



Northbrook Primary Academy

3rd September

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and are feeling refreshed, ready for the new school year. We have lots of exciting things planned this year and are looking forward to it. Our staff have completed two INSET days in school, preparing to welcome your child back for the new school year. Our first INSET day was with UK Military School. We took part in some of the activities which the children also do during their sessions, including teambuilding and STEM. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time, and it was a great way for our staff to start the new school year.



Building Works

Over the Summer, work has been non-stop in school getting our nursery provision and SEND unit ready to welcome children. Our Northbrook Nursery opens (to 3 year olds) on Monday 8th September and places are still available. If you would like any further information about this, please contact the school on 01772 421599. Our SEND provision will be opening in January 2026 and we are currently in the recruitment process for an Assistant Headteacher for SEND and Inclusion.



New Staff

We have a number of new staff joining us this academic year. Mr Knowles joins school as our Assistant Headteacher and Year 2 Class Teacher. Miss Devine and Miss Marshall are joining us as Teaching Assistants in EYFS. Miss King and Miss Whyte are joining us as Teaching Assistants in Year 1 and Year 3.

Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite you into Northbrook on Thursday 4th September to 'Meet your child's teacher'. The teachers will be available after school till 5pm. They will be available to share class

expectations, routines, discuss the year ahead and for you to have a look at the class environment, where your child will be taught. Please enter school via the main entrance. I hope to see you during the 'Meet the Teacher' session on Thursday 4th September.



Playground Developments

Additionally, our playground works were completed in the last week before the Summer holidays. All children will be able to use this new equipment at break and lunch times. We have put a rota in place for this to ensure that all children have opportunity to use this fantastic new equipment.



Military School



We are pleased to continue to have 'UK Military School' in our team at Northbrook. In the first half of the Autumn term, they will be working alongside our Year 6 children. They will then complete a 12-week project with each of the rest of our KS2 classes throughout the year. Within the project there are STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), as well as teambuilding, developing resilience and perseverance.

Friday Assembly

Our Friday Celebration Assembly is open to all adults and families of our children. This starts at 2.40pm. 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.



Uniform

The children came back to school today looking incredibly smart in their uniforms. As we start the new school year, please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled. At the end of last year, we had a lot of uniform which was unclaimed and not labelled. Our updated uniform policy can be found on our school website.

Enrichment



In the coming weeks, we will be sharing details with you of our enrichment offer for the year. Please look out for a letter about this. We want to ensure that all children throughout school have the opportunity to have their learning enriched through fun, exciting and engaging opportunities.

After School Club

At the end of the school year, our After School Club children were busy being creative with Miss Heaps and Mrs Higham. They created a beautiful art display and make some tasty treats. If you

would like to enquire about a place for your child(ren) at our wraparound care, please contact the school office.



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 team points totals have been reset for the new school 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'.



Up-coming Dates

September

Monday 1st - INSET

Tuesday 2nd - INSET

Wednesday 3rd - Children Start

Thursday 4th - Meet The Teacher - 5pm

WB Monday 22nd - Y6 Baseline Tests

Thursday 25th - Birthday Lunch

Friday 26th - Macmillan Coffee Morning (a letter will be sent out)

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