



NORTH WALKDEN

PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

**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
Sophia Lennon	William Renee	Vinnie William	Gulstan Alfie	Harry Fahida	Alexis Yassmin	Jamie Roxanne	Harry Billie-Mae

**Roving Reporters**

Happy New Year to you all!

This week we have been to visit the children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years.

In Year 2 writing, there was an alien! And he was speaking!

A fascinating science lesson occurred! Did you know year 1 were drawing around someone’s body parts - so cool! They have also painted some wonderful and colourful circles.

Reception is really excited about their new winter topic!

Nursery brought snow inside, this chilly weather has got us in a freeeeezing mood!

Have a snowy season

Mason and Amina.

Welcome back to school as we start a frosty new year! I hope that you have had a happy and safe holiday.

Please remember that school starts at 8.45am and ensure that your child is on time, so that your child does not miss out on important learning activities.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

**Attendance Matters**



School attendance is important for equipping your child with skills for life. Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations and provide the access to the future they aspire too.

Please support your child to achieve their dreams by teaching them resilience and motivation them to do their best. We all have days when we don’t feel our best but we don’t have to feel 100% to still join in and participate in school.

**Every Day Counts....**

Punctuality is also very important. In school each class undertakes special learning activities as soon as they arrive which your child will miss if they are late. Being late to class can be upsetting for some children and having to join in part way through a lesson puts them at a disadvantage. Please be at school for 8.45 when learning begins.

***“Education is the passport to the future, and attendance is the stamp that gets you there”***

**Health & Safety**

The health and safety of the children of North Walkden primary is of the highest importance and therefore I ask parents not to enter the school building unless it is to visit the school office. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher a member of the Office staff will see if they are available, if

not, a message will be passed on or an appointment made for a later date. Please use the main entrance for this purpose.



I would like to remind you that you are not allowed to smoke in or on the school premises, which includes the school's playgrounds and field. With the exception of guide dogs, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

For the safety of the children please do not park in Whittle Drive or on the pavements outside school. Please be extra cautious when driving in the area around school and use the car park at Blackleach.



**Addresses/Telephone Numbers**

Please remember to inform school if you have changed your address, phone numbers or email address. It is important that we can contact you in the event of an emergency and also that you are receiving the information we share with you each week. You can update your information directly on Parent Portal or contact the school office. Information on Parent Portal can be found here <https://www.northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk/page/parent-portal/151879>

**Holidays**

I would like to remind parents of the changes to the penalty notice system that came into effect in August last year. We have shared this information with you previously and it is detailed on the reverse of the 'Leave of Absence' request form also. Please see the attached information.

**Events**

Please take a look at the diary dates below and make a note of all the activities relevant to you on your new calendars! For some events we ask for a small contribution to support school in funding these activities. All payments are available now on the Evolve hub so that you can either make them in one go or spread them out – whatever works best for you.

We have our next whole school disco coming up soon for Valentine's Day. Full information can be found on the attached posters and also on the diary dates below – book your ticket on the Evolve hub and get your party clothes and dancing shoes ready!



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

**Well done to Year 2 and Year 3 for achieving their attendance target - let's keep this up throughout the year!**

**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	92	94	93	<b>97 Silver</b>	<b>96 Bronze</b>	95	92	94	94
Late arrivals	6	7	9	10	10	13	5	7	67

**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/STAFF
MONDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	RECEPTION VISION SCREENING	9AM	RECEPTION CLASS
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSION – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEAR 1 AND 2 CLASSES
THURSDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE LESSON – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEAR 3 AND 4 CLASSES
TUESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE WORKSHOP	YEAR 5- 9.15AM YEAR 2- 10.15AM YEAR 6 - 11AM	YEAR 2, 5 AND 6
FRIDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	DRAMA WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOL	9-3PM	YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	RECEPTION VALENTINES WORKSHOP	9-9.45AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	EYFS VALENTINES DISCO - Tickets are £2.50 and this includes a professional DJ, drink and a snack. Please pay on the Evolve Hub, payment is your consent for your child to attend. On the day, the children can come into school in their own clothes with a red theme.	2-3PM	EYFS CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	KEY STAGE 1 VALENTINES DISCO - Tickets are £2.50 and this includes a professional DJ, drink and a snack. Please pay on the Evolve Hub, payment is your consent for your child to attend. On the day, the children can come into school in their own clothes with a red theme.	3.30-4.30PM	YEARS 1 AND 2
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	KS2 VALENTINES DISCO - Tickets are £5.00 for a meal deal (Hotdog or Cheese sandwich – please select the correct one to order on the Evolve Hub – orders must be received by Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February). Entrance only is £3.50, payment is your consent for your child to attend. Children are welcome to dress up in a Valentines theme for the disco. We will have a snack shop so they can also bring some spends if they wish to.	5-6.30PM	YEARS 3-6
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY - PARENTS WELCOME – BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 13 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY ON SCHOOL SPIDER - PLEASE BOOK YOUR SESSION	9AM OR 1PM	EYFS
FRIDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION – contribution for the whole year can be made on the Evolve hub is you prefer	9-3	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM BREAK	3.15PM	ALL CLASSES

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> MARCH	PHONICS SCREENING CHECK - MEETING FOR PARENTS	3.20PM	YEAR ONE PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 2 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-9.45	YEAR 2 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY- CHILDREN WELCOME TO DRESS UP AS ANY BOOK CHARACTER	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	DRAMA WORKSHOPS ACROSS SCHOOL - £2 contribution requested – please pay on the Evolve Hub	ALL DAY	RECEPTION TO YEAR 6
FRIDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	CHOCOLATE/EASTER GOODIES DONATION IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAYTIME		ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE SESSION – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEAR 3 AND 4 CHILDREN
THURSDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE LESSONS – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEARS 1 AND 2
FRIDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	RED NOSE DAY- DONATIONS FOR NON UNIFORM/RED NOSES	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE	9AM	OPEN TO ALL PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTS EVENING (PHONE CALLS AVAILABE ON OTHER DAYS THIS WEEK)	3.30-6.30PM	YEARS N - YEAR 6
THURSDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 5 AND 6 EXTRA PE LESSONS – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEARS 5 AND 6
TUESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION - £2 contribution requested – please pay on the Evolve Hub	9.15AM	YEARS 1-6 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT COMPETITION		EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 WELCOME TO BRING A HAT TO SCHOOL
THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY – BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 3 <sup>RD</sup> MARCH ON SCHOOL SPIDER - PLEASE BOOK YOUR SESSION	9AM OR 1PM	NURSERY
THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY COMPETITION	BRING TO HALL AT 8.45AM	ALL KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN WELCOME TO JOIN
THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	YEAR 5 EASTER EXPERIENCE AT CHURCH	1-3PM	YEAR 5 – CHILDREN ONLY
THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION – contribution for the whole year can be made on the Evolve hub is you prefer	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER BREAK	2PM	ALL CLASSES

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton