



Northbrook Primary Academy

16th September

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year. The children have settled so well back into the routines of school life. Their enthusiasm for learning, kindness towards one another, and positive attitudes in the classroom have set a fantastic tone for the year ahead.

Mrs Shorrocks' and Mrs Astbury's roles

A letter was sent out via our usual channels last week regarding Mrs Shorrocks' and Mrs Astbury's roles in schools. If you haven't already, please have a read of this.

Our Northbrook School Dog - Brook

I am sure you will have seen and heard about our new school dog, Brook. Brook has joined us in school and is settling into his new environment. While he adjusts to life in school, Brook is mostly based with Mrs Cole in the office, but you will see him out and about before and after school as well as during playtimes and lunchtimes.



Miss Gwynne

We are pleased to announce and congratulate Miss Gwynne and her partner who are expecting their first child in December. We are currently in the process of recruiting her replacement to ensure a smooth transition, and we will share further details with you as soon as possible, meanwhile Miss Gwynne remains fully committed to her Year 1 class. She will be starting Maternity leave during the second half of the Autumn term for the remainder of the school year.

Year 3 Class Name



Due to recent events, we have decided to rename our Year 3 class. Our Year 3 class will be known as 'Mae Jamison' class. We believe Mae Jamison will be a great inspiration to our children in school. She is an American engineer and former NASA astronaut. She was the first African-American woman to travel into space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992.

Macmillan

On Friday 26th September we will be having a Macmillan Coffee Morning. We are asking children to bring in donations of cakes. Families will be invited into school between 9 and 10am to purchase cake. Mrs Goldfarb has sent a letter out about this with more information.



New Reception Children

We couldn't be prouder of how quickly our youngest pupils have settled into school life. They've been getting to know their new routines, making friends, and exploring their classroom with lots of excitement. It's been lovely to see their confidence growing each day, and they've already made a fantastic start to their time at Northbrook.



Nursery

Our Northbrook Nursery officially opened on Monday 8th September. The children who have joined us so far have settled in very well and are enjoying playing and learning in our brand new Early Years unit. We have an open day on Thursday 18th September between 9am and 10am for Reception 2026 and potential nursery children. If you would like any further information about places at our nursery, please contact the school on 01772 421599.

David Attenborough Class

Our Year 5 children have been researching some of David Attenborough's favourite animals. They then had a go at drawing them using different mediums to go up on a class display.



Year 6 prefects

In our first Friday assembly of the year, our Year 6 Team Captains were announced. We are very proud of all our Year 6 children and they are well-deserving of their prefect status. Year 6 parents will receive a letter this week with more detail about the prefect role.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those of you who came to our Meet the Teacher event. If you were unable to attend but would like to come into school and meet your child's teacher, please make an appointment with the school office.



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



As we start a new school year, some children may be asked to move into a different team. This is because we feel there was an imbalance within the teams last year. 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'.

Totals this year:

Yellow Lion - 0

Green Turtle - 1

Red Panda - 0

Blue Whale - 0



Up-coming Dates

September

Thursday 18th - EYFS Open Day

WB Monday 29th - Y6 Baseline Tests (*please note, this date has been amended*)

Thursday 25th - Birthday Lunch

Friday 26th - Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Thursday 16th - Birthday Lunch

Thursday 16th - Community Voice

Tuesday 21st - Parent's Evening

Friday 24th - INSET WHOLE TRUST

November

Monday 3rd - Children start back

WB 17th - Y6 Test Week

Thursday 20th - Birthday Lunch

December

Thursday 11th - Birthday Lunch

Christmas Dates TBC

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.

Mrs G Astbury

Deputy Headteacher