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO WEAR A JUMPER OR ACCESSORY
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	11-1PM	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO HAVE A FESTIVE LUNCH
FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER	DAZZLING DARREN MAGIC SHOW- £2 DONATION	9-11AM	ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO ENJOY THE SHOW.
WK BEGINNING 14TH DECEMBER	NO PE IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK DUE TO HALL USAGE FOR SHOWS	ALL WEEK	NO PE FOR ALL CLASSES.
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS	9.15AM AND 2.30PM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME –

		2 SHOWINGS	TICKET SYSTEM TO FOLLOW
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON WITH TREATS	1-3PM	YEARS 3-6
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER	EYFS PARTY AFTERNOON- CHILDREN MAY WEAR PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY	1-3PM	EYFS CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME	9.30-12.20PM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – INFO TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON- CHILDREN MAY WEAR PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY	1-3PM	KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL COUNCIL TO DRAW WINNERS FOR THE HAMPER	1PM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 18TH 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