

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 17th January 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!

Star of the Week Awards

Reception – Elliana S & Eva W

Year 1 – Georgia P & Kaynen S

Year 2 – Oliver M-H & Georgia T

Year 3 – Isabelle M & Darcie P

Year 4 – Eddie M & Lucy R-S

Year 5 – Dawson C & Brandon H

Year 6 – Parker H & India N

This Week's Best Attendance Year 2 – 100%

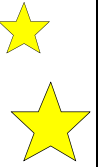


Red Panda Team	181
Lion Team	261
Blue Whale Team	190
Green Turtle Team	211

House Team Competition:

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

The **Lion Team** are in the 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 Awards:

Year 3	Imogen R-W
Year 4	Edward S & Marnee C
Year 6	Logan K-S & Reiss L



Year 2 Forest School – This Half-term (Spring 1) and next Half-term (Spring 2) Year 2 will have their Forest School sessions on a Thursday afternoon. Yesterday, the following children had their first session of 'Forest School'. They had an amazing session with Mrs Cole and they are looking forward to next Thursday! Don't forget you Forest School kit!

George A	Oliver MH	Rainy LD	Arla-Rae F
Eliza J	Ezra S	Elizabeth R	Talie B
Archie P	Harley T	Millie S	Lyla M
Maxwell P	Liam W	Amelia L	

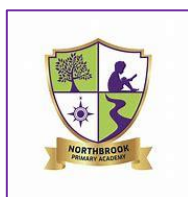
Year 1 have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and sorting them. They have also been using their sense of smell in Science.



This week in PE, **Year 3** have been practicing their simple serving skills. We could throw the ball to our partner who would try to hit it back for us to catch! We did fantastic and Mrs Wilson thinks we may have some future Wimbledon champions on our hands!



Year 5 have been working with 'Literacy Kicks' ([What We Do | Literacy Kicks](#)) and sports media reporter Gareth. This week they learned about Kevin Sinfield's and Rob Burrow's amazing friendship and charity work. They then produced their findings as part of a newspaper article!



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...

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 sounds really positive, actually means your child will miss the equivalent of 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).

Today, our school attendance was 94.9% and is currently 95% for the year. Help us achieve our aspirational target of 96% by the end of the year by ensuring your child is in school each day and on time. Thank you!

- The main staff car-park is not to be used for drop off at the start of the school day or pick up at the end of the school day.
- Children's water bottles should contain water and not fruit juice or fizzy pop.
- Children should not bring toys in to school. This includes things such as keyrings and fidget toys. Sensory support needs should be discussed with Miss Sharrock.
- Earrings should be stud earrings only. Earrings need to be removed for PE days. If children can not remove their own earrings it should be done at home before they leave school.
- Long hair should be tied back each day.
- Reading at home should take place at least three times per week. Thank you for your support it really does make a difference to your child.
- Curriculum overviews, homework grids and the club timetables for each class can be found on our website here [Classes | Northbrook Primary Academy](#).



Thank you for your continued support!



This week in our in-class picture news assemblies, we learned that the Prime Minister, Sir Kier Starmer has stated that building new homes as a 'top priority' and the government has announced changes to planning rules.

Some areas have been set targets to build 370,000 new homes a year. We then considered what is meant by green belt land and conversation areas, reflecting upon what should be considered when allowing areas to be built on. The children consider locations, wildlife and what was available in the area. We then considered the British Value of 'Democracy' and how decisions about building homes can affect people, and how we make these decisions through gathering other people's opinions and ideas through surveys, meetings or votes.



Democracy

Decisions about building homes can affect everyone. We can make these decisions together by learning about others' opinions and ideas through surveys, meetings, or votes.

Extra-Curricular Clubs 2024-25: Spring 1 (Jan-Feb)



Day	Year	Activity/time	Staff Lead
Monday	Year 5 & 6	Homework/Research Club (12:00-12:30)	Miss Sharrock/Mrs Ward
	Years 1 & 2	Indoor Athletics Club (3.15-4.15)	Miss Vanroose
Tuesday	Year 5 & 6	Indoor athletics Club (3.15-4.15)	Mr Iddon
		PASTA - Play and Stay at Teatime Activities (3.15-4.15)	SRBC & Mrs Cole
Thursday	Year 5 & 6	Homework/Research Club (12:00-12:30)	Miss Sharrock/Mrs Ward
	Year 3 and 4	Indoor athletics (3.15/4.15)	Miss Vanroose
	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Young Voices (3.15/4.15)	Mrs Spence/Mr Iddon
Friday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Dance Competition Club (12:00-12:30)	Miss Gwynne
	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	South Ribble coaches dance club (3.15/4.15)	South Ribble Staff

Children must return a letter signed by parents to attend the club and wear appropriate PE clothing such as their PE kit.

Key Dates:

- Tuesday 21st January – Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Worden Academy
- Friday 24th January - Literacy Kicks with Year 5
- Tuesday 28th January – Dance from the HEART training for Dance Leaders
- Week beginning Monday 3rd February – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Week beginning Monday 3rd February - TLP Meetings with Parents (times arranged with class teachers)
- Tuesday 11th February – Whole Borough KS2 Cross-Country
- Thursday 13th February – Year 4 Cuerden Park Visit
- Thursday 13th February – Year 3 and Year 4 Whole Borough Sports Hall Athletics
- Thursday 13th February – FON Film Night (3:15-5:30pm)
- Friday 14th February – Literacy Kicks Year 5
- Friday 14th February – School closes for half-term at 3:10/3:15pm



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

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Have a great weekend! See you on Monday 20th January

TAKEHOME



Should you be allowed to build homes anywhere?



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority.' The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside. Local areas have been set targets to deliver a total of 370,000 new homes each year in England.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What type of home do you live in? What are the advantages of where you live? Is there anything you find difficult about it?
- > Talk about the area around your home. What facilities are there?
- > Ask an adult whether they know of the nearest 'green belt' areas close to where you live.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

