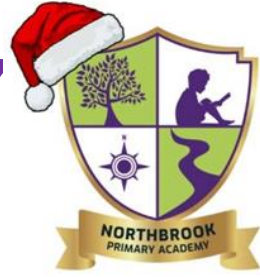


FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 6th December 2024



VALUE FOCUS - This half-term our value focus is **Empathy**. We are challenging all the children to ensure:

- ✓ Everyone in our school treats each other with care and compassion.
- ✓ We listen to each other and show kindness.
- ✓ We offer support to each other.
- ✓ We are committed to promoting positive mental health and well-being for everyone.



'Star of the Week' Awards

Reception – Ellen K & Henry S

Year 1 – Harry R & Sophia LD

Year 2 – Elizabeth R & Arla-Rae F

Year 3 – Lizzie H & Harley KS

Year 4 – Kobe C & Millie H

Year 5 – Charlie P & Freya J

Year 6 – Poppy H & Maison M



This Week's Best Attendance

Year 6 – 93.8%



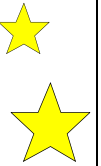
Red Panda Team	880
Lion Team	1146
Blue Whale Team	1179
Green Turtle Team	1498

House Team Competition:

Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points...

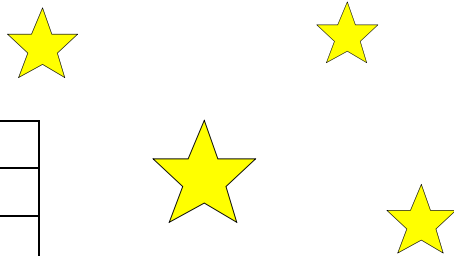


The **Green Turtle Team** maintain their lead!



Reading Rewards.... We want our children to read at home at least three times per week. To reward the children who regularly read at home and have their reading record signed, we have introduced a bronze, silver and gold reward system! To achieve the bronze award pin badge the children need to earn 60 reading points, silver 200 reading points and gold 300 reading points. Well done to the children below for achieving an award this week...

Bronze Award:



Year 1	Finley R & Harry S
Year 3	Maksims C
Year 6	India N & Seth S



Year 3: In Science, on Monday, we tested to see if our 6 key rocks floated or sunk. We used the sentence stem, 'I predict (rock name) will (float or sink) because _____' to make predictions about the rocks.



Well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Football team who played in the South Ribble Girl's Football Finals at Penwortham Priory Academy this week. The girls were very disappointed not win the event as they narrowly missed out on top spot finishing second overall. They played superbly well, winning 4 games, drawing 4 games and without conceding a single goal! Well done girls, we are very proud of each and every one of you! #Aspiration #Respect #Teamwork #theNPaway



Thank you to [Friends of Northbrook Primary Academy](#) and all the staff at NPA for helping to run the winter discos this week. The children had great fun with their friends, played games and danced their little hearts out! Each and every class behaved as just as we would expect, making the teachers really proud of them all! FON raised over £400 to help support the school to enrich the children's learning experience [#theNPAway](#)



Looks like we have had a few visitors last weekend. The school looked a little different when we returned to school on Monday 2nd December!



Friends of Northbrook: Christmas Eve Boxes can be ordered from Monday 2nd December.. To order please use ParentPay. **The cost of the boxes is £5.** If anyone wants to donate a Christmas Eve box to school they can do and we will ensure it goes to a good home!

Each Christmas Eve Box will contain:

- Reindeer Food
- A Christmas Gonk
- Gingerbread biscuits
- A Christmas tree decoration
- Christmas colouring activity
- Christmas craft activity

Orders will not be accepted after the end of school on Monday 9th December.
(image is just for illustrative purposes)



Important messages

REMINDER

Please be reminded that we have made a change to PE days next week. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children are to attend school in their PE kit on Monday. They are to attend school in their full school uniform on Thursday and bring a Christmas jumper. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are to attend school in their PE kit on Monday and Thursday next week.



EYFS & KS1 Nativities: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children perform their first Nativity on Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm (Doors open at 1.15pm). Our second performance is on Wednesday 11th December at 4:30pm (doors will open at 4:15pm). On this performance day we keep Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children in school (unless already discussed with school). The children will watch a Christmas movie, have a drink and snack (provided by school) and get into their costumes. Children are to be collected at 5.30pm (If you are not watching the performance). **Some tickets have been sent home today for the EYFS/KS1**

Nativity and the rest will be sent home on Monday. Extra tickets requested will be allocated on Monday 9th December, if they are available after the initial allocation.



KS2 Christmas Shows: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children perform their first Christmas performance on Thursday 12th December at 1:30pm. Their second performance is on the same day at 6:00pm. KS2 are to be collected from school at the usual time 3:15pm on Thursday 12th December and are to return to school at 5:15pm ready for the 6:00pm show. It is important that all KS2 children return to school as this is a teamNPA event! Children are to be collected by an adult from the Main Entrance at 6:45pm.

Tickets will be sent home on Monday 9th December. We will then allocate any extra tickets on Tuesday 10th December.

NOTICE

Club Cancellation: If your child usually attends Invasion Games Club or Young Voices Choir Club on a Thursday, please be aware that these have been cancelled next week due to the fact we are hosting the Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance.



School admissions: Please use the link below to apply for a reception place for September 2024: [Starting primary school \(reception\) – Lancashire County Council](#)

The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2025:

- **Sunday 1 September 2024** - Apply from this date
- **Wednesday 15 January 2025** - National closing date for primary applications
- **Wednesday 16 April 2025** - Offers issued to parents



Attendance Matters... Next week will be writing to all parents to inform them of their child's percentage attendance for the autumn term (Term 1). **Our aspirational target for all children is that they achieve 96% attendance for the academic year.** We understand that there are times when children are unfit to attend school, however, this should be rare (unless there are exceptional individual circumstances). We closely track attendance data and work with families to support when we can. Our school has always been proud to have attendance figures above the national averages but more recently we have found that attendance has dipped and this is especially true for boys. We know that attendance percentages usually rise through the year and current figures can be impacted by a prolonged illness. We also know the vast majority of our children have very good attendance.

What does good attendance really mean?

- 100%-95% attendance gives your child the best start in life ...
- 94%-90% attendance makes it harder to learn and progress to your child's full ability...
- 90%-85% attendance is regarded as being persistently absent and negatively impacts progress...
- 85% attendance and below seriously affects your child's learning and development...

100% Attendance	0 days missed...
95% Attendance	9 days' absence or 1 week and 4 days of missed learning.
90% Attendance	19 days' absence or 3 weeks and 4 days of missed learning.
85% Attendance	29 days' absence or 5 weeks and 4 days of missed learning. Almost one-half term missed.
80% Attendance	38 days' absence or 7 weeks and 3 days of missed learning.
75% Attendance	48 days' absence or 9 weeks and 6 days of missed learning.

Did you Know? 90% attendance, although it sound really positive, actually means your child will miss the equivalent a ½ day a week or 19 days a year or 247 days over your child's primary and secondary education (1 year and 10 weeks).



Magical Moments

Magical Moments welcomes all children 0-5 who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities or are awaiting assessment and would benefit from our calm and supportive space.

The group offers free and structured play to help with development plus a supportive atmosphere for parents and carers.

Siblings also welcome.

Join us at West Paddock Family Hub & The Zone, West Paddock Leyland PR25 1HR
Every Thursday 9.30am—11.30am

FREE Snack provided!



LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

FREE snack provided

COLOURFUL FOOTSTEPS

Every Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30

FREE GROUP SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND AGED 4-11YRS @ WEST PADDOCK FAMILY HUB

This group aims to provide a space for children with SEND to develop social and emotional skills along with building their confidence and resilience.

The session provides lots of engaging activities both physical and emotional for the children including soft play, games and arts & crafts.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) is a programme of free activities during the school holidays for eligible families.

HAF vouchers for the Christmas holiday will be sent from Monday 2nd December 2024. Look out for a text or email from hello@holidayactivities.com. Check the link opposite for more information.

Guidance around the HAF programme and how families attain their voucher codes, can be found here [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) - Lancashire County Council](#)



FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Merry Messy Play

Christmas Themed Baby Sensory Messy Play

Suitable for new born to mobile babies
PLACES ARE LIMITED - BOOKING REQUIRED

1pm - 3pm
Thursday 5th, 12th & 19th December

Scan the QR code to book or visit
events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk

West Paddock Family Hub
Leyland
PR25 1HR
01772 532 930




CHRISTMAS WARM WELCOME & DROP IN

COME AND JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, DRINKS AND SNACKS. SUITABLE FOR AGES 0-11

9:30am - 11:30 am
1:30pm - 3:30pm
Monday 23rd December

WEST PADDOCK FAMILY HUB
LEYLAND, PR25 1HR
01772 532930



HAF NEW YEAR PARTY

DECEMBER 30TH 2024
FROM 10 AM TO 2PM

Join us for party games & crafts
Suitable for ages 4-11

To book a place, please visit
app.holidayactivities.com

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR ANY ISSUES,
PLEASE CONTACT
HAF@SOUTHTRIBBLE.GOV.UK

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Key Dates for the next half-term:

- Tuesday 10th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 1:30pm
- Wednesday 11th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 4:30pm (children remain in school from 3:10pm for the afternoon performance)
- Thursday 12th December – KS2 Christmas Performances – 1:30pm and 6:00pm. (children in KS2 are required to return to school at 5:15pm for the 6:00pm performance)
- Wednesday 18th December – School visit from well known individual in a red suit!
- Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party Day (non uniform day and when will hold our Christmas Jumper Day supporting 'Save the Children')
- **Friday 20th December – EoT Awards Assembly - School closes at 2:10/15pm for children.**



If you need to contact school please do not hesitate to email enquiries@northbrookpa.org

Tel: 01772 421599 [Contact Us](#) | [Northbrook Primary Academy](#)

Have a great weekend everyone! See you on Monday. Two more weeks until the Christmas holidays!

TAKEHOME

End - 8th
December



**What does
it mean
to feel
included?**



In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5–11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included? Ask the same questions to someone at home.
- Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

