

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER 4th ARIL 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
Penny Ellie-Mae	Penelope Thea	Olivia Fiyinfoluwa	Robyn Alfie	Olivia Amy	Hallie Lily	Jamie Jacob	Thomas Vivian



After school clubs: We start new clubs after Easter and these are shown below. If you were able to complete the survey then your child will have a place. Please ensure they

attend as we have waiting lists for children who would like to attend. If children miss 2 consecutive session their place will be offered to another child. Clubs will run from after the Easter half term until wc 19.05.25



Easter Hampers: Thank you to everyone who gave donations and also bought raffle tickets. You raised a fantastic £450 towards schools fundraising target.

The winners were - Joseph, Archie, Daniela, Hallie

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1	PE Sports led by Premier: Cricket (20 children)	Miss Howarth: Targeted Phonics (12 children)		
Year 2		Mrs Blackshaw: Mindfulness (12 children)		
Year 3	Mrs Seddon: Sketching (15 children)	PE Sports led by Premier: Handball (20 children)		
Year 4			Miss Khan: Rounders (20 children)	
Year 5		Mrs O'Reilly: Arts and Crafts (15 children)	PE Sports led by Premier: Cricket (20 children)	
Year 6	Miss Worsley - Year 6 booster - small group of children chosen by teachers			

EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet competition / KS2 egg display

competition: Every year it just gets better, the most beautiful and creative bonnets were on display yesterday along with the most ingenious of designs for the KS2 Easter egg displays. The brilliance of all the entries makes it very difficult to make a decision. All the teachers viewed all the entries and finally reached a decision. We will share pictures of all entries on our Facebook page. The winners all received an Easter egg to bring home.





AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...

Easter bonnet winners:

Nursery – Penny and Samdarshi

Reception – Lily and Vinnie

Year 1 – Olivia and Aiden

Year 2 – Lu'ay and Oliver

Easter Egg display winners:

Year 3 – Esther and Oscar M

Year 4 – Thomas R and Eva

Year 5 – Noah and Roxanne

Year 6 – Billie-Mae and Teddy



Easter Egg design competition by [New Direction](#): A big thank you to New Direction for the opportunity to win more prizes! We had some brilliant entries and the winners were..... 1st Isla W, 2nd Amelie-Jo and 3rd Fahida

The winners all received their Easter prizes in assembly today. Well done to you all

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."



Learn more at
place2be.org.uk/family



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"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.



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

Well done to Reception, Year 1, Year 2, 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	93	100	97	97	95	94	96	93	96
Late arrivals	2	6	0	3	5	4	2	3	25

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

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.



DAINGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people; compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.



MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.



LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.



DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.



READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously she worked for the BBC, where she covered a wide range of technology and digital issues.



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 MANCHEATER – 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
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
TUESDAY 24 TH JUNE	NURSERY TRIP TO SMITHILLS FARM		NURSERY

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		
MONDAY 14 TH JULY	FRONT ROW MUSIC CONCERT – children who have lunch time lessons will be showing us how fantastic they are – parent of the children playing are invited to come and watch	2.45pm	Front Row lessons
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 CLOSSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton