



Spring Term Newsletter for Year 6

Happy New Year to you all!

Welcome back to school Class of 2026! This is our time to shine and what a busy Spring Term we have in store! This newsletter will contain important information for Year 6; find out what we will be doing this half term.

Reading



As always, reading is an essential part of your child's education here at Northbrook and we have spent time improving our reading offer and you can continue to support this at home. We expect all children to read at least four times each week. Children will be rewarded for reading at home, for changing their reading book and completing

Reading Plus online activities. Children who have read four times a week will receive a raffle ticket for our class raffle to win a reward.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Our Thursday session will be led by WLSP and Mrs Spence will teach the Tuesday PE session.

All children need to ensure that their PE kit is in school on these days and we will continue to change in school in separate areas.

Homework

This term in Year 6 we will introduce more written homework tasks, focused on comprehension, maths and grammar skills. The tasks will be appropriate for all and based on our learning in class.

Homework tasks will be set each Thursday and collected and checked the following Thursday. Mrs Spence will run a lunchtime homework club on Monday to allow children opportunity to receive support with homework if needed. This is voluntary, but is an option. As part of our preparation for Year 7, it is important that children develop independence and initiative and that they take responsibility for their homework and seek support. Online opportunities will still be available including: TT Rockstars, Infinity Quizzes, Reading Plus and spelling online activities.

Curriculum Overview

In English we will start the term with our poetry unit - Poems with Imagery before moving on to our Classic Narrative Unit where we will be using *The Wizard of Oz* as our text. We will be writing our own stories based on this children's classic. We also welcome back Gareth Walker who will lead a 'Literacy Kicks' session each week.



For our Maths lessons, we follow the White Rose Scheme of Learning. We will be starting the Spring term with units on fractions, learning about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will then move on to decimals and percentages.

Within our arithmetic sessions, we will continue to work on written methods and strategies for efficient calculation, increasing our fluency and speed of calculation.

In History, we will be learning about World War Two, learning about the start of the war and the reasons why war began. We will look at the propaganda used in World War Two and the role of women. In the second half of the term our Geography learning will be based on the Rivers. Our RE learning this term will be based on Islam and the Hajj, before we look at the Christian beliefs around Holy Week and Good Friday. In Art, we will be learning about David Hockney and photo collages. Our Science learning will be about light, luminosity and how we use light to see.

Educational Visits


To support our learning in Science and Geography we look forward to welcoming Emily from The Ribble Rivers Trust who will bring a tank and trout eggs to our classroom. Later in the term, we will then visit Townley Hall in Burnley where we will study the course of the River Ribble and release the fully grown trout into the river system.

We also have our Year 5 and 6 residential taking place this term and for those in the Young Voices choir, we also have our CO-OP Arena performance this term!

Thank you to those who have already paid the £10 voluntary donation to support our curriculum enrichment, please if you haven't you can still contribute via Arbor.

The partnership between home and school is essential, thank you for your support and if you do have any questions, please ask.

Our Weekly timetable

 Northbrook Primary Academy Timetable 2025 2026		Year 6 Spring 1 2026			
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 – 8.55 / 9	Grammar Morning Work	Orange words spelling	Retrieval wider curriculum	Maths (tough 10)	Maths (specific focus)
9.00 – 9.20	Handwriting	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
9.20 – 9.45	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading
9.45 – 10.45	English	English	English	English	Times tables/ Arithmetic lesson
10.45 – 11	Break				
11 – 11.15	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	English Literacy Kicks
11.15 – 12.15	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	
12.15 – 1.00	Lunch				
1.00 – 3.15	R.E. PSHE Spanish	Class reader History / Geography P.E.	PEA BMA Computing Music	Silent Reading Art / D.T PE WLSF	Class reader Science Alternate Fridays led by BMA
	2.45pm – Whole School Assembly	2.45pm – SMSC Assembly	2.45pm – Singing Assembly	2.45pm – Picture News Assembly in class	2.40pm – Celebration Assembly

Northbrook's Heart Values



As a school, we have also established our SMART expectations, which are linked to our Core Values. These are to support our children to being responsible, respectful and independent learners. It is the NPA way!

I have been so very proud of the start everyone in the class has made to Year 6. They have all really grown and matured since September, they have worked SO hard, shown great improvements in their commitment to learning, the presentation of their work and made great progress already. Their sensible approach and dedication to their roles of responsibility have been noted by lots of adults in school and they have all developed great relationships with their buddies, which has been so lovely to see. Let's hope 2026 continues to be a fabulous year!

Mrs Spence

Key dates for the Spring Term

January

Tuesday 6th - Children return to school
Friday 9th January - Friday 13th February, Literacy Kicks for Y5/6
Thursday 15th - Year 6 Trout in the Classroom
Thursday 15th - Birthday Lunch

February

WB 2nd Year 6 Test Week
Thursday 5th - Young Voices
Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th - Y5/6 Residential at the Anderton Centre
Friday 13th February - Break up for half term
14th - 22nd Half term
Monday 23rd - Children return
Thursday 26th - Community Voice

March

Thursday 5th - Birthday Lunch
Friday 6th - World Book Day Celebrations

WB 9th - Year 6 Test Week

Monday 16th - Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 17th - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 18th - Y6 Visit to Townley Hall

Wednesday 25th - Bingo

Friday 27th - Finish for Easter 2.10pm/2.15pm