

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

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Newsletter

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
Parker Theo	Freddie Selina	Carter Susie	Laurel Henry	Heidi Zac	George Keeley	Bissan Kydia	Jamie Nadia

It has been wonderful to see so many of our parents in school both last week and this week attending the various meetings we have held. Our relationship with parents is very important to school as it is very much a partnership which helps to provide the very best education for the children. I do understand, however, that not all parents can attend due to work commitments and I hope you have found the information shared via email useful. We are always here to speak to if you have any questions, simply pop into the office.

Road Safety: I just wanted to remind the children about road safety, especially as we have some of our year 5 children walking to and from school. We will be discussing this in school next week. Please can parent/carers at home also speak to your children to ensure they are following the guidance and staying safe. There is some helpful information below.

School Meals – Evolve Hub

School meals should be ordered via the **Evolve Hub**. Please ensure you order so your child gets a meal of their choice. Children with no order will receive a default meal which is a cheese sandwich. Please help the kitchen to plan by ordering in advance.

- If you're **new to our school**, please use the information in your **welcome pack** to get your account set up.
- Already registered? Make sure you're ordering meals regularly to keep things running smoothly!



Free School Meals: Please check if you are eligible, more detail can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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@northwalkdenprimaryschool.co.uk and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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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 15 TH SEPTEMBER	YEAR 3 MEET THE TEACHER	3.20PM	YEAR 3 PARENTS
TUESDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER	YEAR 4 MEET THE TEACHER	3.20PM-	YEAR 4 PARENTS
THURSDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER	YEAR 6 EXTRA PE SESSION – PLEASE WEAR PE KITS	PM	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER	PHONICS AND READING MEETING FOR YEAR 1 PARENTS	9.15AM	YEAR 1 PARENTS
WK BEGINNING 22 ND SEPTEMBER	CLASSES WILL BE DESIGNING THEIR CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN!		ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE SESSION	PM	YEAR 3 AND 4
WEDNESDAY 1 ST OCTOBER	RWI PARENT MEETING – SAME MEETING AS HELD ON 18.10.25 FOR ANYONE WHO COULD NOT ATTEND THE 1 ST MEETING	3.15PM	YEAR 1 PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 1 ST -FRIDAY 3 RD OCTOBER	YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE	WED-FRI	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 2 ND OCTOBER	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSIONS	PM	YEAR 1 AND 2
THURSDAY 2 ND OCTOBER	YEAR 4 CHURCH VISIT- HARVEST	1-3PM	YEAR 4 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 8 TH OCTOBER	INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS	8-11AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 10 TH OCTOBER	DRAMA WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS 2 AND 3	YEAR 2 AM YEAR 3 PM	YEAR 2 AND 3
WK BEGINNING 13 TH OCTOBER	CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN – ONLINE SHOP OPENS FOR TWO WEEKS	ALL WEEK	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 15 TH OCTOBER	YEAR 6 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 16 TH OCTOBER	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9-10 AM OR 1-2PM- BOOKINGS TO FOLLOW	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	AUTUMN/HALLOWEEN DISCO	EYFS- 2-3 KS1- 3.30- 4.30 KS2- 5- 6.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 23 RD OCTOBER	READING AND PHONICS MEETING FOR RECEPTION PARENTS	9.15AM	RECEPTION PARENTS
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	PUMPKIN COMPETITION – ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO BRING A DECORATED PUMPKIN TO SCHOOL	MAKE AT HOME	WHOLE SCHOOL

			WELCOME TO JOIN
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	NON UNIFORM DAY FOR £1	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS/STAFF
MONDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	RECEPTION BONFIRE WORKSHOP	9-10AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND
THURSDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 EXTRA PE SESSION – PLEASE WEAR PE KIT	PM	YEAR 6
TUESDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER	2 MINUTE SILENCE IN CLASS	11AM	YEAR 3-6
WEDNESDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 5 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 AND 4 EXTRA PE SESSION	PM	YEAR 3 AND 4
WEEK BEGINNING 17 TH NOVEMBER	ASSESSMENT WEEK 1	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-6
WEEK BEGINNING 17 TH NOVEMBER	CHRISTMAS SHOP ORDERS RECEIVED – THESE WILL BE SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK		ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 1 AND 2 EXTRA PE SESSION	PM	YEAR 1 AND 2
MONDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING PHONECALLS	4-5.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE MEETINGS	3.30-6.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	EXTRA PLAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION	TBC	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 1 ST DECEMBER	HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	9AM	ALL PARENTS WELCOME TO BUY TICKETS
THURSDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHURCH VISIT- CHRISTMAS	1-3	YEAR 3 CLASS
MONDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 SUPPER WITH SANTA	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
TUESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT FOR PARENTS	2.15PM	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS – TICKETS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	EYFS PARENTS- TICKETS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	ALL DAY	ALL WELCOME TO WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND/OR ACCESSORIES
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	11-1PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	‘DAZZLING DARREN ‘MAGIC SHOW	9-12	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS	9.15AM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR PARENTS	2.30PM	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON	1-3	KEY STAGE 2 CLASSES
TUESDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	EYFS PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES!	1-3	EYFS
WEDNESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	HAMPER DRAW	11AM	SCHOOL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY DAY- PARTY CLOTHES!	1-3	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	NON UNIFORM DAY- CHRISTMAS THEME £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSES	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton