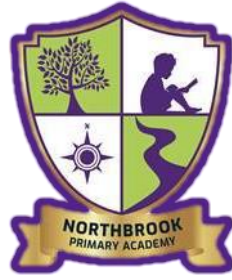


# FRIDAY



# LETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Happiness  
Empathy  
Aspiration  
Respect  
Teamwork

A great school at the heart of our community

## VALUE FOCUS

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

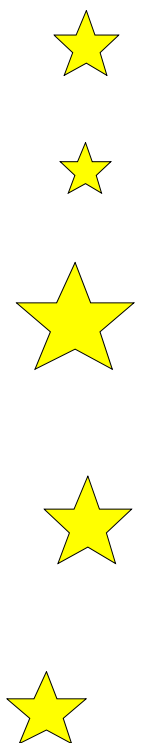
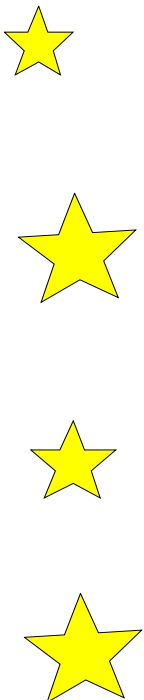
- ✓ Aim high
- ✓ Be the very best they can be
- ✓ Be resilient in their learning
- ✓ To support others to be the best they can be

## ★ 'Star of the Week' Awards ★

Reception	Leylah A & Jacob C
Year 1	Marek R & Harley T
Year 2	Isla A-M & Efe I
Year 3	Charlotte C & Lottie-Mae H
Year 4	Abbie-Rose F & Theo K
Year 5	Darcie B & Reiss L
Year 6	Poppy D & Hamza S

## ★ THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

★  
Year 3  
98.5%  
Well Done!



**House Team Competition:** Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points. At the end of the first term the results are...

Red Team	244
Yellow Team	224
Blue Team	218
Green Team	266

Well done to the **GREEN TEAM!**  
You have sneaked into the 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...



<b>Year 1</b>	Eliza B
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**Year 2 Forest School** – This week started their Forest School sessions with Mrs Cole. They had a fantastic week and enjoyed the crisp fresh air as well as exploring the outdoors, understanding risk and working safely. They also loved getting a little muddy in the mud kitchen and splashing around in muddy puddles.



A number of parents have asked us about tickets for the Young Voices Concert on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at the AO Arena in Manchester**. As far as we are aware the tickets have not yet been released on general sale. The Young Voices website has a ticket sales page linked here [Young Voices - YV24 Tickets](#). It currently states that ticket sales are temporary on hold and links will be added to the webpage shortly. When released tickets can be purchased though the box office at the AO Arena and sites such as ticket master [Search results for Young Voices | Tickets & Events | Ticketmaster UK](#). We are sorry that we can not give any more information. Further information about the trip will be published to children and parents next week.



Year 6 completed bike-ability training this week and now we will be moving to support the safe and active travel for our younger children! **On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, we will be running 'Tots on Tyres' for Reception and 'Scoot Safe' for Year 3.

**Tots on Tyres** is a cycle training programme for pupils to learn to ride a balance bike and progress onto a bike with pedals. Your child is invited to take part in the free course available. Bikes are provided, please bring a helmet.

**Scoot Safe** is a safety training programme for scooter riders made fun. Your child is invited to take part in the free session on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. This will involve discussions about road safety and demonstrations on how to carry out a scooter and helmet safety check. As well as improve your child's confidence and stability. Please provide a scooter and helmet if possible.

**Dr Bike** is also scheduled to take place **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. This is a free service where qualified mechanics come to Northbrook to carry out bike maintenance. Please feel free to bring your bikes into school on this day, we have a maximum of 25 bike maintenance places available.



**Uniform and Appearance:** We would like to remind everyone of our expectations related to uniform and the key information can be found on our website [here](#). A key feature of our policy is what we wear (uniform) and how we wear it (appearance).

In summary, some key points of note are:

- Grey skirt/pinafore, trousers or shorts.
- Leather style and sturdy school shoes for **non-PE days** – *trainers and ballet style pumps are not permitted.*
- Full PE kit required for PE days (NPA hoodie & t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms and trainers)
- Plain black jogging bottoms (on PE days).
- Hair colour should be natural with no severe cuts or styles.

### 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...

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

**Did you Know?** 90% attendance, although it sounds 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).



**A polite reminder that applications for a reception place in September 2024** are submitted through the local authority, the link is here: [Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#) . The closing date to apply is next **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. If we can support you in your application, please do not hesitate to contact us at school on [enquiries@northbrookpa.org](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org)



We are really excited to find out who will be our newest members of the NPA family in September 2024!

# The Big Ambition – Have your say!

This week in assembly we have spoken to the children about 'The Big Ambition' which is an opportunity for all children to have their say. The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.



**The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.



**The Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 19th January. Use the link below or the QR code opposite to give your child the chance to give their views. Remember;

- You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to.
- This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!
- The survey is anonymous, so your responses are kept private.
- The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.



[The Big Ambition | Children's Commissioner for England  
\(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

## Key Dates for this term:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Dance from the Heart training @ Worden Academy (selected children)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Tots on Tyres (Reception Class – helmets required)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Dr Bike (25 places available)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics (selected children)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Tots on Tyres (Reception Class – helmets required)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Scootsafe (Year 3 – scooter & helmets required)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 & 6 Borough Cross Country Event @ Hutton Grammar
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Tots on Tyres (Reception Class – helmets required)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Bike Fix (Year 6 – bike required)
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Number Day (whole school focus on Maths)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health & WellBeing Week.
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Targeted Learning Plan Meetings with Parents (parental meetings for children on the special educational needs register)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices 2023.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for the Feb Half-term



If you need to contact school please do not hesitate to email [enquiries@northbrookpa.org](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org)

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

**See you on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

**School opens at 8:30am for our FREE breakfast club and 8:45am for all children.**