



Northbrook Primary Academy

13th October

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we come towards the end of our first half term, school is buzzing with activity. Please have a read over our latest newsletter to see what we have been up to.

Pictures from photographer

Last week, we had our Endeavour photographer in school to take some updated images. There were so many beautiful pictures, which you will soon be able to see on our website.



Harvest Food Bank

Thank you so much for your donations so far for our Harvest Food Bank Collection. Your generous donations will make such a difference to the St Mary's Food Bank appeal. If you would still like to support, please send in donations by Friday 17th October. Our School Council children will be delivering the items collected next week.



Taekwondo

On Tuesday 7th October, our children in Years 1-6 took part in a Taekwondo Taster Session, organised by Mrs Goldfarb. The children were buzzing with excitement both before and after their sessions, and all received a certificate of participation.



School Council

For our new school year, each class has chosen two school council representatives. Children were given the opportunity to share with their class why they thought they would be a good council representative. Then, each class had the opportunity to cast a vote. Mrs Wilson has met with the new school council to discuss the upcoming school year.

Forest School

Last week, after school, Miss Quinn led the first of 3 after school Forest School experiences. The first theme was embracing nature. A fantastic, hands-on session where parents and children worked together and made some beautiful, crafted items to take home. Miss Quinn is putting on another 2 sessions, but these are now fully booked.



Year 5 and 6 Residential

We appreciate your patience while we were securing a booking for a residential for our Year 5/6 children. This proved to be a challenge in booking a high quality residential whilst also keeping it affordable for our families. We have secured a booking for the Anderton Centre from 9th - 11th February 2026. If your child is in Year 5/6 and you would like them to attend, please pay for your deposit on Arbor by Friday 17th October as outlined in the letter sent last week.

Enrichment

At our staff meeting last week, all our teaching staff came together to discuss plans for enrichment for this year. There are some exciting opportunities in the works. Mrs Shorrocks has secured some funding which will allow us to pay for the majority of enrichment activities. We will still be asking for a small voluntary contribution of £10 per family to support this. In the week before half term, you will receive a letter specifically for your child's year group outlining the enrichment offer for the year and a breakdown of costings.

Christmas

I understand it is only October, but I know many of you are eager to hear about our plans for the Christmas period. Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 16th December. Party Day for all children will be Wednesday 17th December. EYFS and Key Stage One will be performing a nativity, and our Key Stage Two children will be putting on a Christmas recital. All of these events will take place during the week commencing 15th December. Further information will be sent out after half term.

Parent's Evening

Just a reminder, if you have not already, please book in to speak to your child's class teacher for our parents' evening on Tuesday 21st October. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative.

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 and Reading Plus Information Sessions

Thank you for attending our Phonics sessions which Mrs Higson hosted. If you were unable to attend, we will be repeating these sessions later in the school year. In the meantime, please look out for information which will be sent home with your child.

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.

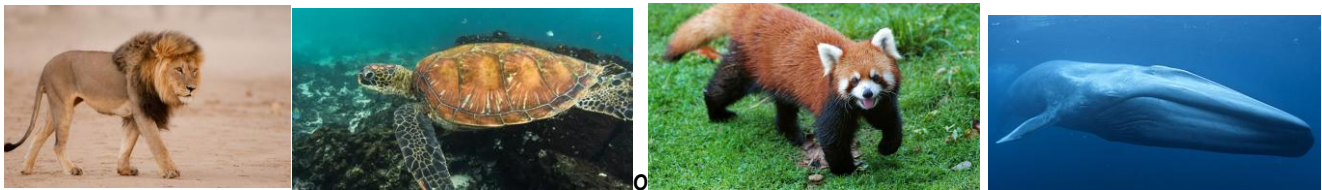


Attendance



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 - 3



Up-coming Dates

October

Tuesday 14th - Y3 Stone Age Day

Wednesday 15th - After School Forest School (fully booked)

Thursday 16th - Community Voice

Friday 17th - Y5 Viking Experience Day

Tuesday 21st - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 22nd - After School Forest School (fully booked)

Friday 24th - INSET WHOLE TRUST

November

Monday 3rd - Children start back

WB 17th - Y6 Test Week

December

Monday 1st December - FON Christmas Markets

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December - Party Day

Christmas Performances - 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