

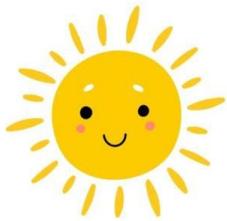


NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER 2nd May 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
Ini Teddy	Penelope Asif	Aiden Savannah	Gulastan Farhan	Muqaddim Oscar	Milly George	Callum Nadia	Billie-Mae Ethan



What a glorious week it has been, the sunshine always makes everything seem brighter. It has been lovely to see all of the children accessing the outdoor area's around school, especially in our Early Years classes and also KS1 who are really benefitting from the new outdoor area they have. We are still developing this area to provide a stimulating outdoor classroom area for the children.

Tesco Groundwork UK: We are absolutely thrilled to learn today that we received the most votes and have been granted the £1500 grant which will be used to further develop the 'Grow, Play and Learn' area in school. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to vote, this is a massive help to school and the children.



Uniform: My Clothing have a discount offer on, take a look here <https://myclothing.com/collections/north-walkden-primary-school-22349>

Code = MYCSS10%
Expires = 31/05/2025

Wood Street Missions – Free Uniform: We are about to launch our 10th year of SmartStart, our free School Uniform Project, and will be ready to take orders from Tuesday 6th May. Last year we helped 2,170 children from 970 families in the cities of Manchester and Salford. Our free uniform packs include;

- 4 polo shirts or 4 shirts/blouses
- 1 pair of trousers or a skirt
- 1 sweatshirt (if required)

If you are interested in this please reply to the message sent out today on school spider and Mrs Blemmings will get in touch with you.

Roving Reporters

This week we have been informed that year 2 have been working diligently, focussing on 2d and 3d shapes. They have also been designing sweet packaging and learning how to build pyramids. KS1 and EYFS also had a visit from Altru Drama who performed their Sunflower & Stormy Days performance.

Thank you,
Amina and Laura

HAPPI - Salford's Healthy

Salford Thrive - Families Programme

The Health Improvement Service has launched a new family health and wellbeing programme. HAPPI is a *FREE* personalised step-by-step online family wellness programme that shows families creative ways to eat healthier, flexible ways to be more active and positive ways to promote better health and wellbeing for the whole family.



- Mindful eating and upstanding hunger and fullness
- How to be a good role model
- Reducing the stress of mealtimes
- Managing media and weight stigma
- How to make small, sustainable changes to a family's health

HAPPI gives parents a personalised coach to build the knowledge, skills and, most importantly, the confidence to make small but significant changes to their family's health and wellbeing.

To find out more, or refer yourself please see our [webpage here](#).

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	94	96 BRONZE	95	98 SILVER	97 SILVER	96 BRONZE	97 SILVER	95	96
Late arrivals	6	5	4	4	4	5	0	0	

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 information below

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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
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
FRIDAY 4 TH JULY	NEW TO SCHOOL RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR 2025 - VISIT	9.15 – 10.15	Reception 2025 admissions
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	9.15-10.15	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