

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

3rd November 2023

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 |
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| Edie Antoni | Ciella Riley | Scarlett Robyn | Farah Oscar | Keeley Abraham | Isla W Jack | Brooke Harry | Layla T Evie |



Reception Bonfire workshop: Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the bonfire workshop on Thursday. We all had a lovely morning taking part in bonfire night crafts and fine motor fun.

Pumpkin carving competition: Wow what fantastic designs we had for the pumpkin carving competition. It was very hard to decide but the winners were....

- Nursery - Malachi
- Reception - William
- Year 1 - Aiyanna
- Year 2 - Brantley
- Year 3 - Thomas
- Year 4 - Georgie
- Year 5 - Klay
- Year 6 - Toby

Well done to everyone who entered, your pumpkins were all fantastic. Take a look at our Facebook page for pictures!

EYFS arrival: Please can I remind parents not to access the Nursery and Reception classroom from the junior playground, please can you walk round and through the infant playground and line up with the other parents. Thank you

Don't miss Salford Firework Weekend

Enjoy some free family fun this autumn as Salford Firework Weekend comes to the city. We'll be lighting up the city's skies for two nights with unmissable events for Salford residents.

Events will take place at:

- Buile Hill Park – Saturday 4 November from 4pm
- Prince's Park – Sunday 5 November from 5pm

Pick the right event for you and enjoy a great night together in your community and best of all, entry to both events is free!



Y6 Roving Reporters Bulletin

The Halloween disco had gone great with a brilliant start to the evening, with dancing zombies and spectacular costumes. There was a mummy competition and a variety of different sweets and glow sticks in the assembly hall. Year 3 won the Halloween mummy competition and received a 15 minute extra break time. There was a pumpkin competition earlier that morning, where 1 student from each class won a prize and a certificate.

Rocco, Mya, Fazian

For more information head to <https://www.visitsalford.info/firework>



Punctuality: being on time for school is very important. Children often feel uncomfortable arriving last into class when all the other children are settled down and working. At the start of every day is when our EYFS and KS1 children have their phonics lesson which is essential for their reading and writing progress. These sessions are only short and it is very important that the children do not miss them. In KS2 the start of the lesson is when the teacher is giving their input and modelling work to the class, if children miss this section of the lesson it is harder for them to give their best when creating their own writing or working out maths questions when working independently. Please find attached some further information about punctuality. We do understand that very occasionally there may be a reason that has caused lateness but being late regularly has a real effect on your child's ability to do the best that they can.



Christmas Cards: Your child brought home their Christmas design on Wednesday this week. This is also the order form that has the required codes on it. You have also received an email with instructions on how to order yesterday. Please take a look and place your order by 11th November. If you need any help please get in touch.

School Photographs: Don't forget to order your photographs – there are some brilliant value for money packs that could be used as Christmas gifts or simply a memento for yourself. You simply scan the QR code on the slip your child brought home which will take you to the website to order. If you don't have this we can print off another copy for you. Parents have until **10th November** to place their orders and qualify for free delivery to school, the photos will be delivered two weeks later so plenty of time for Christmas!



KS2 Movie Night: The children will be watching the following films...

Year 3 - Arthur Christmas – U

Year 4 – The Grinch – U

Year 5 – Santa Claus 3 - The Escape Clause - U

Year 6 – The Christmas Chronicles – PG – please let school know if you do not wish your child to watch the film.

Next week.....

Remembrance Day: We will have poppies, keyrings and wrist bands available next week. The suggested donation is 50p for a poppy or £1 for a keyring or wrist band. Children are welcome to bring their money in next week.

Online Safety: We have some helpful advice below about Among Us and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, an anime web series based on the popular video game, *Cyberpunk 2077*. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.



COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as *Fortnite* and *Call of Duty*, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG *Genshin Impact* may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. *Yandere Simulator*, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. *Death Note*, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. *Pokémon* and *One Piece* are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: *Grave of the Fireflies*, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in *Fortnite*, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 18 guidebooks for children, covering games such as *Fortnite*, *Apex Legends*, *Valorant*, *Roblox* and *Minecraft*. With work published by the likes of *PC Gamer*, *Kotaku*, *Pocket Gamer* and *VG247*, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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Well done to YEAR 6 who arrived on time every day this week.

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



Well done to Nursery, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 6 who all achieved their target of above 96%, for last week – FANTASTIC – LETS KEEP IT UP!

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 |
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| Class attendance award | 80.8 | 94.6 | 98 | 97.7 | 95.4 | 93.8 | 95.9 | 97.3 | 94.5 |
| Late arrivals | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 19 |

School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' 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@salford.gov.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 |
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| MONDAY 30 TH OCTOBER | SCHOOL RE-OPENS | 8.45AM | ALL CLASSES |
| TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER | PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION - ALL CHILDREN INVITED TO BRING A CARVED PUMPKIN TO SCHOOL | 9AM | ALL CLASSES |
| TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER | HALLOWEEN SPOOKY MEAL – ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ORDER ON THE EVOLVE HUB | 11.30 – 1PM | WHOLE SCHOOL |
| TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER | KS2 HALLOWEEN DISCO – FANCY DRESS – FOOD – SWEETS - TOYS £3.50 ENTRANCE OR £5 MEAL DEAL | 5 – 6.30PM | Y3 – Y6 |
| WEDNESDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER | YEAR 1 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP | 9-10AM | YEAR ONE PARENTS WELCOME |
| WEDNESDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER | NASAL FLU VACCINATION – CONSENT FORMS WILL BE REQUIRED | 1-2PM | NURSERY |
| THURSDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER | RECEPTION BONFIRE NIGHT WORKSHOP | 9-10AM | RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME |
| THURSDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER | YEAR 5 'BOYS TO MEN' WORKSHOP STARTS | 11.15- 12.15 | YEAR 5 CLASS |
| MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER | ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE – CAN YOU ACHIVE 100% ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK AND WIN A £5 BOOK VOUCHER FOR THE BOOK FAIR! | | ALL |
| MONDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER | FLU VACCINATIONS R-YEAR 6 | 9-3.00 | ANY CHILD WITH PARENTAL CONSENT |
| MONDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER | KEY STAGE 2 ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOPS | 1.30PM- 3.30PM | KEY STAGE 2 |
| THURSDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER | YEAR 3 LAST SWIM SESSION | 1-3 | YEAR 3 |

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| THURSDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER | YEAR 1 HEARING TESTS | 9.30 – 11.30 | YEAR 1 |
| FRIDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER | 2 MINUTES SILENCE IN CLASS | 11AM | YEARS 2-6 |
| FRIDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER | LAST DAY TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS AND CHRISTMAS DESIGN GIFTS | | ALL |
| MONDAY 13 TH – FRIDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER | BOOK FAIR – COME ALONG AND GRAB SOME CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OR A REWARD FOR A FANTASTIC REPORT AT PARENTS EVENING | 3.15 – 4PM | ALL WELCOME |
| MONDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER | SPORTSCOOL TASTER DAY – CHILDREN TO COME IN PE KITS ON THIS DAY – RESCHEDULED FROM FRIDAY 3RD | | YEAR 1 – YEAR 6 |
| MONDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER | PARENTS EVENING 1 PHONECALL OPTION | 3.25-5.15 | ALL CLASSES |
| WEDNESDAY 15 TH NOVEMBER | PARENTS EVENING 1 FACE TO FACE OPTION | 3.20-6.30 | EYFS TO YEAR 6 |
| THURSDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER | YEAR 4 FIRST SWIMMING SESSION | 1.30-3.00 | YEAR 4 |
| TUESDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER | DENTAL PROGRAMME | 9-12 | RECEPTION & YEAR 1 |
| THURSDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER | PARENTS ONLINE SFAETY SESSION – please come along so we can help you to keep your child safe online – find out about the newest apps your child may be accessing! | 2pm – 3pm | ALL PARENTS WELCOME |
| FRIDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER | LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER ITEM IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY | | ALL CLASSES |
| MONDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER | HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS TO GO ON SALE | 12.00 | ALL CLASSES |
| THURSDAY 30 TH NOVEMBER | NURSERY STAY AND PLAY | 9-10.00 | NURSERY PARENTS |
| FRIDAY 1 ST DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY | 10.00- 3.00 | ALL CLASSES |
| MONDAY 4 TH DECEMBER | EYFS NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL SHOW FOR SCHOOL | 10.00 | YEARS 1-6 TO WATCH |
| MONDAY 4 TH DECEMBER | SUPPER WITH SANTA KEY STAGE 1 | 3.15 -4.15 | KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN |
| TUESDAY 5 TH DECEMBER | EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS | 9.15 | EYFS PARENTS |
| TUESDAY 5 TH DECEMBER | KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR SCHOOL | 10.30 APPROX | YEARS R AND KEY STAGE 2 TO WATCH |
| WEDNESDAY 6 TH DECEMBER | EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS | 9.15 | EYFS PARENTS |
| WEDNESDAY 6 TH DECEMBER | KEY STAGE 1 CHRISMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS | 2.15 | KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS |
| THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER | KEY STAGE 1 CHRISMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS | 9.15 | KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS |
| THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER | YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS CHURCH EXPERIENCE | 1.30PM | YEAR 3 CHILDREN |
| FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY | ALL DAY | ALL CLASSES |
| FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY - ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ORDER ON THE EVOLVE HUB | 11-1.30 | ALL CLASSES |
| MONDAY 11 TH DECEMBER | KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR PARENTS - TWO SHOWINGS | 9.15 & 2.30 | KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS |
| TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER | KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON | 1-3.00 | KEY STAGE 2 |
| WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER | KEY STAGE 2 OPERA HOUSE TRIP- JACK AND THE BEANSTALK | 12-4.00 | KEY STAGE 2 |

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| WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER | KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY) | 1.30-3.00 | KEY STAGE 1 |
| THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS HAMPER TICKET WINNERS DRAW | | SCHOOL COUNCIL TO DRAW THE WINNERS |
| THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER | EYFS CHRISTAS PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY) | 1-3.00 | EYFS |
| FRIDAY 15 TH DECEMBER | SCHOOL CLOSSES | 2:00PM | WHOLE SCHOOL |

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton