

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER - 16th February 2024

Headteacher's Weekly Awards - WELL DONE TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

All the children get a special mention in the Achievement assembly on Friday and will bring home a certificate detailing the reason for their award.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
George Faye	Ciella Freya	Amelia Nico	Eli Maya	Daniela Luca	Georgie Moses	Carl Joely	Lucy Lawson

Wow, what an eventful week we have had. A fantastic way to finish the term. Reception had a wonderful time at the workshop – thank you to those who could join us, hopefully we will see a few more of you next time! Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all enjoyed the Valentines disco this week too. I saw some fantastic dancing and also had a little boogy myself!

Year 1 to year 6 were bitten by the theatre bug when they got to watch a performance of the Secret Garden by M&M Productions. We were so impressed we have booked them to come back next year to perform The Wizard of Oz! I hope we have inspired some young budding actors. We also got to enjoy the singing showcase in which each class performed a song they had learnt. We have some wonderful singers in school and I was very impressed.

We finished the week with Zumba day – Jess came into school to lead each class in an hour long Zumba session – this was fantastic fun and certainly made us all feel more healthy.

Have a wonderful half term everyone, I hope you all get some rest and regenerate those batteries for spring term 2.

Road Safety Champions: To continue to raise awareness of road safety our road safety champions are running a 'Design a Helmet' competition for KS1 and 'Design a Road Safety/ No Parking sign for KS2. Your child will bring home a template to use this Friday which can be returned after half term. There will be a winner for each who will receive a brand new helmet! So get your creative brains in gear, we can't wait to see your fantastic designs. We will decide on the winners after the half term.

Year 2 – Family Time Workshop: Please note that this has changed to Wednesday 13th March. Thank you



Well done to NURSERY who all arrived on time every day – FANTASTIC! We have seen a huge improvement in punctuality so well done everyone, lets keep it up.

Children should be in school by 8.45am if you arrive after this time you are late!

Well done to Nursery, Year 1 and Year 6 who both achieved the attendance target this week!

Punctuality and Attendance

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

Last week's attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Class attendance award	96 BRONZE	84	99 SILVER	91	90	94	84	97 BRONZE	92
Late arrivals	0	2	1	2	3	3	2	4	17

Online Safety: We have some helpful advice below about online safety and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+
16+ 18+

Age varies by platform

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child's own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

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School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

Contacting School: If you wish to contact school then you can email us on NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

DIARY DATES: Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
WEDNESDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY	RECEPTION CLASS VALENTINES WORKSHOP	9-9.45	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY	EYFS VALENTINES DISCO – children to come dressed in red!	2.15-3PM	EYFS
WEDNESDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY	KEY STAGE 1 VALENTINES DISCO - – children to come dressed in red!	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY	M&M PRODUCTION OF 'THE SECRET GARDEN'	9.15 – 10.15	YEAR 1 - 6
THURSDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY	END OF TERM SINGING SHOWCASE	1.15PM	YEARS 1-6
FRIDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY	COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS	9AM	ALL PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY	ZUMBA DAY - all children to wear sportswear	9-3	YEARS 1-6 ON A ROTA
FRIDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
MONDAY 26 TH FEBRUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 1 ST MARCH	ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN ASSEMBLY	10.30	KS1/KS2
MONDAY 4 TH MARCH	YEAR 6 – CRUCIAL CREW TRIP	12 – 3PM	YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 6 TH MARCH	YEAR 6 CONDOVER RESIDENTIAL TRIP	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY	YEAR 6 AB EC TW
THURSDAY 7 TH MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY - Altru Drama workshop Y1-6. All children are invited to come dressed in an outfit that represents their continent – letter emailed 14.02.24	9-3	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 11 TH MARCH	CO SAFETY SEYMOUR SESSIONS	ALL DAY	YEAR 5 & 6
WEDNESDAY 13 TH MARCH	YEAR 2 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10	YEAR 2 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 14 TH MARCH	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY- READING AND STORIES	9-10	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 14 TH MARCH	RECEPTION / YEAR 6 HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS	9.30 – 10.30	RECEPTION / YEAR 6
FRIDAY 15 TH MARCH	CHOCOLATE DONATION IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAYTIME		WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 18 TH MARCH	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE	2 WEEKS	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 18 TH MARCH	PARENTS EVENING PHONE CALLS	3.45 -5.00	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 20 TH MARCH	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE	3.30-6.30	WHOLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY 21 ST MARCH	HANDBALL FRIENDLEY GAME – ST EDMUNDS – children only	1.30 – 2.30	TEAM TBC
THURSDAY 21 ST MARCH	YEAR 5 LAST SWIM	1-3	YEAR 5
WEDNESDAY 27 TH MARCH	RECEPTION EASTER WORKSHOP	9-9.45AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 27 TH MARCH	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT PARADE	ALL DAY	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 27 TH MARCH	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	
THURSDAY 28 TH MARCH	COFFEE MORNING	9AM	ALL PARETNS WELCOME
THURSDAY 28 TH MARCH	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY	9-12	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN
THURSDAY 28 TH MARCH	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS	2PM	

More dates will be added so please keep your eye on the diary dates each week.

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton