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Together, we can achieve great things!

School Newsletter #2: Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled well into their new routines and their enthusiasm for learning has been evident. We have focussed on our refreshed values :

We **A.R.E** Northview:

- **Ambition**
- **Responsibility**
- **Excellence**

The children are striving to embody these values and we will share more about what this means during our **curriculum evening** on **Tuesday 23rd September**.

Collection Arrangements

A letter was circulated earlier this week explaining that:

At Northview Primary School, your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Our ability to safeguard your children is robust due to the support from all parents and carers.

It is important for us to know collection arrangements for the end of the school day. Your child should be collected from the playground on time.

Please fill the online form in full and ensure the school office is updated of any changes. If you have more than one child at the school, please fill in a form for each child.

You do not need to contact the office if any of the named people below are collecting your child.

We will **not** be able to hand over your child to a person not named on this form without you contacting the school office prior to pick up.

Please contact the office if you require any support with this.

School Uniform



A key part of fostering a sense of community and pride in our school is adhering to our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full uniform each day, including appropriate footwear. This includes pupils wearing their full PE kits on their PE day. Trainers are only permitted on PE days. If you have any questions about the uniform requirements, please refer to the school

website at: <https://www.northview.brent.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

Brent Flu Consent Form

The School Immunisations Team will be visiting this term to administer the **NHS Flu Vaccinations** to all eligible pupils from Reception to Year 11. You will be able to consent for your child to receive either the **nasal/nose spray** or the **injection (egg-free and non-gelatine) alternative**.

The vaccination is quick and safe, with side effects being generally mild and uncommon. Vaccinating children helps protect them from the flu and also reduces the spread of the virus to others – especially vulnerable groups such as infants, the elderly, and those with serious health conditions.

Please follow this link <https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/brent> to complete a form for your child to say **YES or NO** to the vaccination. If you are giving consent, you'll be asked to choose your preferred vaccine type.

For any questions, please contact the School Immunisations Team at Brent@v-uk.co.uk or 0208 432 7075.

Parent Liaison Coffee Morning

We would like to invite parents and carers to our coffee morning **Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 9.15am**. This will be a great opportunity to meet with other parents and meet the school's new Parent Liaison Officer, Ms. Adolphe.

In addition, Jumana Amijee from Brent Council's Children, Family Information, Outreach and Early Help services will also be there to speak about the services and support they offer to parents and families.

We do hope that you will be able to join us on the day.



Celebration Assembly

We came together as a school to celebrate the early success across the school. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Good Work 	Y1 Celia, Fatimah, Mohammed A, Sultan, Raniyah, Mohamed D Y2 Aizah and Hamza Y3 Rumaysa Y4 Talia, Amir and Aliyah Y5 Mukti Y6 Whole Class
Pupil of the Week 	Y1 Halima Y2 Jessica Y3 Watan Y4 Zaki and Zeniyah Y5 Nour Y6 Hamza
Happy Birthday 	Y1 Leen Y2 Jamal Y2 Jessica Y4 Amir Y4 Talia Y5 Safiyyah Y5 Anwar Y5 Lily Y6 Maaz Y6 Amal

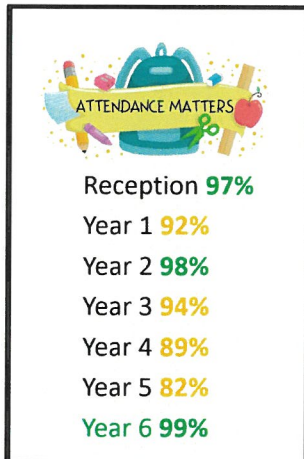
PSA

Our PSA have added to further events for our school community:

29/09/25 PSA KS2 sports event

12/11/25 PSA tuck shop

Our next event is on Wednesday 17th September at 3:30pm. There will be a tuck shop available for pupils and parents to purchase snacks. Do come along and support this – it will be cash only.



Attendance

Since the start of term, we have attendance of 94% which is slightly below our 95% attendance. Well done to reception, Year 2 and Year 6 who have had strong attendance this week. Year 6 had the best attendance overall. Excellent start Year 6!

Punctuality

Being on time is crucial for your child's success. **The school day begins promptly at 8:55am** and pupils should be in their classrooms ready to learn at that time. The **school gates open at 8:45am** daily so kindly ensure that your child arrives as early as possible. Arriving late can disrupt your child's learning and the learning of others. Let us work together to develop good habits and start the day off in a calm, organised manner.

In class ready to learn by ...



Home learning

Your involvement in your child's education plays a significant role in their academic success. Here are a few simple ways you can support learning at home:

- **Reading:** Encourage daily reading. This can be a book of their choice or a book from the school library.
- **Homework:** Establish a consistent time and place for homework. Ensure your child has a quiet space to focus on their tasks.
- **Communication:** Stay in touch with your child's teacher. If you have any concerns or questions about their progress, please don't hesitate to contact them.

We will have our **Curriculum Evening on Tuesday 23rd September**, where we will share specific information for each year group. A letter with further details will follow in due course.

Rising Stars Football Club

Rising Stars Weekend Football Clubs are an external provider and they are offering families a **FREE TRIAL** at their Weekend Football Clubs which take place at Archer Academy (N2 8GA) and Christ College School (N2 0SE). If you would like to take part, the flier is attached to this newsletter.

Secondary School Admissions

We had a special visit from senior leaders from Crest Academy who shared information about their school to the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Attached to this newsletter is a list of Brent Secondary Schools and their open days and evenings this term. Choosing the right secondary school for your child is an important decision and we encourage you to visit the schools you are considering applying for. The **deadline for on-time applications for secondary school admission** in September 2026 (year 6 pupils) is **31 October 2025**.

Childcare Cost

You may be eligible for support with your childcare costs. Information from Brent council is attached to this newsletter.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is all of our responsibility. The safeguarding team at Northview Primary school are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Obinwanne

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Barouma

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Raval



The new guidance highlights that misinformation, disinformation, and conspiracy theories are serious safeguarding issues. While these ideas may seem far-fetched, they can be very convincing, especially when spread by popular figures or sensational online videos. This guide explains the risks of unchecked conspiracies, which can lead to social isolation, increased anxiety, and exposure to extremist content. It is essential for us to stay alert and informed to protect our children in today's complicated digital world.

Key dates:

- 17/09/25 EYFS meeting 1
- 17/09/25 *PSA tuck shop*
- 23/09/25 Curriculum evening
- 29/09/25 *PSA KS2 sports event*
- 30/09/25 EYFS meeting 2
- 1/10/25 Black History Month
- 10/10/25 *PSA Ladies night*
- 15/10/25 Parents' Forum
- 21/10/25 Governors Meeting
- 27/10/25 – 31/10/25 Half term**
- 3/11/25 Anti-Bullying week



5/11/25 EYFS meeting 3

6/11/25 Photo Day

12/11/25 PSA tuck shop

17/11/25 Road Safety week

25/11/25 Parents' Evening

4/12/25 PSA Winter Fair

9/12/25 Bedtime Story Night

12/12/25 Reception Assembly

15/12/25 Music Concert

19/12/25 Term end at 1:30pm

Have a restful weekend and see you next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Obinwanne
Headteacher

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



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