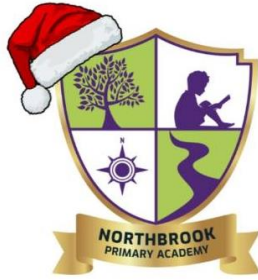
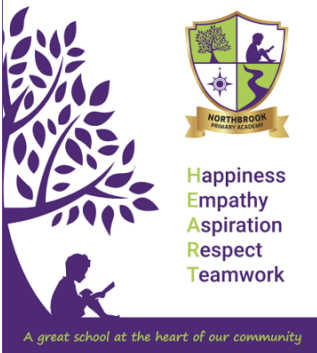


# FRIDAY



# LETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



## VALUE FOCUS

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

- ✓ 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 | Ollie S & Kobe T      |
| Year 1    | Boyd C & Arla-Rae F   |
| Year 2    | Caidan D & Meerab S   |
| Year 3    | Kobe C & Edward S     |
| Year 4    | Kaitlin E & Harry R   |
| Year 5    | Logan K-S & Stefan S  |
| Year 6    | Lilly-May B & Emily Z |

## ★ THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

Reception

97.1%

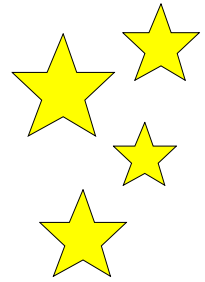
Well Done!



**Reading Rewards....** 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 the awards this week. We will present the reading awards in assembly on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December:

**Bronze:**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Year 1</b> | Ella A, Harley C, Georgia T, Nancy W  |
| <b>Year 2</b> | Elise B, Reggie B, Maksims C  |
| <b>Year 3</b> | A Parkinson   |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Jamie T, Charles S  |
| <b>Year 6</b> | Lilly-May B, Harvey B, Roman C, Joshua E, Poppy D, Jacob O, Lorenzo J, Hannah N |



**Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 brought the house down this week with two spectacular Christmas performances.** Using the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' they weaved their way through a musical story of Christmas songs and poetry. The sing-a-long format involved the audience and made for a warm and engaging show, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

It was fantastic to see each and every child giving their absolute best performance to create a show that showed their confidence and love for singing. Well done everyone! Working as a team you achieved your aspiration to put on an entertaining show that made the audience leave with a smile and excitement for the festive season ahead. We are very proud of each and every one of you, your staff and the families that came out in their numbers to show their support!

#theNPAway #HEART #TEAMWORK



There are lots of photos from the two events on our school website under the 'News' section [KS2 Christmas Performance | Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](http://northbrookpa.org)

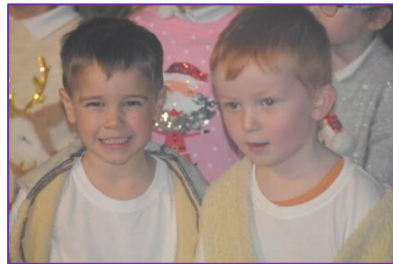




**Well done to all the children and staff in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - you have all been simply amazing!** The two performances the children put on this week, for parents and families, were both absolutely brilliant! Your costumes looked fantastic, you read your lines with confidence and you sang your little hearts out!

We know this didn't happen by chance, you worked really hard in rehearsals and at home to make the performances the very best they could be. You have demonstrated all of our school values and you should all be really proud of yourselves! We are all very proud of you... **#theNPAway #HEART #HAPPINESS**

**#EMPATHY #ASPIRATION #RESPECT #TEAMWORK**



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**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 98% 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...

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <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).



Once again South Ribble Borough Council are providing support to families in South Ribble by providing free children's activities and healthy meals during the upcoming school holiday. This Christmas, they have an exciting programme of events including a pantomime, skateboarding, gymnastics, swimming, football and much more. Including 'Active Camp' based at Northbrook Primary Academy, for Years 1 to Year 6, on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January.

Families of children who qualify for free school meals, or children who would benefit from a place due to meeting any of the other criteria, can book their place soon (see the HAF website for details of the criteria: <https://bit.ly/3t8xyDJ>)

**Booking is now open! You can follow their Facebook page for further information.**

**Year 6 Bikeability will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.** Bikeability involves the first morning on the playground achieving the Level 1 award. If the riders are competent and pass Level 1 they will then go out in the afternoon to start learning the skills required for Level 2 on quiet roads. All children are required to pass the Level 1 award before they can move onto Level 2. We will also be running 'Tots on Tyres' for Reception and 'Scoot Safe' for Year 3, at the start of the new term. We will be sending information next week before we break and will remind the parents and children when we come back after the holidays!

**Key Dates for this term:**

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party day (non uniform day)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Termly celebration assembly/school closes at 2:10/2:15pm. (there is no Afterschool Club provision on this day)
- School reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8:45am for all children.



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**Have a great weekend and see you on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December!**