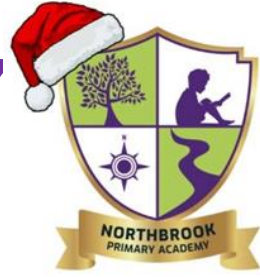


FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 20th December 2024



Happiness
Empathy
Aspiration
Respect
Teamwork

A great school at the heart of our community

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

- ✓ 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.



'HEART of Northbrook' Awards

Reception – Esmay C & Isabella S



Year 1 – Maxwell P & Ava T



Year 2 – Harper HC & Liam W



Year 3 – Fionn W & Imogen RW

Year 4 – Charlotte C & Eddie M

Year 5 – Freddie H & Charlie P

Year 6 – Reiss L & Seth S



This Week's Best Attendance

Year 6 - %

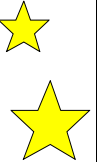


Red Panda Team	1187
Lion Team	1577
Blue Whale Team	1533
Green Turtle Team	1864

House Team Competition:

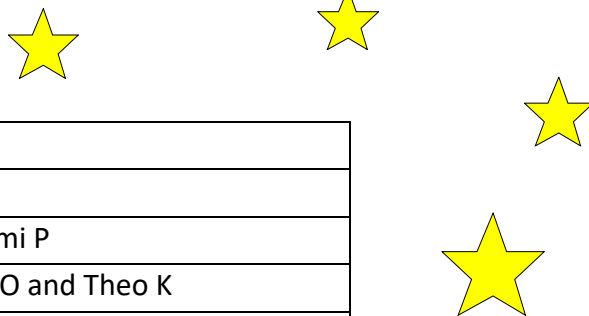
Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points....

The **Green Turtle Team** top the league this half-term!



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 Award:



Year 1	Maxwell P
Year 2	Iasabelle M
Year 4	Seeth L & Demi P
Year 5	Charles S, Fif O and Theo K
Year 6	Amber C

Santa's Visit to NPA: It was lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces when they received their personal gift from Father Christmas. It is also heart-warming to see the Year 6 children interact with their 'buddies' in Reception and help them pick up their gift, working as Santa's Elves... **Find more photos on our website under 'News'.**



Christmas Party Day & Christmas Dinner: The children had great fun eating their Christmas lunch together as a whole school! The children behaved really well and there was a really positive atmosphere. They also had a great time in their Christmas parties, dancing and playing party games. Well done team NPA.

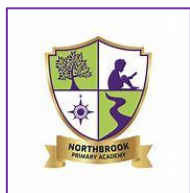


NPA Christmas Choir: Our Christmas Choir children visited Clough House in Leyland this week and had a great time performing for some of their lovely residents. They enjoyed their post-performance treats too! Thank you to staff & residents of Clough House for helping to make our visit so enjoyable!



Winter Water Safety: In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season. Slippery paths, patches of ice and a lack of daylight can make being near water more dangerous than in the summer months. If you fall into the water, the cold temperatures make it difficult for you to control your breathing, to use your hands to climb out and can even cause you to have a heart attack. So, follow the RLSS UK safety tips to make sure that your winter walks are enjoyable and safe. <https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

Please tell your children to keep off the ice!



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



School admissions: Please use the link below to apply for a reception place for September 2024: [Starting primary school \(reception\) – Lancashire County Council.](#)

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025.

School places will be offered to parents on **Wednesday 16th April 2025.**



Attendance Matters... This week, we have written 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 96% 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.



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Attendance Awards – the Excellent Attendance & Punctuality Award for the **Autumn Term** has been awarded to the children shown below. The children’s names in purple have not missed a day of school this term.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kate C	Leylah A	George A	Hadley AC	Marnee C	Poppy B	Katie A
Esmay C	Jacob C	Ella A	Molly B	Kobe C	Lucas B	Darcie B
Amber F	Frankie C	Talia B	Maya B	Lottie-Mae H	Kaitlin E	Kooba B
George F	Kyren G	Harper HC	Elise B	Joey H	Elouise F	Axel B
Penny F	Oscar J	Amelia L	Maksims C	Millie H	Freddie H	Amber C
Ruby G	Teddy K	Rainy L-D	Kayden C	Seth L	Freya H	Layla-Mae C
Albie J	Niamh M	Mia M	Isabelle F	Eddie M	Theo K	Elliot H
Hudson J	Macy M	Elektra N	Harley K-S	Alex P	Medi M	Parker H
Ellen K	Zachary M	Maxwell P	Sophia M	Aaron P	Ruby M	Poppy H
Fin L-D	Aurora M	Elizabeth R	Melih O	Alfie R-B	Fif O	Richard J
Jack O	Emre O	Ezra S	Logan P		Charlie P	Layla L
Isabella S	Jake P	Millie S	Imogen R-W		Oliver P	Reiss L
Elliana S	Georgia P	Rory S	Lewis T		Harry R	Caoimhe M
Frankie S	Maxwell P	Harley T	Fionn W		Mary R	Maison M
Henry S	Alfie R	Ronnie W	Izzy W		Finn S	Elissia M
Eva W	Harry R		Zachery W		Charles S	India N
Jacob W	Finley R				Lily S	Cemil O
	Minnie R				Jamie T	Kayden O
	Harry S				Danny W	Leon R
	Kobe T					Daniel R
						Stefan S
						Cara T

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).



Thank you to the Friends of Northbrook for organising the recent successful fund-raising events with the Winter Disco's, the raffle during the Christmas performances and the Christmas Eve boxes. If you ordered a 'Christmas Eve Box' your child will have brought it home at the end of school today! Thank you to those families who 'gifted' Christmas Eve boxes to others – it is just another example of what makes the NPA family so special. We will be planning more events in the New Year and, as always, FON would welcome more help from parents and families with connections to the school. Please either speak to Mr

Cunniffe at the school, message through their Facebook page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/people/Friends-of-Northbrook-Primary-Academy/100054343789753/> or email friendsofnorthbrook@gmail.com. Thank you, we would love to have you on board.

This week we say good bye and good luck to Mr Stephenson our Site Supervisor, who will be starting his new roel at Boradoak Primary School in Penwortham. Thank you for your hardwork and commitment to Northbrook during your time with us. We will also be saying goodbye to



Mrs Whiffen as she will start her new role at Penwortham Primary school. Mrs Whiffen has supported in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 during her time at NPA and has built excellent relationships with children and staff. Finally, we will also say goodbye to Mrs Shuttleworth who has finshed her maternoty cover for Mrs Fong. Mrs Shuttleworth has been a central part of the school team. With Mrs Borg she has definitely been part of the 'DreamTeam' in the front office as well as being a

super assistant for the seniro staff in school. Good luck in your new role! In Jnauary, we will welcome both Miss Hull and Mrs Fong back to Northbrook as they return from their maternity leaves.

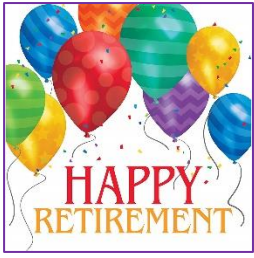


This week in our in-class picture news assemblies, we looked at how the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years. We considered if this was due to the increase in the price of stamps. We looked at the impact of this on organisations such as charities as way as they ways that communication has changed over time. We then

reflected upon how cards can be used to show people how much we care.

Rule of Law

Royal Mail provides rules and guidance so people can send cards successfully. These include adding an address and stamp to the card. If these rules are not followed, there are consequences, which may lead to the card not being delivered or the recipient having to pay.



Mrs Adams will start her well-earned retirement in January. Throughout her time at Endeavour Learning Trust, as Primary Executive Headteacher and her position developing SEN provision across the schools, she has been a huge support to team NPA. All the staff at Northbrook Primary Academy would like to thank Mrs Adams for the significant impact she has had shaping the positive changes within the school. The Senior Leadership Team would especially like to recognise the guidance and support they have received during the school's improvement journey. We all wish Mrs



Adams the very best in her retirement!



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) is a programme of free activities during the school holidays for eligible families.

HAF vouchers for the Christmas holidays have already been sent out by email to all our families entitled to free school meals (FSM). Check the link below for more information.

Guidance around the HAF programme and how families attain their voucher codes, can be found here [Holiday activities and food](#)

This event is free and there is no need to book.



And Finally, school is closed over the Christmas break and this extends to all of our colleagues who work for the Endeavour Learning Trust in the Central Team. If you do contact school over the break, you will receive an automated response and the messages will be reviewed on Monday 8th January when school re-opens. However, we would like to remind parents that there is a range of support available even when we are not in school. There are contact details for further help and signposts to reliable information on our 'Parents/Carers' section of our school website <https://northbrookpa.org/parents-carers/external-agencies-information-for-families>

Key Dates:

- Monday 6th January is an INSET Day (School is closed to children)
- Tuesday 7th January all children return to school. School opens at 8:45am. FREE Breakfast Club opens at 8:30am. (BSC opens at 7:30am for those children booked in to the paid provision).



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 Christmas break everyone! See you on Tuesday 7th January 2025!

TAKEHOME

16th - 22nd
December



How can we show
others we care?



In the news this week

It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased. The price of a first-class stamp rose by 30p in October, to £1.65. This rise (the fifth increase in less than three years) has also led to fears that the money reaching charities through card sales will be lower this year.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of giving and receiving cards and ask someone at home about theirs.
- > Fewer cards are being sent each year; talk about why you think this is the case.
- > What other ways can you think of to show loved ones that you care and are thinking of them?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

