

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER – 5TH 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
GEORGE FAYE	MASON WILLIAM	NOAH SPENCER	OLIVIA IDIR	HALLIE / RAEANNA DANIELA/ALEXIS	DELILAH CALLUM	AMINA BOBBY	CLERISSA DAVID

Well done to former pupil Jessie for becoming Vice President at Kearsley Academy. Always good to see the successes of our North Walkden pupils - we are very proud.

School Trips: Both Reception and Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Blackpool this week. Our Reception class visited the zoo and Year 1 went to Blackpool Tower's circus and played on the beach. Both classes are to be commended on their outstanding behaviour! Many members of the public commented on how smart and well-behaved the children were. They were all true North Walkden ambassadors, well done!

Staffing: Miss Ward has been successful in securing a promotion and will leaving us at the end of this academic year. I would like to thank Miss Ward for all of her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

I would like to also thank Mrs McCormick who has supported the KS1 children over the last few years at lunchtime. Mrs McCormick has decide that now is the time to retire. We wish her all the best.

I am now in a position to advise you of teaching staff deployment across school from September. I will confirm the year one teacher as soon as possible as we are in the process of recruitment.



Year Group	Teaching Staff
Nursery	Miss Khan
Reception	Miss Briggs
Year 1	Recruitment in process
Year 2	Miss Byron
Year 3	Mrs Conaghan
Year 4	Mrs Galini and Miss Martin
Year 5	Miss Stott
Year 6	Mrs Cosgrave and Mrs Bowling

Place2Be - MY FOND FAREWELL Thank you to all the amazing children, teaching and non-teaching staff and parents of North Walkden Primary for your support over the last two years for helping to establish the Place2Be service in school. It has been the best job listening and supporting all those who have accessed the service with their worries and feelings through One-to-One interventions, Place2Talk, Group work and Classroom work. However, the time has come for me to retire and spend time with family, travel and have more adventures. Lisa Howard will be taking over as the Mental Health Practitioner in September. Endings and goodbyes are difficult for me so will keep this short and wish you all well.

My warmest regards, Jacqueline



Well done to Nursery class 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 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	89	93	96 BROINZE	85	98 SILVER	98 SILVER	89	95	93
Late arrivals	0	3	3	2	5	3	2	4	16

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

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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 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
MONDAY 8 TH JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS	9.15-10.15AM	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW
TUESDAY 9 TH JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS	9.15-10.15AM	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW
TUESDAY 9 TH JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN PHONECALLS	TIME TBC	PARENTS OF NEW TO RECEPTION CLASS
WEDNESDAY 10 TH JULY	RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY	9AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 10 TH JULY	NURSERY TRIP TO SMITHILS FARM – letter to be sent after May half term	9.00 – 2.30PM	NURSERY
THURSDAY 11 TH JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT DAY	9.15 – 11.15	CHILDREN ONLY
FRIDAY 12 TH JULY	SCHOOL REPORTS ISSUED TO PARENTS	3.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEK BEGINNING 15 TH JULY	OLYMPICS WEEK	ALL WEEK DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 15 TH JULY	MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS REGARDING REPORTS IF REQUESTED	ALL WEEK	OPEN TO ALL PARENTS
MONDAY 15 TH JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW- DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL	10AM	WHOLE SCHOOL TO WATCH
TUESDAY 16 TH JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	2PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 1 BUMP AND BOUNCE FUN TIME	ALL DAY IN GROUPS	KEY STAGE 1`
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS AFTERNOON - moved from Friday 19 th July	1.30PM TO 3PM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	5.30PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS
THURSDAY 18 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM-10.30 APPROX	KEY STAGE ONE CHILDREN – PARENTS INVITED TO WATCH
THURSDAY 18 TH JULY	YEAR 6 CHURCH VISIT	1.30PM	YEAR 6 CLASS
FRIDAY 19 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 2 WATER PLAY FUN	1.30-3PM	KEY STAGE 2
FRIDAY 19 TH JULY	EYFS SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM-10.15 APPROX	EYFS CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH

FRIDAY 19 TH 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 ND JULY	CHILDREN MOVE UPTO NEW CLASSES	9.15- 10.30AM	YEARS N TO YEAR 5
MONDAY 22 ND JULY	KEY STAGE 2 TALENT SHOW	1.30PM	OPEN TO ALL KEY STAGE 2 WHO WISH TO SHOWCASE A TALENT!
MONDAY 22 ND JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS MEAL	5PM- RESTAUR ANT TBC	YEAR 6 CHILDREN
TUESDAY 23 RD JULY	YEAR 2 TRIP TO MANCHESTER RUNWAY VISIOTR CENTRE	9.30 – 2.30PM	YEAR 2
TUESDAY 23 RD JULY	SUMMER HAMPER DRAW	2PM	
TUESDAY 23 RD JULY	SPONSORED COLOUR RUN EVENT	1PM DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 24 TH JULY	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY	9AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 24 TH 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