



NEWSLETTER 14th MARCH 2025

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
Phoebe Adam	Ella Carter	John Kurtis	Lu'ay Isla	Anirlan Maya	Riki Jaiden	Nadia Iyla	Healey Darvidas



Tesco Groundworks Grant: WE NEED YOUR HELP!! **PLEASE KEEP VOTING**

Looks like we are winning at the Walkden store but it will be all the votes' added together from the other stores too. We need to win this one by a good margin to be in with a chance. Please keep voting until the 31st March.

You can vote for us at these stores....

2744 Irlam Extra M44 6BL

4487 Partington Central Road Express M31 4EL

6017 Walkden Extra M28 3BT

6342 Liverpool Road Irlam Express M44 6FY

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

Junior Bake Off: Are there any budding young bakers out there? If so why not apply for the Channel 4 Junior bake off, please see some information below;

My name is Kate. I'm a Series Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off.

We have recently opened applications for the 11th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between 9-15 years old.

Filming would take place from July 2025, but our applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

We have posted a flyer on our Facebook page with further information.

Attendance: If you need any support with getting your child to school please take a look at the information available for parents and carers to help identify and reduce any barriers they may have. You can find this information on the school website here <https://www.northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk/page/attendance/29975> in the files to download section.



Easter Hampers: Raffle tickets are now on sale on the Evolve Hub – online discounts available so you get 12 tickets for the price of 10 or 6 for the price of 5. You can also purchase for cash at the school office. Tickets are £1 each to win a fantastic Easter hamper! Winner will be drawn on the 3rd April.

Thank you for all of your donations – if you still have something to bring in please drop it in anytime.

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

Well done to Nursery, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 for achieving their attendance target - let's keep this up throughout the year! Our attendance policy is on our website here

<https://www.northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk/page/policies/25098>



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	97	98	100	99	99	94	99	96	98
Late arrivals	3	5	2	3	5	5	3	0	26

For more information on how to support your child to be in school and understand the impact missing school has please go to;

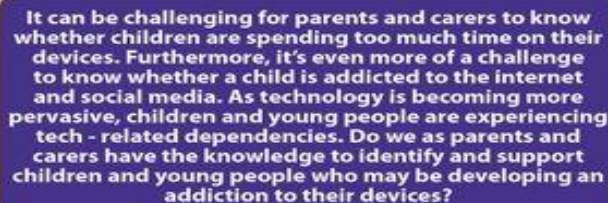
[Miss School, Miss Out•Salford City Council](#)

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.

Online Safety - support for parents and carers: Please see the advice for parents regarding group chats on social media apps



47%
of parents
said they thought their
children spent too much
time in front of screens



What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION

SMARTPHONE ADDICTION IS A RECOGNISED HEALTH CONDITION

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction.

IT CAN CAUSE SLEEP DEPRIVATION

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ACCEPTANCE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.



Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Other things
Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.



Top Tips for Parents



LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.



There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been,



ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their outdoor activities to show your support.



LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and to follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try settling house rules that the whole family abide by.



REMOVE DEVICES FROM THEIR BEDROOM

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they wake up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.



Sources

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

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/STAFF
WEDNESDAY 19 TH MARCH	YEAR 1 TRIP TO LEGOLAND DISCOVERY/SEA LIFE CENTRE MANCHESTER – letter sent home 26.02.25	9AM – 3PM	YEAR 1
THURSDAY 13 TH MARCH	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE SESSION – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEAR 3 AND 4 CHILDREN
THURSDAY 20 TH MARCH	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE LESSONS – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEARS 1 AND 2
FRIDAY 21 ST MARCH	RED NOSE DAY- DONATIONS FOR NON UNIFORM CAN BE MADE HERE https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-north-walkden-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL If you would like a red nose you can buy them from here https://shop.comicrelief.com/collections/red-nose-day-2025	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 26 TH MARCH	PARENTS EVENING – letter will be sent home wc 03.02.25	3.30-6.30PM	YEARS N - YEAR 6
THURSDAY 27 TH MARCH	YEAR 5 AND 6 EXTRA PE LESSONS – CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR PE KITS	1-3PM	YEARS 5 AND 6
TUESDAY 1 ST APRIL	WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION - £2 contribution requested – please pay on the Evolve Hub	9.15AM	YEARS 1-6 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 2 ND APRIL	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT COMPETITION		EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 WELCOME TO BRING A HAT TO SCHOOL
THURSDAY 3 RD APRIL	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY – BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 3 rd MARCH ON SCHOOL SPIDER - PLEASE BOOK YOUR SESSION	9AM OR 1PM	NURSERY
THURSDAY 3 RD APRIL	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY COMPETITION	BRING TO HALL AT 8.45AM	ALL KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN WELCOME TO JOIN
THURSDAY 3 RD APRIL	YEAR 5 EASTER EXPERIENCE AT CHURCH	1-3PM	YEAR 5 – CHILDREN ONLY
THURSDAY 3 RD APRIL	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 4 TH APRIL	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION – contribution for the whole year can be made on the Evolve hub is you prefer	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 4 TH APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER BREAK	2PM	ALL CLASSES

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton