



Northbrook Primary Academy

1st December

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

It has been a very busy half term so far in school. We are preparing for Christmas and are excited to share the Christmas cheer with you over the coming weeks.

Christmas

We have lots of exciting things taking place in school in the run up to Christmas. Our Christmas newsletter was sent out a few weeks ago but please see the dates below for details. Christmas jumpers on Fridays in December is full school uniform but with the Christmas jumper replacing the school jumper/cardigan.



Year 3 Visit to Eco Town

Last Friday, our Year 3 children visited Eco Town in Farington. They had a fantastic day learning all about recycling, sustainability, and what we can do to help slow down climate change. Our children were amazing and very well behaved, they represented Northbrook beautifully.



Birthday Table

Our November Birthday children celebrated with a special lunch! They got a birthday card, a cake and Reception and Year 1 sung happy birthday to them. A reminder - your child can wear their own clothes on or around their birthday, and they can choose 1 friend to share this with.



Eco Council

Thank you to all the children who put themselves forward to be a representative on our eco-committee. Each class was given the opportunity to vote and representatives were chosen from each class. There are lots of exciting ideas which we will be working on as a school to make our school more 'eco-friendly' so please look out for those.

Our Eco Council 2025 - 2026 is as follows:

Y1 - Eva and Elliana

Y2 - Finley

Y3 - Eliza B and Jayden

Y4 - Isabelle and Elise

Y5 - Charlotte, Millie and Lottie-Mae

Y6 - Dawson, Elouise and Oliver

Tree Planting

We were very fortunate to receive a donation from the Woodland Trust. We have been gifted 60 trees and 60 shrubs. These have all been planted around school grounds by our children. Year 6 paired up with their buddies and despite the wet weather, everyone had a great time planting!



KS2 Cinema Trip

KS2 recently had the opportunity to go to one of our local cinemas to watch Wild Robot. This was part of the Into Film Festival. All of the children also received a free ticket to go and watch another film! Thanks to our Friends of Northbrook for supporting us by paying for the coach.

Open Days

We have a number of open days for children due to start Reception in September 2026. We also still have places available at our Northbrook Nursery. To book on to one of our open days, please contact the school office on 01772 421599.

Friday Assembly

Our Friday Celebration Assembly is open to all adults and families of our children. This starts at 2.40pm. If your child receives a 'Star of the Week' award, they (and their siblings) will be able to go home with you after the assembly. If you would like to come please arrive at the main entrance, where you will be shown in once the children are settled in the hall.

Attendance





Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time. **Classes which have the highest punctuality will receive an extra playtime the following week!** It is a legal requirement that children are in school by 8.55am. When a child is late, even if only by a few minutes this can cause considerable disruption, not just to their own learning, but to the learning of the rest of the class and impacts on the rewards your child's class can receive each week for 100% punctuality. 'Lost minutes **EQUAL** Lost Learning' just 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 days of school missed each year.

Team Points



Our children are given team points for good work, behaviour or displaying any of our HEART values. Each week the totals from across the school are added together and announced during our Friday Celebration Assembly by our 'Team Captains'. Blue Whale won in Autumn 1 and had their treat on the last day before half term.

The winners for Autumn 2 so far:

Yellow Lion - 1

Green Turtle - 0

Red Panda - 0

Blue Whale - 2



Up-coming Dates

December

Monday 1st - FON Christmas Markets

Tuesday 2nd - EYFS Open Day 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Friday 5th - Christmas jumpers with school uniform

Tuesday 9th - Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum North

Friday 12th - Christmas jumpers with school uniform.

Monday 15th - EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2pm and 4.30pm.

Tuesday 16th - Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th - KS2 Songs Around the Christmas Tree - 4:30pm

Wednesday 17th - Party Day

Friday 19th - Christmas jumpers with school uniform

Friday 19th - finish 2.10pm (Infants)/2.15pm (Juniors)

Children return to school Tuesday 6th January 2026

All current and updated communication will be on the school website, your SeeSaw accounts, Arbor and on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support in all aspects of school life.

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Deputy Headteacher