

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER 21st 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
Maleny Amin	Neitus Mya-Mai	Mya Elisha	Heidi Nico	Sapphire Muqaddim	Daniela Kye	Levi Ezmae	Anand Joely

Road Safety: Please can we remind all parents/carers not to park in Whittle Drive during arrival and collection time for the safety of the children arriving and leaving school. There is a parking sign advising that this is prohibited for all vehicles. We have had an incident today with a car leaving the area and a child crossing the road. Thankfully this was a near miss. We would also ask all parent/carers to speak to their children about crossing safely. Whittle Drive is still a road and attention should be paid when crossing it.

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.

Place2Be: Will you commit to 15 minutes a week to improve your home life and relationship with your child?

Place2Be is offering a free online course for families. It can be accessed from any device at a time that suits you. Topics covered include praise & reward and establishing boundaries.

This is what some parents had to say about the course-

"I must be honest; I'm seeing a lot of improvement in my relationship with my children."

"I thought it was enlightening and fantastic, and it made me think and change some of my parenting ways, which I didn't expect."

"This course inspired me. It taught me so much and gave me techniques to help my child and me."

The next course starts on **April 29th**. Please register by **April 4th** to ensure your place on this popular course.

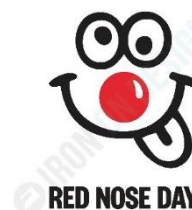


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Red Nose Day: If you wish to make a donation you can do so here
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-north-walkden-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



School Uniform: We have noticed that a few children are not adhering to the school uniform requirements in particular PE uniform. Please note that football shirts and other named sportswear is not allowed. Please see the policy here
<https://www.northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk/page/school-uniform/25102>

Head Lice: We have had a few reports of head lice in school. Please can you ensure that long hair is tied up. Head lice treatment has been shared with relevant classes but children do mix at playtimes so please follow the guidance on hair to prevent further spread.



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

Well done to Nursery, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 5 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 Silver	91	94	98 Silver	99 GOLD	95	98 Silver	95	96
Late arrivals	2	2	4	2	3	4	3	3	23

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](#)

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.

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FACEBOOK

AGE RATING
13+

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep returning to post things and increases FOMO (the fear of missing out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four UK 12–15-year-olds had been cyberbullied or trolled (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger); hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

FUTURE IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 12–15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post 'what's on your mind', but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using file data.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

VIDEOS AND STREAMING

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video features could contain unsuitable material or allow children to be coaxed into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same limits that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

SAVVY SHARING

Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.



National Online Safety

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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 if you prefer	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 4 TH APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK	2PM	ALL CLASSES
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
TUESDAY 22 ND APRIL	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOLE
THURSDAY 24 TH APRIL	CLASS PHOTOGRAPH DAY – Please be in full uniform and looking your very best!	9-12PM	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 25 TH APRIL	YEAR 3 VISIT TO CHESTER- ROMAN EXPERIENCE	9-3PM	YEAR 3
FRIDAY 25 TH APRIL	'BREAK THE RULES DAY' IN EXCHANGE FOR A COLOURED ITEM FOR THE SUMMER FAIR- DETAILS TO FOLLOW	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 28 TH APRIL	'BREAK THE RULES DAY' FOR YEAR 3 ONLY	ALL DAY	YEAR 3

THURSDAY 1 ST MAY	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSION	1-3PM	YEARS 1 AND 2
MONDAY 5 TH MAY	BANK HOLIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED		
WEDNESDAY 7 TH MAY	YEAR 4 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10PM	YEAR 4 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 8 TH MAY	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE LESSON	1-3PM	YEARS 3 AND 4
FRIDAY 9 TH MAY	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR BOTTLE DONATION FOR SUMMER FAIR		ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 12 TH MAY	SATS WEEK BEGINS	ALL WEEK	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 15 TH MAY	YEAR 5 EXTRA PE LESSON	1-2PM	YEAR 5
FRIDAY 16 TH MAY	YEAR 6 EXTRA PE LESSON	1-3	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 22 ND MAY	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9AM OR 1PM BOOKING SYSTEM	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 22 ND MAY	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES EXCEPT YEAR 5
THURSDAY 22 ND MAY	YEAR 5 WATERSPORTS SESSION 1	9-3	YEAR 5
THURSDAY 22 ND MAY	YEAR ONE CHURCH EXPERIENCE	1-3	YEAR 3 CHILDREN ONLY
THURSDAY 22 ND MAY	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
WEDNESDAY 4 TH JUNE	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 4 TH JUNE	YEAR 6 TRIP TO SAFETY CENTRE	9-3	YEAR 6 CLASS
FRIDAY 6 TH JUNE	YEAR 5 WATERSPORTS SESSION 1	9-3	YEAR 5
MONDAY 9 TH JUNE	PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEAR 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 11 TH JUNE	YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10	YEAR 5 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 12 TH JUNE	YEAR 2 CHURCH EXPERIENCE	1-3	YEAR 2 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 13 TH JUNE	ALTRU DRAMA COMPANY TO WORK WITH YEARS 1 AND 2	ALL DAY	YEAR 1 AND 2 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 13 TH JUNE	YEAR 5 WATERSPORTS SESSION 3	9-3	YEAR 5 CHILDREN
THURSDAY 19 TH JUNE	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSIONS	1-3	YEAR 1 AND 2
FRIDAY 20 TH JUNE	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A CHOCOLATE DONATION FOR SUMMER FAIR	EXTRA PLAY	ALL CLASSES
SATURDAY 21ST JUNE	SUMMER FAIR	11-1	EVERYBODY WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 25 TH JUNE	RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY	9AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY 25 TH JUNE	NEW NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING AND WALKABOUT	5PM	NEW EYFS PARENTS
THURSDAY 26 TH JUNE	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS- DETAILS TO FOLLOW	ALL DAY	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 26 TH JUNE	YEAR 5 EXTRA PE SESSION	1-2	YEAR 5
FRIDAY 27 TH JUNE	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS- DETAILS TO FOLLOW	ALL DAY	YEAR 6
MONDAY 30 TH JUNE	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN PHONECALLS	1PM	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
TUESDAY 1 ST JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN PHONECALLS	1PM	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 2 ND JULY	YEAR 6 TIME ODESSEY TRIP	9-3	YEAR 6 CLASS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 3 RD AND 4 TH JULY	CANON SLADE TRANSITION DAYS	ALL DAY	ANY PUPILS MOVING TO CANON SLADE
THURSDAY 3 RD JULY	YEAR 6 CHURCH EXPERIENCE	1-3	YEAR 6 CLASS
THURSDAY 3 RD JULY	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE SESSION	1-3	YEAR 3 AND 4 CLASSES
MONDAY 7 TH JULY	YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY SESSIONS ALL WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEAR 6
TUESDAY 8 TH JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN COME TO VISIT WITH PARENTS/CARER	9.15-10.15	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN AND ADULTS
WEDNESDAY 9 TH JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN COME TO VISIT WITH PARENTS/CARER	9.15-10.15	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN AND ADULTS
WEDNESDAY 9 TH JULY	YEAR 4 FIELDWORK DAY AT SEVEN ACRES	9-3	YEAR 4 CHILDREN
THURSDAY 10 TH JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT TO SCHOOL	9.15-11.15	NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN
FRIDAY 11 TH JULY	ANNUAL REPORTS TO PARENTS		
TUESDAY 15 TH JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHOW FOR PARENTS	2PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 16 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS MORNING	9.15 AM	FAMILIES WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 16 TH JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHOW FOR PARENTS	5PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME
THURSDAY 17 TH JULY	EYFS SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM	FAMILIES WELCOME
FIRDAY 18 TH JULY	KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM	FAMILIES WELCOME
MONDAY 21 ST JULY	MOVE UP MORNING	9.15-10.15	
MONDAY 21 ST JULY	KEY STAGE 2 WATER PLAY AFTERNOON	1-3	KEY STAGE 2

MONDAY 21 ST JULY	LEAVERS MEAL – RESTAURANT TBC	5PM	YEAR 6
TUESDAY 22 ND JULY	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 BUMP AND BOUNCE FUNDAY	ALL DAY IN GROUPS	EYFS KS1
TUESDAY 22 ND JULY	KEY STAGE 2 TALENT SHOW!	1-3	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 23 RD JULY	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY	9AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 23 RD JULY	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1 DONATION		
WEDNESDAY 23 RD JULY	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton