

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY - NEWSLETTER

12TH July 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
Asif Antoni	Aiden Matilda	Luna Lu'ay	Archie Shania	Rayan Riki	Byron Grace	Callum Billie-Mae	Layla T Noah

Mrs Murray was extremely impressed with how Reception prepared for and presented their very first class assembly to parents and the whole school. Next stop, Christmas show! I can't wait to see how they get on.

I was also very proud to hear the fantastic feedback about our nursery class who all enjoyed a wonderful trip to Smithills Open Farm this week. They had a wonderful time and their behaviour was impeccable.

Year 6 Leavers: Our leavers have received their very own leaver record, provided by school, that they can record memories from all of their class in. We hope they enjoy collecting special messages from everyone in their last weeks.

Annual report to parents: Tonight you will receive your child's annual written report. If you wish to discuss this further, please make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher via the school office.

Sports day: Next week, all our annual sports days are scheduled to take place - of course this is dependent on the great British weather and the condition of the grass due to recent rainfall.

We will advise parents the day before each Sports day is scheduled to take place whether or not it will be going ahead. We thank you in advance for respecting our decisions made to ensure safety of all children.

Staffing: I am pleased to announce that Mrs Johnson will be joining our teaching staff in September and will be teaching in year 1. I have also appointed Miss Cheetham who will join our support staff, officially, in September too.

SATS results: I am extremely pleased with our KS2 SATs results for which the year 6 children have worked very hard to achieve. I am very proud of them. The SATS results will be published on the school website in due course. I am also very pleased with the phonics and multiplication checks too.

Year 6 Leavers show: Please book your seats for the show next week. The survey is available on school spider. Families are allocated a maximum of 4 seats per show. I have to say it looks brilliant and year 6 have been working very hard to make it a truly professional show!

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



Well done to Reception, Year 1, and Year 4 who all achieved the attendance target last 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	90	96 BRONZE	98 SILVER	91	93	97 SILVER	93	92	93
Late arrivals	3	1	7	4	4	5	2	4	30

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 apps that 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

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases; users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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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
WEEK BEGINNING 15 TH JULY	OLYMPICS WEEK	ALL WEEK DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 15 TH JULY	MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS REGARDING REPORTS IF REQUESTED	ALL WEEK	OPEN TO ALL PARENTS
MONDAY 15 TH JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW- DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL	10AM	WHOLE SCHOOL TO WATCH
TUESDAY 16 TH JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	2PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 1 BUMP AND BOUNCE FUN TIME	ALL DAY IN GROUPS	KEY STAGE 1`
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS AFTERNOON - moved from Friday 19 th July	1.30PM TO 3PM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	5.30PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS
THURSDAY 18 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM-10.30 APPROX	KEY STAGE ONE CHILDREN – PARENTS INVITED TO WATCH
THURSDAY 18 TH JULY	YEAR 6 CHURCH VISIT	1.30PM	YEAR 6 CLASS
FRIDAY 19 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 2 WATER PLAY FUN	1.30-3PM	KEY STAGE 2
FRIDAY 19 TH JULY	EYFS SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM-10.15 APPROX	EYFS CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH
FRIDAY 19 TH JULY	YEAR 4 – TRIP TO BROCKHOLES NATURE RESERVE – PRESTON – letter to be sent after May half term	9.00 – 3.00PM	YEAR 4
MONDAY 22 ND JULY	CHILDREN MOVE UPTO NEW CLASSES	9.15-10.30AM	YEARS N TO YEAR 5
MONDAY 22 ND JULY	KEY STAGE 2 TALENT SHOW	1.30PM	OPEN TO ALL KEY STAGE 2 WHO WISH TO SHOWCASE A TALENT!
MONDAY 22 ND JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS MEAL	5PM- RESTAURANT TBC	YEAR 6 CHILDREN
TUESDAY 23 RD JULY	YEAR 2 TRIP TO MANCHESTER RUNWAY VISIOTR CENTRE	9.30 – 2.30PM	YEAR 2
TUESDAY 23 RD JULY	SUMMER HAMPER DRAW	2PM	

TUESDAY 23 RD JULY	SPONSORED COLOUR RUN EVENT	1PM DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 24 TH JULY	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY	9AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 24 TH JULY	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

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

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton