

Headteacher Mr M Cunniffe

Dear Parents,

Educational Visits & Visitors 2024-25

This year we have worked extremely hard to extend the curriculum enrichment offer at NPA. This work is in response to feedback from our children, parents and our desire to ensure we offer memorable experiences for our children. We have arranged visits and whole school events for all children from Reception to Year 6 linked to the curriculum to enhance their learning journey and give each child new experiences.

The majority of visits will take place during the school day and range from whole school events with visitors attending NPA, to trips out of school. These trips also include the cost of transport and entrance fees should the children need to travel to a location.

This year, the whole school offer includes initiatives such as:

- Sports coaches running sports clubs and supporting attendance at competitions
- Children's Mental Health Week event
- National School Sport Week event
- Healthy Eating focus days, PASTA club and 'nutrition mission'
- Spanish specialist teaching (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
- Debt Aware Sessions (Year 5 and Year 6)
- The BIG Science Show
- Lancashire Museum Loan Boxes
- Literacy Kicks – developing literacy through sport journalism (Year 5)
- Interactive Bee-Hive visit
- On site Forest School (one weekly afternoon session for a half-term)
- Historia Normannis – History Showcase
- Faith Partners visits
- Lancashire Music Service visit

In addition, there will also be individual class visits to external providers such as the Lancashire Museum, Manchester Science Museum, Leyland Transport Museum and the Lancashire Farm Experience. As well as more localised visits to local parks, libraries and local places of significance.


Unfortunately, year on year the cost of these educational visits has risen due to the increased charges and cost of transport. Thankfully, the Friends of Northbrook have agreed to support the school and have allocated significant funds to support the booking and organisation of the above trips and visits. However, FON's donations and the school's own budget will not cover the cost of these planned enrichment opportunities. Therefore, this year, we have decided to ask for one voluntary contribution for each child from each of our families rather than on a visit by visit basis.

The cost for these educational trips and visits for the spring and summer term this academic year is £24 per pupil. This represents excellent value for money and school will not be asking parents for additional monies during the remainder of school the year for any curriculum enrichment activities.



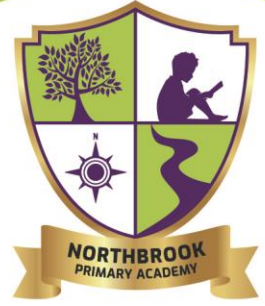
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This voluntary contribution should be paid through Arbor in one lump sum, or two payments of £12 (one payment before the February half-term and one at the start of the Summer term). Please be aware if the contributions raised do not meet the cost of the trips planned for each class, then it will not be possible for us to run the events. Additionally, should the amount per child lower due to fluctuations in cost (such as coaches, or cancelled events) then the excess will be refunded to parents at the end of the academic year.

As always, we would like to support any family that may find this request financially challenging. Please speak to us if you would like to discuss this matter or any points raised within this letter. Thank you in advance for your support in helping us to ensure that we give our children the best learning experience possible,

Kindest regards,


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