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Dear Parents,

Tribute to Mrs Val Battersby

It is with a heavy heart that we write to inform the Northbrook community of Mrs Battersby's passing. We know that many of you will be aware of this sad news, but we have waited to inform you officially until after we had spoken directly with the family and adhere to their wishes.

Mrs Battersby worked at Northbrook as a teacher and a teaching assistant for over fifty years and despite retiring from her role last year she always kept a close connection with the school and the local community. Her dedicated service to the children of Northbrook, many of whom are now adults with children of their own, has been immeasurable. She will be remembered for her caring and nurturing nature as well as her great sense of humour.

Her family have requested that we share her tribute page which can be accessed [here](#) and warmly invite those wishing to pay their respects to add to the 'Thoughts Gallery'. A celebration of Val's life will take place at Charnock Richard Crematorium on Monday 22nd May at 11:30am. For those that are unable to attend, the service will be live streamed at <https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view> (PIN 969-5575). The family have politely requested **flowers only** with donations preferred to Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Donations can be made using clicking [here](#).

The staff at Northbrook Primary Academy have been deeply saddened by Mrs Battersby's passing and our hearts go out to her family and friends at this sad time. We will be sharing this news with the older children this week but wanted to give parents the opportunity to discuss this content of the letter with their child if they wish to do so. Advice about talking to children around bereavement can be found [here](#).

We will build on Mrs Battersby's legacy as we all endeavour to work with our children with the same care, compassion and dedication as she did.

Kindest regards,

M Cunniffe

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