

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 14th February 2025



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

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

HEART: 'Aspiration Awards'

Reception – Kate C & Noah S



Year 1 – Jake P & Finley R



Year 2 – Harper H-C & Maxwell P



Year 3 – Isabelle F & Izzy W



Year 4 – Kobe C & Lottie-Mae H



Year 5- Abbie-Rose F & Finn S

Year 6 – Caoimhe M & Cemil O

This Week's Best Attendance Year 6- 98.8%!



Red Panda Team	999
Lion Team	1465
Blue Whale Team	1480
Green Turtle Team	1279

House Team Competition:

Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points. The winners for this term are...

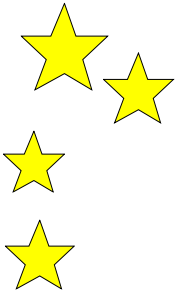
The **BLUE TEAM!!**



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 Awards:

Reception	Alfie K, Kate C, Dean H and Eva W
Year 3	Lizzie H-B, Maya B, Meerab S



Silver Awards:

Year 4	Lottie-Mae H
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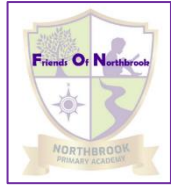
On Thursday, **Year 4** attended **Cuerden Valley Park** for their River study enrichment day. They have learned how to use nets to take 'kick sampling' and 'sweep sampling' samples of the water. Then the children reviewed the water samples to identify the species living in the water. The different species collected suggested how clear the water in the river would be. For the final activities for the day, the Year 4 children measured the width and depth of the river and studied the river bed through 'panning'. The children actively listened, asked and answered questions and applied their knowledge from the classroom. The children worked really well, dealing with the cold and demonstrating our school values throughout. Well done team!



Year 3 This half term we have been looking at Reggae music. We have been learning Bob Marley's '3 Little Birds'. We have been using the instruments this week to enhance our performance.



Well done to the **Year 5 and 6** Cross Country team, who competed at Hutton Academy this afternoon. They all gave it their best shot! We had some amazing individual performances and we were super proud of how well they supported each other - a real TEAM!



Have you found FON on Facebook? If not use the link below. FON's Facebook page details all of the events organised to help fundraising for our amazing school. We need your support! [Friends of Northbrook Primary Academy Facebook](#).



The next FON event will be the very popular '**Chocolate Bingo**' event on Thursday 27th March 2025. Add the date to your diaries!



Thank you for the support tonight for the 'Kids Night In'. The attendance was great and the children were really well behaved. Thank you to **Friends of Northbrook Primary Academy** for running the event, along with Mrs Borg, and to all the staff that volunteered their time afterschool! [#teamwork](#) [#theNPAway](#)

Thank you to Zebra Technologies for their donation of thermal cups! We have been able to assign each member of staff with their own personalised cup. Thank you Zebra! [Zebra Technologies | Visible. Connected. Optimised. | Zebra](#)



We held an emotional end to the day today, as Mr Cuniffe said goodbye to Northbrook and the children and staff wished him 'good luck' in his new role at Linaker Primary School in Southport. Mr Cuniffe has thoroughly enjoyed his four years at NPA and is so very proud of the team that the school has become. During the assembly the school welcomed back Mrs Adams and children and staff thanked Mr Cuniffe for his hardwork and commitment to the school. Mr Cuniffe told the children how proud he was of each and everyone of them! He believed that Mrs Shorrocks, the new Executive Headteacher,

would feel exactly the same and he challenged the children to demonstrate just how SMART they are, how much HEART they have and how they do things the NPA Way!

Mr Cuniffe wants to thank all the children, staff and parents for making his time at NPA so very special!



FEBRUARY HALF TERM Holiday Activities

Free activities funded by South Ribble Borough Council, for children who qualify for benefit-related Free School Meals

BOOK NOW

The activities are for children aged 8-16 years old. Please bring a refillable bottle and wear clothing appropriate for physical activity.

Venue: South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre, Cuerden Way, Preston, PR5 6BJ

Activity	Date and time	Booking link
Gymnastics	17 February, 1-3pm	https://www.letsreg.co.uk/register/gymnastics17#february
Gymnastics	18 February, 1-3pm	https://www.letsreg.co.uk/register/gymnastics18#february#/#/
Gymnastics	19 February, 1-3pm	https://www.letsreg.co.uk/register/gymnastics19#february
Tennis	17 February, 10am-12pm	https://www.letsreg.co.uk/register/Tennis17#february#/#/
Tennis	18 February, 10am-12pm	https://www.letsreg.co.uk/register/Tuesday-18#february#/#/





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The SEND Partnership in Lancashire would like to include your artwork, words or similar in their new SEND Strategy which will be published later this year

YOUR ENTRY NEEDS TO ANSWER THE QUESTION:

WHAT MAKES ME FEEL INCLUDED?

You can create a picture, a quote, a voice recording, a short poem – however you wish to express yourself!

EMAIL YOUR ENTRIES WITH YOUR FIRST NAME AND AGE TO:

SENDPartnership@lancashire.gov.uk

THERE WILL BE A £20 HIGH STREET VOUCHER FOR WINNING ENTRIES IN THE FOLLOWING AGE RANGES: EARLY YEARS, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND 16+ THOUGH ALL ENTRIES MAY BE USED

DEADLINE: 31ST MARCH 2025





Join us for February Fun!

Join us at South Ribble Family Hubs for some FREE February Half term fun!
Arts & crafts, fun & games!
Free snack included.

Places are limited so book yours NOW!
Scan the QR code or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/events to book your place.

Monday 17th 9.30am - 11am
@West Paddock Family Hub

Wednesday 19th 1pm - 2.30pm
@Kingsfold Neighbourhood Centre

Thursday 20th 9.30am - 11am
@Walton Le Dale Family Hub




Key Dates:

- Monday 24th February – School reopens for Spring Half-term 2 at 8:45am. *BSC will be open at 7:30am and the free Breakfast Club will open at 8:30am.*
- Monday 24th February – Islam Faith Visit
- Monday 24th February – Debt Aware Session with Y6
- Tuesday 25th March – Young Voices
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- Thursday 6th March – Big Science Show
- Thursday 6th March – Reception Vision Screening
- Week Beg 10th March – British Science Week
- Monday 10th March – Reception Heights & Weights
- Thursday 13th March – Sikhism Faith Visit
- Thursday 13th March – Dance Rehearsals @ Worden
- Friday 14th March – Red Nose Day
- Monday 17th March – Nutrition Mission School Visit
- Tuesday 18th March – Dance Competition @ Worden (afterschool)
- Wednesday 19th March – Community Voice Day. Parents can attend school in the afternoon to discuss school experiences with Gareth Counce, Director of Primary.
- Thursday 20th March – Y5/6 Swimming Gala (JID)
- Thursday 27th March – FON Chocolate Bingo (JWI/EBO)
- Tuesday 1st April – This Girl Can
- Thursday 3rd April – Parents' Evening



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

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Have a great half term!

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 24th February.