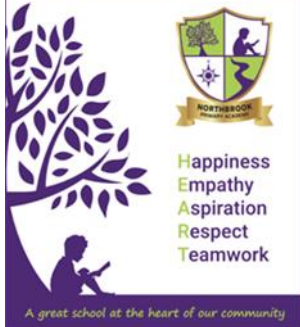


FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 10th May 2024



VALUE FOCUS

This half-term our value focus is **TEAMWORK**. We are challenging all the children to:

- ✓ To work together so we will achieve much more
- ✓ To take opportunity to shape and develop our school.
- ✓ To work as a team so that we all learn and improve together.

'Star of the Week' Awards'

Reception – Frankie C & Teddy K

Year 1 – Lyla M & Rory S

Year 2 – Hadley AC & Caidan D

Year 3 – Aaron P & Lacey W

Year 4 – Brandon H & Jessica O

Year 5 – Amber C & Parker H

Year 6 – Joshua E & Jakeob D

This Week's Best Attendance



Reception
99.6%



Red Team	593
Yellow Team	572
Blue Team	488
Green Team	697

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

The **Green Team** have moved into a narrow lead!

Reading Rewards.... To reward the children 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:

Reception	Kyren G & Finley R
Year 5	Caoimhe M

Silver Award:

Year 3	Seth L
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Gold Award:

Year 4	Freddie H
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Liam W (Year 1)
Ella A (Year 1)
Hadley A.C (Year 2)
Zachary M (Reception)
Izzy W (Year 2)
Kaitlin E (Year 4)
Leon R (Year 5)

Weekly Attendance & Punctuality Winners: Well done to the children listed who were selected by the random name selector due to the fact they have been in school everyday and on time this week! You have to be in (and on time) to win!



As you will know, we had OFSTED inspectors in school last week. This was the first time that we have been inspected since Northbrook joined Endeavour Learning Trust in 2020. The feedback from the Lead Inspector demonstrated that they recognised the way in which the school has been transformed since the last inspection and we hope that this will be reflected in the final report! The inspectors were really impressed with our wonderful children and their brilliant behaviour. Well done Team NPA! #theNPAway #teamwork #HEART



Year 3 and Year 4 had a great 'Tag Rugby' session with Mr Whalley and Mr Cunniffe afterschool today. The worked really hard in the lovely weather, developing their passing and running skills! It has been fantastic to see the high numbers of children getting involved with afterschool clubs this academic year. They are a great way to get fully involved with school, develop positive relationships with other children and staff and have fun! They are a great way to keep active too... Want to find out more about what is on offer this half-term? Then check out our website here [Clubs | Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](https://www.northbrookpa.org) #HEART #Teamwork  



Wellfield Academy Year 6 Transition: On Thursday 27th June, all new students will be invited to spend a day in school to meet with their new House Progress Leader, and to get to know other members of their House. At 6pm parents and their



children are invited to an Intake Parents Evening, which will be an opportunity for you to meet key staff. New students will also be invited to a Curriculum Day which will be held on Wednesday 3rd July when the students will meet with staff and will experience sample lessons throughout the day.



Worden Academy Year 6 Transition: On Wednesday 15th May, Worden Academy will host a 'Meet and Greet' at 4.30 pm where parents will have the chance to meet SLT, SENDCO and pastoral staff. On this evening parents will be given all the induction information and a new starter pack. In addition, on Wednesday 3rd July they will host a 'Taster Day' when the students will meet with staff and will experience sample lessons throughout the day.

Year 6 have a busy week next week with it being SAT week, so this afternoon they all went outside in the sunshine and completed a range of forest school activities. They had a great time working together, having some fun and enjoyed just being outdoors. Have a great weekend and stay safe in the sun. It is your time to shine - you have got this! [#theNPAway](#) [#teamwork](#)



Year 6 pupils will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs from Monday 13th May to Thursday 17th May. Tests will take place in the main hall and children will be provided with all the equipment they need. We will be offering a FREE breakfast to all our Year 6 children in our dining room from 8:30am. We will offer sausage butties (meat free option too), cereals, bagels and juice. This will help us ensure all children are in school early, 'fuelled' for the morning and allow us to collectively ease any fears. Children should enter school through the front entrance and make their way to the dining hall. The dates and times of the

assessments are shown below:

- Monday 13th May at 9:30am - English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Paper 1: Short Answer Questions (45 minutes)
- Monday 13th May at 11:15am - English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Paper 2: Spelling Task (15 minutes)
- Tuesday 14th May at 9:30am - English Reading Test
Reading booklet and associated answer booklet (60 minutes)
- Wednesday 15th May at 9:30am - Mathematics
Paper 1 - Arithmetic test (30 minutes)
- Wednesday 15th May at 11:15am - Mathematics
Paper 2 - Reasoning (40 minutes)
- Thursday 16th May at 9:30am - Mathematics
Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)



Attendance Policy: Our attendance policy has been updated and added to our school website [Our Policies & Procedures | Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](#) . Please note the following:

- ✓ All parents/ guardians are expected to report their child's absence to school on a daily basis. To report an absence, parents should contact the school directly on 01772 421599 before 8:55am with a detailed explanation for the absence.
- ✓ Once the reported absence has been received by school, parents/guardians will receive an acknowledgement of the reported absence through ParentApp Connect. *Please note that this acknowledgement of receipt does not mean that the absence has been authorised by the school.*

Parents should be aware that the decision whether to authorise an absence or not rests with the school. Hence, if there is any ambiguity relating to an absence, school may request further evidence from parents before a decision is made to authorise the absence. This may be in the form of a prescription, an appointment card or similar.

If a child is absent from school and a parent does not report it, the school will carry out a first day absence procedure. This will involve:

- Contacting you by text message or telephone.
- Contacting you by letter.
- Or, carrying out a home visit.

If you do not currently have access to your ParentApp Connect account please call the school Office on 01772 521599 and they will be able to give you your login details.

We know children love spending time outdoors, whether in the garden, park or beach, however, their skin is more delicate than an adult's and can easily be damaged by the sun, even when it doesn't seem strong.

SUN SAFETY

Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection.

Wear sunglasses, ideally with wrap around lenses or wide arms, which carry CE and British Standard marks.

Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating.

No sunscreen offers 100% protection so cover up with loose close weave clothing (such as cotton) and a wide brimmed hat to protect the neck, ears and face.

Generously apply sunscreen (5 teaspoons to cover the whole body) 15 to 20 minutes before going out.

Seek shade between 11am – 3pm when the sun is at its strongest. Always keep babies and toddlers in the shade if you can.

By following these simple tips your child will be able to stay safe and enjoy the sun. Remember parents, set your child a good example by also following this advice, and the whole family can have a happy sun safe summer.

For more information about the British Skin Foundation see www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk

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Sun safety advice for parents

We know children love spending time outdoors, whether in the garden, park, or beach, however, their skin is more delicate than adults and can easily be damaged by the sun, even when it doesn't seem strong.

Skin damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life. Therefore, it is extremely important to protect their skin.

However, there is lots of information, including various myths, around sun protection, so the British Skin Foundation has put together some materials for you to download to equip you with the knowledge you need to protect your child(ren) from the sun. [Sun safety advice for parents | British Skin Foundation](#)

Remember! Set your child(ren) a good example by also following this advice so your whole family can have a sun safe summer.

Key Dates for the next half-term:

- Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs Week
- Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May - Targeted Learning Plan Meetings with Parents (invitation)
- Friday 24th May: School closes for half-term @ 3:10/15pm



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!