

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER – 17<sup>th</sup> May 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
Abigail Wyatt	Henry Aruvi	Spencer Chanel	Lydia Ivana	Taylor Raeanna	Jacob Thomas	Brooke Vivian	Whole Class

**Year 6 SATs week:** Year 6 have taken their SATs tests this week and we could not have been more proud of them! As usual, they have all worked really hard, tried their best and persevered when things got tricky. Well done Year 6 - you are awesome! Mrs Bowling

Well done to Year 6 this week! They have shown perseverance, resilience and have risen to the challenges. We are really proud of all their hard work and now looking forward to preparing our end of year performance. Bring on the auditions! Mrs Cosgrave

I could not be more proud of our year 6 children this week during their SAT's tests. They conducted themselves with such maturity and resilience. Each and every one of them gave it their absolute best. They could not have worked any harder. Well done Year 6. I am really proud of you. Now you can look forward to lots of exciting things during the rest of your time at North Walkden. I can't wait to see the show! Mrs Warburton

**Thought of the week:** *Imagine a world where everybody was kind, all friends, no litter and no accidents. Everybody wants to be in that but still people don't care to even think about it. There are still some kind people in the world, so be you!* - Isla W, Y4.

**Summer fair raffle:** We are still looking for prizes for this year's raffle, please get in touch if you know someone or you can provide a great prize to help with our fundraising – thank you.



**WORLD BEE DAY** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Dust off your BEEly Boppers!

Children are invited to support us to raise much needed awareness on how important bees are to our local bio - diversity and to help our School.

TO SAVE THE BEES!

School Council would like to invite you to attend school in your own clothes for a £1.00 donation you are welcome to wear black, brown, yellow, orange or anything brightly coloured and flowery! (Please to not go out purchasing clothes especially for this.)

Your donation will support us to brighten up our school grounds with, our planned pollinator paradise gardens, herb tyres and wild flower meadows.

**We have a very exciting day planned. Ollie's grandparents are joining us to share their knowledge about bee keeping, the children will get to see candle rolling, a bee hive and bee keepers suit as well as learning all about the very important work that bee's do!!**

We would also welcome donations of any old useable watering cans, bee loving herbs that can be planted outdoors or the odd marigold plants that you may have spare.

We thank you all for your support in advance it is truly appreciated.

Mrs Seddon, and the North Walkden School Councillors

**After school clubs:** We are offering the following clubs for children after half term. The surveys to request a place opened on Wednesday this week as per the message sent. Please complete this before Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> if your child wishes to attend.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1	Summer Games		Sports club - Hockey	
Year 2	Summer Games			
Year 3	Arts and Crafts	Sports club - Invasion Games		
Year 4	Computing and Timetables			
Year 5	Sports club - Football	Debate Club	Ipad Club	
Year 6				

**PE Days and Swimming:** Please note the days below for PE and swimming. On these days children should come to school in their PE kits.

- Reception – PE on FRIDAY
- Year 1 – PE on Wednesday
- Year 2 – PE on Wednesday / Swimming on Thursday from 18.04.24 – 23.05.24
- Year 3 – PE on Tuesday
- Year 4 – PE on Tuesday
- Year 5 – PE on Monday
- Year 6 - PE on Monday



**Year 4 – Residential trip September 2025:** The letter trip was emailed to you on Tuesday this week and the consent survey is now open on School Spider. Please take a look at the information provided and provide your consent and deposit by the dates specified. We will be going to Boreatton Park with the children which is an amazing venue which we have used in the past. You can see all about it here

<https://adventureholidays.pgl.co.uk/camps/boreatton-park/>



**Well done to Reception and Year 6 who arrived on time every day!**

**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 5 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	90	<b>90</b>	<b>96 BRONZE</b>	<b>98 SILVER</b>	90	95	<b>97 SILVER</b>	<b>96 BRONZE</b>	<b>94</b>
Late arrivals	3	3	2	7	2	4	1	<b>0</b>	22

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

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



# Suggested Apps and Games For EARLY YEARS



## Learning



### FISH SCHOOL HD

This app teaches young children (age 2-5) about important things like letters, shapes, numbers and more, all set in a colourful underwater setting with adorable sea creatures. The basic idea has fish and sea creatures forming the shapes of letters, numbers etc that your little one can identify. Developers Duck Duck Moose have a lineage of creating family friendly apps and games with 21 top-selling apps since 2008. Fish School HD has over 50,000 downloads and offers a rounded package of activities, but many other apps by this developer are highly rated and offer a few twists on the formula. As always it's worth checking a few out to see which best suits your child's interests. Fish School HD is available for free on iOS and Android.



### GREEN EGGS AND HAM - DR. SEUSS

The classic Dr. Seuss book has been reworked into an interactive adventure for modern day devices, with an emphasis on encouraging literacy learning for younger children. Within the app, there's a few different options on how to enjoy the story; you can read it aloud together, have the app read the book and follow along, or just play the story through automatically. You can even tap on words to hear them individually to practice vocabulary. While the app will set you back £3.79 on Android (£3.99 on iOS) it has an excellent rating and over 10,000 downloads, with many noting how much their young children have enjoyed the story. It speaks volumes about the quality of the work, too, that a book from 1960 can still be read and loved by children some two generations after its initial release.



### TOCA LAB: ELEMENTS

Toca Lab is the app of choice in encouraging little scientists to get to grips with elements, our world and how physics and chemistry work. This one might be a little advanced for younger kids and, though it has a PEGI 3 rating, it does recommend ages 6-8 in the description. All 118 elements are present in Toca Labs and kids are encouraged to find and test them all. Experimenting with things like Gold, Neon, Hydrogen and more, it gives a better grasp of how everything in our universe is formed. Bear in mind though that it's not meant to be a scientifically accurate account of how elements react, but to build curiosity in young minds. The app is available on iOS and Android for £3.99.



### BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS

What's the next best thing to travelling the world? Well, for kids with access to an iPad or Apple phone, Barefoot World Atlas could be a close second. In this app available only on iOS for £4.99, kids and adults can explore the globe from the comfort of their own homes and learn all about our planet. The app, which is rated 4+, only appears on Apple devices but the sheer amount of information contained in here will keep curious kids busy for hours on end.



### SKETCHBOOK - DRAW AND PAINT (AUTODESK SKETCHBOOK ON IOS)

Encouraging artistic ability at an early age can often be invaluable in letting kid's imaginations loose and there are many apps that allow them to unlock that passion. SketchBook comes highly recommended with over 300,000 reviews. Essentially, the app comprises a blank canvas and a host of "fast and powerful creative sketching tools" like pens, pencils and paint brushes to let those creative juices flow. SketchBook is rated PEGI 3 so even younger children should be able to get to grips with it. However, it could prove a little too complex for some and the large collection of tools and crisp graphics would suit a larger screen like an iPad, over a mobile phone. Despite this, the ability to simply mess around and doodle, coupled with more advanced accessibility later down the line, should make it a must own for all age ranges. The app is free to download on both Android and iOS.



## Just for Fun



### LITTLE FRIENDS: CATS & DOGS

If you're looking to introduce pets into the family home but aren't sure about how your children might react, a good way to get your younger ones acquainted with an animal before a big commitment is a game like Little Friends: Cats & Dogs. This Nintendo Switch game tasks players with feeding, playing with and loving their own virtual cat or dog. Much like Nintendogs or even Tamagotchi of the 90s, Little Friends is a fun way to build up confidence to owning a real animal. While only a 1 player game, Little Friends: Cats & Dogs is suitable for all ages and entirely offline, so there's nothing at all to worry about when they're enjoying it alone.



### YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids takes the popular YouTube format and curates a more specialised environment for children to search through. While any age range can benefit from YouTube Kids, the 'Preschool' Mode is specifically designed for kids aged 4 and under. According to the app's description, 'Preschool' Mode promotes creativity, playfulness, learning and exploration through its channels. The inclusion of parental controls (limited screen-time, video blocking and flagging) and strict advert monitoring by YouTube means the experience is incredibly safe for younger kids. It should be noted that in the app description, YouTube say that some inappropriate content can slip through the cracks, but they're constantly implementing updates to stop these. A hugely popular app, YouTube Kids is available on iOS and Android with well over 100 million downloads.



### BBC IPLAYER KIDS

This app is designed for kids and lets them watch all their favourite CBBC and CBeebies shows in one place. The simple presentation is super easy to navigate and the app itself is entirely free on both Android and iOS with no adverts whatsoever. BBC iPlayer Kids can download shows to your device's internal storage allowing you to take all the best bits with you when there's no WiFi and multiple profiles mean everybody gets straight to their favourites with minimal fuss. According to the app description, it will ask for your child's name and age to recommend other programmes it thinks they might like.



### MARIO KART 8 DELUXE

Mario Kart has been a staple of Nintendo consoles since 1992. It has been a favourite of young and old alike for over 20 years and is always an incredibly fun experience. Now exclusively on the Nintendo Switch with Mario Kart 8, the bells and whistles may have changed, but the enjoyable core gameplay and challenge have not. Suitable for all ages, Mario Kart can be played alone, online or at home with up to 4 players on one screen. The ability to take the Switch out with you into the world and play wherever you like is a huge advantage over other games and means you can always be sure of some quick entertainment.



### ROCKET LEAGUE

The concept behind Rocket League takes teams of jet-fuelled cars zipping around football-inspired pitches in an attempt to knock a giant, over-sized ball into nets. Rated PEGI 3, the challenge of Rocket League is probably more suited to those 5 and up, but anybody can enjoy the bright colours and fun gameplay. Rocket League is available on Windows PC, Mac, PlayStation, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch at various price points. Be warned though, you can spend money in the game for certain items so be sure you know when your young ones are playing and what they're buying.

## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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**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
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	ALL
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	WORLSEY SWIMMING GALA – We will be asking for consent and support wc 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	9AM	YEAR 4,5 & 6 – SELECTED CHILDREN
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	<del>WORSLEY SPORTS EVENT – INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME WC 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>	4PM	<del>YEAR 3,4,5&amp;6 SELECTED CHILDREN</del>
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	GAMES SESSION – children can bring in a non-electronic game to play in exchange for donations for the summer fair colour stall. Donations can be sent in any day in the week before Thursday. Classes should try to bring an item in the following colours. <b>Nursery – pink</b> <b>Reception – green</b> <b>Year 1 – yellow</b> <b>Year 2 – blue</b> <b>Year 3 – red</b> <b>Year 4 – white</b> <b>Year 5 – brown</b> <b>Year 6 – purple</b> Donations can be, toiletries, jewellery, chocolates, vouchers, hand bags, make-up, wine, bubble bath or any other gift. Thank you	PM	ALL
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	CHOCOLATE DONATION FOR EXTRA PLAY IN THE AFTERNOON	PM	ALL
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
<b>SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>SUMMER FAIR – please bring along friends and family</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>EVERYBODY WELCOME</b>
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
WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	FRONT ROW CONCERT – children who have guitar lessons at lunch will perform for the whole school and parents of those performing	2.45pm	Whole school and parents of those performing
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
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>HOME VISITS FOR NURSERY FAMILIES WHO ARE NEW TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>NURSERY ADMISSIONS SEPT 24</b>
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 CLOSSES 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