



Northbrook Primary Academy

30th September

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

What a busy first few weeks of the new school year! Going around school, it is fantastic to see that all children are engaging with their learning and being Superstars! In this newsletter, we will celebrate the wonderful learning, creativity, and achievements happening across our school community!

Macmillan

On Friday 26th September we held our first Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you to all of you who supported with cake and monetary donations. We raised £278 for Macmillan.



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.

Phonics Information Sessions

A letter was sent out last week about our Phonics Information Sessions on Thursday 2nd October. If your child is in EYFS or KS1, please come along to one of the sessions as we will be sharing important information about how you can best support your child on their reading journey.

Session times are 9am, 2.30pm and 5.30pm, led by Mrs Higson, our Reading Leader.



Mrs Higham

On Friday 18th September, Mrs Higham marked 30 years of working here at Northbrook. Over the years, she has had many roles within school and continues to be a valued member of our team. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Higham on her years of service to our school and the community.

Plea for Help

As we continue to develop our school grounds, we are asking for any volunteers, parents, grandparents, family members to help us plant and maintain the large planters we have around

school. We would appreciate any amount of time you can donate to support our school development, school would provide resources. If you can help us, please contact Mrs Astbury or Mrs Shorrocks.

Friends of Northbrook

Our Friends of Northbrook recently met with Mrs Shorrocks and Mrs Wilson to plan the year ahead. Our FON are so valuable in supporting school, raising funds and creating memorable opportunities for our children. We are so grateful to be supported by the FON group. When they met, they discussed where funds would be allocated this year. Suggestions included covering the cost of coaches for trips and a book shed. If you are interested in joining our FON group, please contact Mrs Astbury, Mrs Ross or Miss King in school.

- Wednesday 1st October - Film Night
- Tuesday 21st October - Refreshments for Parent's Evening
- Monday 1st December - Christmas Markets
- Wednesday 21st January - Disco
- Friday 13th March - Mother's Day Gifts
- Wednesday 25th March - Easter Bingo
- Wednesday 6th May - Film Night
- Thursday 18th June - Refreshments for Adventure, Fun and Sports Day
- Friday 19th June - Father's Day Gifts
- Tuesday 14th July - Disco

Inspirational People

Our children have been creating some fantastic work for displays outside each of their classrooms. Classes have spent time researching their inspirational person, writing about them and creating some artwork based on them too.



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'.

Totals this year:

Yellow Lion - 0

Green Turtle - 1

Red Panda - 1

Blue Whale - 1



Up-coming Dates

October

Wednesday 1st - Early Years Open Day 9-10am

Wednesday 1st - FON Film Night

Tuesday 2nd - Phonics Parent Information Sessions

Tuesday 7th - Taekwondo Taster Day

Friday 10th - World Mental Health Day

Thursday 16th - Community Voice

Tuesday 21st - Parent's Evening

Friday 24th - INSET WHOLE TRUST (school closed)

November

Monday 3rd - Children start back

WB 17th - Y6 Test Week

December

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