

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER – 14<sup>th</sup> June 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       |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Orlando<br>William | Matilda<br>Isaac | Aria<br>Mobeen | Eli<br>Zara | Alexis<br>Keeley | Nadia<br>Zack | Whole<br>Class | Ruby<br>Asra |

We have had a busy week this week, the last term of the year is definitely in full swing and we have many more exciting events planned! It was wonderful to see so many parents join us this week for the year 5 family time workshop and also the Nursery stay and play session focussed on writing. The children really do love it when parents/carers come into to see their work and spend time learning with them.

Our year 5 class have had their second full day session at the Helly Hanson water sports centre enjoying lots of water based activities, building confidence and resilience whilst having lots of fun.

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Brockholes in Windermere too despite the slightly delayed return to school!

For any of our families celebrating Eid this weekend, we hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends.

**Class Photographs:** Next week you will receive your order form if you would like to purchase a class photograph.



**Facebook:** we love to share as many pictures as we can so that you can see your what fun the children have at school so please do like and follow our page so you don't miss out!

**Non-Uniform day:** We have moved the chocolate donation to next Friday and it will be non-uniform day in exchange for a donation. Year 5 are invited to do this on Thursday as they will be at Water sports on the Friday. If you brought one today, thank you!

**Stranger Danger:** This message was sent out to year 5 & 6

Dear parents/carers, after the recent reports of a man approaching parents outside of school we will be speaking with year 5 & 6 to remind them of how to stay safe when out with friends and when walking to and from school. We would appreciate it if you could also speak to your children to reinforce this message. The key messages are to stay together, try not to be alone. Pay attention, don't have head phones on and put phones away and what to do if you feel unsafe. We do not want to frighten the children but to simply remind them of the best way to stay safe as they become more independent. Personal safety is taught throughout school during PSHE and the focus of our annual trip to Crucial Crew which year 6 attend but it is always important to keep these message fresh in everyone's minds.



**Anti-social behaviour:** This message was sent out to year 5 & 6

Dear parents/carers, unfortunately we have had a few reports from neighbours this week on poor behaviour before and after school by children who have been allowed the responsibility to walk to and from school on their own. If your child walks to and from school please can you speak to them about how to behave during this period,

expectations and that they are representing the school. If poor behaviour continues we will have to remove the option to walk alone and parents will be required to bring and collect their child in future.



**Football Festival:** The children had a wonderful day on Wednesday celebrating the European Championships football tournament starting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

We are doing a sweepstake and the class who has the winning team will enjoy a celebratory pizza party. The tournament ends on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. This week in assembly, Mrs Warburton picked the teams - each class has three teams to follow.

During the afternoon, each class can decorated their classroom door in theme with their teams so children can see which classes are supporting which teams as they walk around school. Classes had fun learning football skills such as keepy uppies, dribbling a ball around cones, beat the keeper etc.

**Whooping Cough – Information for parents:** Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is a highly contagious respiratory disease known for uncontrollable, violent coughing which often makes it hard to breathe. Pertussis can affect individuals of all ages, but can be particularly severe, even deadly, for babies less than a year old. The best way to prevent whooping cough is through vaccinations. The ‘DTaP’ vaccine is recommended for babies at 8, 12 and 16 weeks old. A pre-school booster is given at 3 years and 4 months. We urge all community members to stay vigilant, ensure vaccinations are up-to-date, and seek medical advice if a persistent cough develops. Together, we can protect our community’s health and well-being.

**Summer activities:** Please take a look at our Facebook page for lots of information about activities available over the summer holidays



**Well done to Year 4 who were 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, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 who all achieved the attendance target last 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 | 96      | 99        | 97     | 99     | 97     | 99     | 93     | 88     | 96           |
| Late arrivals          | 4       | 5         | 5      | 5      | 2      | 0      | 2      | 5      | 28           |

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



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

18  
CENSORED

### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people: compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs: increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday



**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 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                                       |
| FRIDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE                                   | NON UNIFORM DAY - CHOCOLATE DONATION FOR SUMMER FAIR  | PM                      | ALL  |
| SATURDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JUNE                                 | SUMMER FAIR – please bring along friends and family   | 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                        |
| 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- RE-ARRANGED TO WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY  | 9AM                     | RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME                    |
| WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY                                 | RECEPTION TRIP TO BLACKPOOL ZOO – letter to be sent after May half term   | 8.30 – 3.15PM           | RECEPTION                                    |
| WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY                                 | YEAR 1 TRIP TO BLACKPOOL AND THE CIRCUS - letter to be sent after May half term   | 8.30 – 3.15PM           | YEAR 1                                       |
| 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     |

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| TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY         | NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN PHONECALLS   | TIME TBC                   | PARENTS OF NEW TO RECEPTION CLASS                      |
| WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY      | RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY   | 9AM                        | RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME                              |
| WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY      | NURSERY TRIP TO SMITHILS FARM – letter to be sent after May half term                        | 9.00 – 2.30PM              | NURSERY  |
| 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      | KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS AFTERNOON - moved from Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                       | 1.30PM TO 3PM              | KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH        |
| 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   | 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         | YEAR 4 – TRIP TO BROCKHOLES NATURE RESERVE – PRESTON – letter to be sent after May half term | 9.00 – 3.00PM              | YEAR 4   |
| 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- RESTAURANT TBC        | YEAR 6 CHILDREN  |
| TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY        | YEAR 2 TRIP TO MANCHESTER RUNWAY VISIOTR CENTRE  | 9.30 – 2.30PM              | YEAR 2   |
| TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY        | SUMMER HAMPER DRAW   | 2PM                        |  |
| TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY        | SPONSORED COLOUR RUN EVENT   | 1PM                        | WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW                        |

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|                                    |                            | DETAILS TO FOLLOW |                        |
| WEDNESDAY<br>24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY | LEAVERS ASSEMBLY           | 9AM               | YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME |
| WEDNESDAY<br>24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY | SCHOOL CLOSURES 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