

FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 4th October 2024



Happiness
Empathy
Aspiration
Respect
Teamwork

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VALUE FOCUS

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

- ✓ Work together so that we can all be happy, safe and secure.
- ✓ Care about each other so we create a positive learning environment.
- ✓ Show smiling faces, use good manners and offer a warm welcome to all our visitors.
- ✓ Value and celebrate all success.

'Star of the Week' Awards

Reception – Dean H & Esmay C



Year 1 – Macy M & Kaynen S



Year 2 – Amelia L & Maxwell P



Year 3 – Maya B & Lewis T

Year 4 – Joey H & Lottie-Mae H

Year 5 – Fif O & Daniel W

Year 6 – Axel B & Layla-Mae C



This Week's Best Attendance

Year 6 – 98.5%



Red Team	689
Yellow Team	726
Blue Team	690
Green Team	746

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



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



Tots on Tyres & Bike Fix: Reception children are taking part in their final Tots on Tyres session on **Monday 7th October** in the morning in school – please bring a helmet for your child if they have one. Year 6 children are taking part in a Bike Fix session in school on **Monday 7th October**, in the afternoon – they do not need to bring anything with the as everything will be provided!

TOTS ON TYRES

Tots On Tyres is a cycle training programme for Reception class pupils to learn to ride a balance bike and progress on to a bike with pedals. Your child is invited to take part in the free course available on:

Monday September 9th - PM
Monday September 30th & October 7th - AM

The three week programme is about learning to make the bike move by themselves, lifting their feet in the air to balance, steering and braking. Once your child is able to balance, they will move on to a pedal bike, learning how to use the correct pedal motion and set off unaided.

Bikes are provided. Please bring a helmet.

If you or your child wishes to progress their skills even further in a supportive family environment, we have teamed up with Ribble Valley Juniors Cycling Club to offer led rides and training. For more information, please contact sec@rvjuniors.co.uk

"Most of the children can now cycle. They have all grown in confidence."

"Parents have all been amazed by the progress of the children."

"The children really enjoyed the sessions and definitely grew in confidence"

BIKE FIX

Bike Fix is an initiative to teach pupils how to perform basic maintenance on bikes, so that they can go home and make sure their own bikes are roadworthy. Your child is invited to take part in the free session on:

Monday October 7th - PM

Pupils will learn how to:

- Name the parts of a bike
- Adjust saddle height
- Repair punctures
- Adjust their brakes
- Learn how gears work

These are useful, practical skills for life which encourage children to be more self-reliant and have a better understanding of how a bike functions.

"It was great that we could do it ourselves"

"I liked fixing a puncture myself because I haven't done that before"

"I've learnt loads AND it was really fun"

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Asda Rewards Cashpots for Schools: Follow the link below to help raise funds for our school. All you need to do is download the Asda Rewards App, click on the Cashpots for Schools section, select Northbrook Primary Academy as your chosen school, and then scan the barcode in the app everytime you shop at Asda – your own cashpot will build up and so will ours! <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

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OPEN DAY

Tuesday 15th October 2024
1.30pm-2.30pm and 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 20th November 2024
9.30am-10.30am and 6pm-7pm

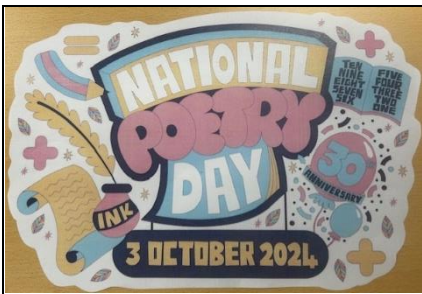
"A nurturing environment where every child is supported to achieve their full potential."

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School admissions are open for children due to start primary or secondary school in September 2025. Please use the link here to apply and find out further information: [Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

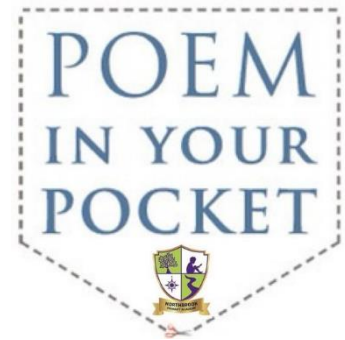
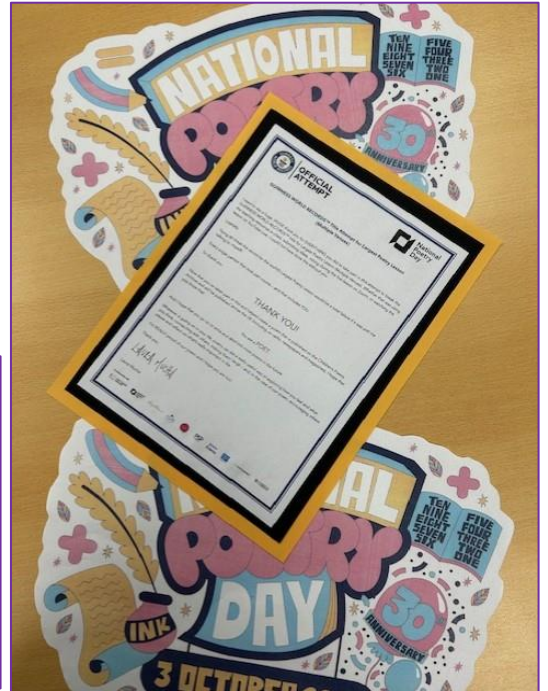
The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2025:

- 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



Thursday 3rd October was National Poetry Day, the biggest mass celebration of poetry in the UK! At Northbrook Primary Academy it was a chance for all of us to share in the pleasure of poetry. This year's theme was counting and lot of our children wrote poetry based on numbers and maths. During the day we created opportunities for children to share their 'poems in their pockets' with each other during break times. It was lovely to see all the children taking pleasure from reading their poems to others and the sun was shining too!

Year 5 and Year 6 also took part in a Guinness World Record attempt, led by poet Laura Mucha. During the event the children joined a 'Zoom' lesson, with thousands of other children, to write a poem about 'what counts'. There were over 60,000 children involved across the country! The children had a great day and will be showcasing their work on the display boards on the school corridors very soon... #Aspiration #Teamwork #theNPAway.



Well tonight is the night... Endeavour Learning Trust will be hosting its inaugural awards evening at the Park Hall Hotel. We wish each and everyone of our previous Year 6 (now Year 7) and staff nominees the very best of luck. We are also very proud of the NPA choir, who will be performing with Churctown Primary School during the opening of the event. Keep your fingers crossed for TeamNPA! #Aspiration #Teamwork



	Pupils	Staff
People Centred	Emily Z	Mrs Cole
Transformational	Abbi L	Mrs Morris
Community	Hannah N	Mrs Smith
Individuality	Poppy D	Miss Gwynne
Belonging	Teddy Mc	Mrs Spence
Togetherness	Roman C	Mrs Goldfarb

INTRODUCING
Arbor

We are excited to announce that our school is transitioning to a new platform for all communication between school and families – Arbor. This will replace our current Parent Apps, offering a more streamlined, user-friendly experience.

For more information please contact enquiries@northbrookpa.org

We will be moving to a new parental app after half-term. The new platform is called Arbor and it will integrate a payment system so it can be a one stop shop for parents!

How will parents benefit?

- **Check on your child from anywhere:** With the Arbor App, you can check in on your children from anywhere – all you need is a phone
- **Access important information about your child in one place:** See your child’s attendance, behaviour and progress this week as well as for the year so far. You can also see upcoming homework and download report cards for your child
- **Get updates from school via push notifications:** Get notified when your school sends out a new message via the App
- **Make payments on the go:** Manage tasks like making payments and booking trips or parents’ evenings

We will write to you with more information very soon, along with the instructions to download the ArborApp!

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES
21 October - 25 October, 2024

Fun activities and healthy food for children on Free School Meals during the October Half Term, funded by South Ribble Borough Council.

- FREE Activities for all children on free school meals
- FREE Food with every session
- Activities include Gymnastics, Tennis, Dodgeball, Dance, Football

For children age 4-16. If your child does not qualify for Free School Meals but would like to join in, please see the website for details.

October Half Term Holiday Camps: As part of the Council’s commitment to reducing inequalities in community, the Council has funded holiday camps during October Half Term delivered by Active Health and South Ribble Leisure. Children who attend will receive fun and safe physical activity along with a healthy lunch. Follow the link below for more information about the scheme and whether your child is eligible. www.southribble.gov.uk/haf

HALF TERM CAFE

WE WILL BE SERVING FREE HOT MEALS FOR KIDS DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM - MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER - FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 12PM -2PM

THE BASE ON BROADFIELD 97-99 BANNISTER DRIVE

MENU WILL VARY DAILY (ADULTS CAN EAT FOR FREE TOO ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY)



This week in our weekly picture news assembly we have looked how one secondary school in Edingburgh uses a vending machine to promote reading, giving pupils access to more than seventy different books fomr Penguin’s ‘Lit in Colour’ reading lists. These reading lists aim to make works

of writers of colour more visible and accessible in school. This expanded to our focus on Black History Month which provides an opportunity for people to understand, share and celebrate the history of black heritage and cultire and its impact today. We also developed our understanding of British Values and in particular ‘Mutual Respect & Tolerance. It also helped our children understand our school values of ‘respect’ and ‘empathy’. #HEART

British Values

Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone. By listening carefully to the stories of others, we can understand and get to know one another better.

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Key Dates for the next half-term:



- Monday 7th October – Tots on Tyres (Reception)
- Monday 7th October – Bike Fix (Year 6)
- Thursday 10th October – Y5/6 Mixed Football Finals
- Tuesday 15th October – Open Day 2pm and 6pm
- Friday 18th October – INSET Day (school closed to children)
- **Half-term Holidays Monday 21st to Friday 25th October**
- Monday 28th October – School reopens to all children
- Monday 28th October – Secondary School Applications Deadline (Year 7 September 2025)

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

30th September
– 6th October



in Random House UK, Colin Wright

How important is it to know about the author behind the book?



Penguin Random House UK, Colin Wright

In the news this week

Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- > What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- > Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read books by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

