

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### 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
Edie Malachi	Kurtis Laurel	Cassian Fareedah	Muqaddim Olivia	Ivy Daniela	Phoebe Louis	Habib Max	Milly Asra

**YEAR 6 MOCK SATS WEEK:** This week, Year 6 had a 'Mock SATs Week'. The children are now aware of where they will be sitting for their upcoming SATs and how the tests will be administered. We are all feeling more than ready to take on the SATs!!

You can support your child by ensuring they complete homework tasks given and reading regularly with them and asking questions about the text.

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> is a website that has a wealth of revision guides and quizzes for children to access from home - we have used them in class so they are familiar with them.

**YEAR 4 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP:** We had lots of fun at the workshop this Wednesday

**OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT:** Please could we remind parents/carers that the children should not play on the equipment before or afterschool – thank you.

**FUNDRAISING:** North Walkden are STEPPING UP with SAM THOMPSON. In aid of the Cash for Kids charity, Sam has enlisted our help so he can reach 1 MILLION STEPS!!!!!!

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, years 2-6 will be taking part in a sponsored walk in Blackleach park. Year 1 and EYFS will also be doing a sponsored walk around school grounds in order for North Walkden to help Sam reach his target. Mrs Conaghan has challenged us to reach HALF of Sam's target! Do you think we can do it???

This is a sponsored event in aid of Cash for kids and there is a link to our very own fundraising page at the bottom of this post. However, we appreciate that not all families will be able to sponsor our team, but that is OK! We can still all participate in supporting Sam to reach his target! All donations are, as always, very much appreciated.

All children can come to school dressed in bright colours - ensuring that they have suitable clothing for the weather. Full shoes/trainers must be worn please - no crocs, sandals or flipflops!!!

COME ON NORTH WALKDEN, WE CAN DO IT!!!!!!!

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/sam-thompson-million-steps/fundraisers/north-walkden-primary-school/>



Reception class were all in on time every day this week, well done.

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

Well done to Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 who all achieved the attendance target this week!

**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	<b>99 GOLD</b>	90	94	95	<b>98 SILVER</b>	94	88	<b>96 BRONZE</b>	94
Late arrivals	2	<b>3</b>	5	3	3	5	4	3	28

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



# Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

## BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. These are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

## AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

## NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

## LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

## CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>



## 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

## DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

## TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

## GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FourBlueShoes", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

## STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.





**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](mailto: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
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	EYFS LEARNING WALK FOR GOVERNORS	9.45AM	GOVERNORS
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	STEPPING UP WITH SAM THOMPSON – sponsored event		WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEK BEG 13 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	YEAR ONE CLASS VISITNG CHURCH	1.30PM	YEAR ONE CLASS
MONDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	WORLD BEE DAY BY SCHOOL COUNCIL £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN DUE COURSE
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	WORSLEY SPORTS EVENT – children will be trailed and chosen to participate	4PM	TBC
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	YEAR TWO LAST SWIMMING SESSION	1.30PM	YEAR 2
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	SINGING SHOWCASE FOR YEARS 1-6	1.15PM	YEARS 1-6- CHILDREN ONLY
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	ALL CLASSES

**MAY HALF TERM**

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
TUESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS	9-11AM	NURSERY TO YEAR 6
FRIDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE	ALL DAY	YEAR 5
WEEK BEGINNING 10 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1 AND 2
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	GOVERNORS OPEN DAY	9-3PM DROP IN	GOVERNORS
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 5 PARENTS
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 3 SUMMER TRIP TO THE LAKE DISTRICT- PROVISIONAL DATE	8-5	YEAR 3 CLASS- MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9-9.45 AM	NURSERY PARENTS
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 2 VISITING CHURCH	1.30PM	YEAR 2 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE	ALL DAY	YEAR 5
WEEK BEGINNING 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	POLLINATOR WEEK LED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL	ALL WEEK	DETAILS TO FOLLOW

WEEK BEGINNING 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-5
FRIDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE	Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE	ALL DAY	YEAR 5
SATURDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JUNE	SUMMER FAIR	11-1	EVERYBODY WELCOME
MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NEW NURSERY PARENTS MEETING	5PM	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
TUESDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NEW RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING	5PM	NEW RECEPTION PARENTS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> AND 28 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS TO HIGH SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOLS TO ARRANGE	YEAR 6 CHILDREN
MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY	NEW TO NURSERY PHONECALLS TO PARENTS	TIME TBC	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
TUESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	NEW TO NURSERY PHONE CALLS TO PARENTS CONTINUED	TIME TBC	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY	9AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 CHURCH VISIT	1.30PM	YEAR 6 CLASS
FRIDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SUMMER HAMPER DONATION IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY	EXTRA PLAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SUMMER HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	9AM	ON SALE TO ALL FAMILIES
MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS	9.15-10.15AM	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS	9.15-10.15AM	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN PHONECALLS	TIME TBC	PARENTS OF NEW TO RECEPTION CLASS
THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT DAY	9.15 – 11.15	CHILDREN ONLY
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SCHOOL REPORTS ISSUED TO PARENTS	3.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEK BEGINNING 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	OLYMPICS WEEK	ALL WEEK DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS REGARDING REPORTS IF REQUESTED	ALL WEEK	OPEN TO ALL PARENTS
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW- DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL	10AM	WHOLE SCHOOL TO WATCH
TUESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	2PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 1 BUMP AND BOUNCE FUN TIME	ALL DAY IN GROUPS	KEY STAGE 1`
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	5.30PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS

THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS MORNING – OLYMPIC THEME	9.15AM- 10.30 APPROX	KEY STAGE ONE CHILDREN – PARENTS INVITED TO WATCH
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 WATER PLAY FUN	1.30-3PM	KEY STAGE 2
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	EYFS SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM- 10.15 APPROX	EYFS CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS AFTERNOON – OLYMPIC THEME	1.30PM TO 3PM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	CHILDREN MOVE UPTO NEW CLASSES	9.15- 10.30AM	YEARS N TO YEAR 5
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 TALENT SHOW	1.30PM	OPEN TO ALL KEY STAGE 2 WHO WISH TO SHOWCASE A TALENT!
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS MEAL	5PM- RESTAUR ANT TBC	YEAR 6 CHILDREN
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	SUMMER HAMPER DRAW	2PM	
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	SPONSORED COLOUR RUN EVENT	1PM DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY	9AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

More dates may be added so please keep your eye on the diary dates each week.

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton