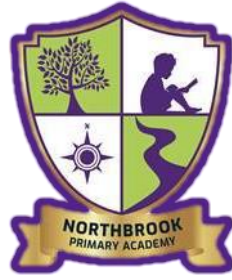


FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 29th November 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.

'Star of the Week' Awards

Reception – Noah S & Amber F

Year 1 – Aurora M & Frankie C

Year 2 – Rainy LD & Nancy W

Year 3 – Noah H & Izzy W

Year 4 – Edward S & Demi P

Year 5 – Jamie T & Lily S

Year 6 – Katie A & Oliver W



This Week's Best Attendance

Year R – 96.9%



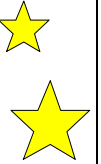
Red Panda Team	738
Lion Team	936
Blue Whale Team	990
Green Turtle Team	1234

House Team Competition:

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



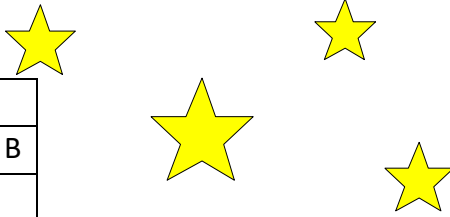
The **Green Turtle Team** maintain their lead!



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 Award:

Year 1	Aurora M
Year 2	George A, Mia ML & Talia B
Year 4	Lacey W



KS1 Multi-Sports Event: Well done to the Year 2 Multi-Sports team that took part in the KS1 event at Wellfield Academy on Tuesday. Our four young athletes mastered numerous sports skills to finish top of the table from the 11 schools competing. Awesome work! Well done #teamNPA and 'thank you' to Miss Wright who took the team to the competition. She said they were all a credit to the school and their families... #theNPAway #Aspiration #Teamwork #Heart



Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly Forest School session. This week they built habitats and learned how to build a safe fire to make s'mores. All classes undertake a half-term of Forest School over the year and we have two trained Forest School staff who have the responsibility of creating and delivering the Forest School curriculum. Forest school sessions allow children to develop themselves through

healthy engagement with risk, problem-solving and self-discovery, all within a natural environment in a hands-on and thoughtful manner.

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



The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2025:

- **Sunday 1 September 2024** - Apply from this date
- **Wednesday 15 January 2025** - National closing date for primary applications
- **Wednesday 16 April 2025** - Offers issued to parents



Arbor Parent App: If you haven't yet activated your Arbor account, please do so as a matter of urgency using the link below. This is now the school's main communication platform. **We no longer use Parent App Connect.**

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account. Your username is the email address we have stored on our system and you will just need to create a password. Once the account has been created you can download the Parent App from either the 'Play Store' on android phones or the 'Apple Store' on iPhones. Using the Parent App will allow for swift and cost-free communication through email and push notifications.

It's really important that all parents sign up to Arbor to receive communications from school. Thank you to those parents who have activated their account - 84% of parents have done so far but we need this to be 100%.

If you are having any issues logging on, we have added a help page on our school website [Arbor Education | Northbrook Primary Academy](#) to support parents. Please use this page for support in the first instance. If you're still having issues after reviewing this page, please contact the school office.

Absence Reporting: Please note, the Arbor App is not to be used to report absences. The usual procedure for reporting absences remains the same – please call the school office on 01772 421599 and speak with a member of the team or leave a voicemail if the office is not yet open.



This week in our in-class picture news assemblies, we have learned about this year's Earthshot Prize winners. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and

prevent wasted energy. This helped us reflect about the world being everyone's responsibility. We then consider how we play our part in taking care of it for future generations!



Democracy

I can use my voice to raise awareness of issues that are important to me, like the environment. My opinions should be heard and I should listen to the opinions of others too.



On Thursday 5th December the Friends of Northbrook (FON) will be running a school disco afternoon and early evening. The disco will take place in the school hall and will include music, games, prizes, sweets and a drink! The day will be a non-uniform day. **The tickets for the disco will cost £4 and payments need to be made through ParentPay.** For children in Reception and Year there will be no charge for the disco but parents can choose to pay £2 for sweets and drink that the children will be given during the disco.

Reception and Year 1 will have their disco, party games and sweets between 2:00pm-3:00pm. They will finish school at the normal time of 3:10pm. *There will be no charge for this as this is during school time.* However, if you want your child to have sweets and drink the cost will be £2 payable through ParentPay.

Years 2 & 3 will have their disco from 3:10pm – 4:15pm (straight after school). Children are to be collected from the main entrance. At 4:15pm Children are to be collected will be from the main office/reception. **All children must be collected by an adult.**

Years 4, 5, & 6 will have their disco and food from 4:15pm-5:00pm. They will finish school at the usual time of 3:15pm and should return for 4:15pm. Children are to enter and will need to be collected from the main office/reception. **All children must be collected by an adult.**

Friends of Northbrook: Christmas Eve Boxes can be ordered from Monday 2nd December.. To order please use ParentPay. **The cost of the boxes is £5.** If anyone wants to donate a Christmas Eve box to school they can do and we will ensure it goes to a good home! Each box will contain:

- Reindeer Food
- A Christmas Gnome
- Gingerbread biscuits
- A Christmas tree decoration
- Christmas colouring activity
- Christmas craft activity

Orders will not be accepted after the end of school on Monday 9th December.

COLOURFUL FOOTSTEPS
Every Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30
FREE GROUP SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND AGED 4-11YRS @ WEST PADDOCK FAMILY HUB

This group aims to provide a space for children with SEND to develop social and emotional skills along with building their confidence and resilience. The session provides lots of engaging activities both physical and emotional for the children including soft play, games and arts & crafts.

Merry Messy Play
Christmas Themed Baby Sensory Messy Play
Suitable for new born to mobile babies
PLACES ARE LIMITED - BOOKING REQUIRED
1pm - 3pm
Thursday 5th, 12th & 19th December

Scan the QR code to book or visit events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk

West Paddock Family Hub
Leyland PR25 1HR
01772 532 930

CHRISTMAS WARM WELCOME & DROP IN
COME AND JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, DRINKS AND SNACKS. SUITABLE FOR AGES 0-11
9:30am - 11:30 am
1:30pm - 3:30pm
Monday 23rd December
WEST PADDOCK FAMILY HUB
LEYLAND, PR25 1HR
01772 532930

HAF NEW YEAR Party
DECEMBER 30TH 2024 FROM 10 AM TO 2PM
Join us for party games & crafts
Suitable for ages 4-11
To book a place, please visit app.holidayactivities.com
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR ANY ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT HAF@SOUTHTRIBBLE.GOV.UK

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Guidance around the HAF programme and how families attain their voucher codes, can be found here [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) - Lancashire County Council](http://Holiday activities and food programme (HAF) - Lancashire County Council)

Key Dates for the next half-term:

- Tuesday 3rd December – Y5 & Y6 Girl's Football Finals
- Thursday 5th December – FON Winter Disco (non uniform day)
- Tuesday 10th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
- Wednesday 11th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
- Thursday 12th December – KS2 Christmas Performances
- Thursday 12th December – National Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party Day
- **Friday 20th December – EoT Awards Assembly - School closes at 2:10/15pm for children.**



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 weekend everyone... See you on Monday!

TAKEHOME

25th November
- 1st December



How can we raise awareness of important issues?



Earthshot Prize 2024

In the news this week

This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and prevent wasted energy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- > Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- > Have you ever taken part in or contributed to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

