

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY – Aiming High, Striving for Excellence

Newsletter – 13th 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
Azra Mayla	**Molly Dalton**	**Ellie-Mae Elena**	**Abigail Quinn**	**Isaac Mason**	**Isla Nayla**	**Amelie-Jo Idir**	**Jaxon Georgie**

As always, it has been another busy and exciting week in school, with lots of wonderful opportunities for learning, working together and celebrating our school community. Please take a moment to read through this week's updates and important reminders.

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, we came together as a school community to remember and honour all those soldiers who lost their lives serving our country. We observed a respectful two-minute silence, giving the children an opportunity to reflect on the importance of remembrance and the sacrifices made by so many.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Poppy Appeal by purchasing poppies in school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Year 5 Family Time Workshop

We had a wonderful time welcoming our Year 5 families into school for our Family Time Workshop on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers getting involved, sharing experiences and enjoying learning alongside their children.

We strongly believe that parents are our most important partners in education. When school and home work together, children benefit from a consistent, supportive approach to their learning and development. Opportunities

like these help strengthen relationships, build confidence and allow parents to see first-hand the learning experiences their children enjoy in school.

Most importantly, the children absolutely love having their families involved! Sharing their learning, showing off their skills and spending special time together in the classroom makes these experiences particularly memorable. Thank you to everyone who joined us – we look forward to welcoming more families to future workshops.

Flu Vaccinations – Monday

A reminder that flu vaccinations for children from Reception to Year 6 will take place in school on Monday.

You should have received an email from IntraHealth, who deliver the NHS school-aged flu vaccination programme. Please look out for this email and, if you would like your child to receive the vaccination, make sure you complete the online consent form using the link provided.

The flu vaccination helps protect children against seasonal influenza, reducing their risk of becoming seriously unwell and helping to limit the spread of flu within families and the wider school community.

Important: Children will NOT receive the vaccination unless parental consent has been provided directly to IntraHealth using the link in their email. Please ensure you complete this in good time if you wish your child to be vaccinated.

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

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

Luxury Item Donations – Thank You!

Our luxury item donation collection for the Christmas Hampers is coming up, and we would be very grateful for your support. If you are able to contribute an item, please feel free to send this into school over the next two weeks.

As a thank you for your generosity and continued support, the children will enjoy some **extra playtime on Friday 27th November!** We really appreciate everything our families do to support our school community.

Christmas Hamper Tickets

Our Christmas hamper tickets are now available to purchase through **Evolve**. This means you can purchase your tickets at a time that is convenient for you, without needing to send anything into school.

Thank you, as always, for supporting our fundraising activities. Good luck to everyone entering!

Parents' Evening – Important Reminder

As previously advised, Parents' Evenings will take place on:

- **Monday 23rd November**
- **Wednesday 25th November**

Both evenings will take place in school, and all appointments will be face to face.

Please remember that you only need to book **ONE appointment per child**, not an appointment on both evenings. If you have booked two appointments for the same child, school will cancel one of these bookings to ensure all families have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher.

You can check the appointment you have booked by logging into the **Arbor app**.

Parents' Evening is a really important opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about their progress, achievements, friendships, wellbeing and next steps in learning. These conversations allow us to celebrate successes, discuss any areas where further support may be helpful and work together to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

Your partnership is invaluable, and we really encourage all parents and carers to attend. Working together makes a real difference to children's confidence, happiness and progress.

Christmas Is Coming!

We are approaching the Christmas period very quickly, and there is lots to look forward to!

We have attached our Christmas dates and events information again for you as a reminder. Please take some time to read through the information carefully so that you don't miss out on any of the exciting activities and celebrations we have planned.

There are various events to book, contributions to make and arrangements to be aware of, so please do check the attached information and complete any necessary bookings or payments in good time.

We are looking forward to a very special festive season and sharing lots of lovely memories with the children and our families!

Keeping Warm as the Weather Gets Colder

The colder weather has certainly arrived! As the temperature drops, please ensure that children come to school with suitable outdoor clothing so that they can stay warm and comfortable when playing outside.

Please make sure your child has:

- A warm, suitable coat.
- Gloves.
- A hat.
- Any additional layers needed to keep them warm.

We aim to get children outside and enjoying fresh air and play whenever possible, whatever the weather, so having the right clothing makes a big difference.

A little reminder: Please ensure that every item of clothing is clearly named, including coats, hats and gloves. These items are very easily misplaced, and having names in them makes it much easier for us to return them to their owners!

🕺 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

🎄 **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! 🎅🎁

Thank you for your continued support, generosity and partnership. We are incredibly proud of our school community and the way our families work alongside us to make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

The School Team



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	94	**100 GOLD**	95	**97 SILVER**	95	**96 BRONZE**	95	95
Late arrivals	5	8	0	5	1	5	5	10	39

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 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
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER	DANCEATHON! – WE'LL BE DANCING ALL DAY! PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FINDRAISING FOR THE REMEMBRABCE GARDEN	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
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 2 SHOWINGS	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME – 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