

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER 17th 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
Ninu Mohammed	Antoni Lily	Fatima Michelle	Charlie Aria	Anirlan Sapphire	Aliza Milo	Phoebe Carter	Carl Mason

The children have been very busy this week in their classes, fully engaged and enjoying their lessons. Our year 5 class has been coding their very own computer games and I had the pleasure of playing Isla's game which was fantastic although I have to say, I wasn't very good at it! Let's just say the Aliens got me before I found any stars or cakes!!



ACTION REQUIRED - Parent Portal: Each year we ask parents to review and update the information we hold for you and your child. An email has been sent out today with full information about Parent Portal so that you can all check your information. It is very important that we hold the correct contact information and medical information. Please log on to check and make changes directly or get in touch with the office to assist you. You can find information about Parent Portal on our website here

<https://www.northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk/page/parent-portal/151879>



Attendance and Punctuality: I am very impressed to see fantastic attendance from nearly all classes last week, it is a very promising start to the term. Well done everyone!

Following on from the previous communications about the changes the government has made for unauthorised absences please find a poster below which reminds parents of the consequences. Please ensure you are aware of this.

I would also like to see an improvement of punctuality across school. Regular late marks can lead to a referral to the Attendance Officer at the Local Authority but I would rather avoid this.

School starts at 8.45am and classes start the day with important learning tasks. Arriving after this time will mean that your child has missed this section of work which puts them at a disadvantage. Let's see if we can all have a great start to each day next week and be here for **8.45am** every day!

Roving Reporters

In reception, they have learnt about winter and some exciting new words.

Year 1 had a cutting competition and is learning about weights.

Year 2 learnt about volume and capacity.

In Year 3 they were making 3d shapes out of 2D.

Year 4 learnt about fractions and they did computing which was coding.

Y5 made their own games on purple mash and studied about the solar system.

Year 6 have been getting to grips with protractors in maths

Regards

Amina and Mason.

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!



School Uniform: To celebrate the start of 2025, we're thrilled to introduce a NEW discount code for parents: **UNIFORM10%**. This offers 10% off all school uniform orders at [MyClothing.com](https://www.myclothing.com).



Code: UNIFORM10%
Expires: 31/03/2025



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 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	98 SILVER	99 GOLD	97 SILVER	99 GOLD	99 GOLD	96 BRONZE	95	93	97
Late arrivals	7	8	6	7	11	5	4	8	56

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.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



2

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD

3



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid within 21 days

5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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
WEDNESDAY 22 ND JANUARY	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 23 RD JANUARY	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSION – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEAR 1 AND 2 CLASSES
THURSDAY 30 TH JANUARY	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE LESSON – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEAR 3 AND 4 CLASSES
TUESDAY 4 TH 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 TH FEBRUARY	DRAMA WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOL	9-3PM	YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6
TUESDAY 11 TH FEBRUARY	RECEPTION CLASS – TRIP TO IMAGINE THAT – letter emailed to parents 17.01.25 – Please pay your contribution on the Evolve Hub, thank you	9-3PM	RECEPTION CLASS
WEDNESDAY 12 TH FEBRUARY	RECEPTION VALENTINES WORKSHOP	9-9.45AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 12 TH 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 TH 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 TH 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 th 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 TH FEBRUARY	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY - PARENTS WELCOME – BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 13 TH JANUARY ON SCHOOL SPIDER - PLEASE BOOK YOUR SESSION	9AM OR 1PM	EYFS
FRIDAY 14 TH 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 TH FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM BREAK	3.15PM	ALL CLASSES
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 24 TH FEBRUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 3 RD MARCH	PHONICS SCREENING CHECK - MEETING FOR PARENTS	3.20PM	YEAR ONE PARENTS

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

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton