

## Northview Primary School

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*Together, we can achieve great things!*

School Newsletter #2: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a positive week at school, and we're excited to share some of the highlights with you.

### EYFS Tapestry

On Wednesday, we welcomed our Early Years Foundation Stage parents for an informative session on using Tapestry. Parents learned how to access and explore their child's learning journey, view updates, and celebrate achievements together with their child. Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged so enthusiastically.

### Year 4 Assembly

The Year 4 class delivered a vibrant and informative assembly celebrating Chinese New Year. They confidently shared the qualities associated with each year of the Chinese zodiac, explaining what these traits symbolise and how they are believed to influence personality and character. The assembly was brought to life through an energetic song and a joyful dance performance, which showcased the pupils' enthusiasm and teamwork. It was a colourful and engaging celebration that helped the whole school deepen their understanding of Chinese culture while appreciating the pupils' creativity and confidence. Well done Year 4!

### 2026 – The National Year of Reading

This year marks the National Year of Reading, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of books and storytelling with your child. Reading together helps develop language, comprehension, and imagination. You can support your child at home by setting aside regular reading time, sharing stories aloud, visiting the library, or discussing books together. Encourage them to explore different types of texts, from fiction and poetry to comics and non-fiction. Even short, daily reading sessions make a big difference. There is a dedicated website containing tips that you can access [here](#).



### School Uniform



It is imperative that all children come to school dressed in the correct uniform, as this not only fosters a sense of belonging and pride but also contributes to the creation of a focused learning environment. If you have any questions about the uniform requirements, please refer to the school website at:

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

### Outerwear

With the colder months upon us, kindly ensure that you provide appropriate outer clothing for your child. Warm coats, hats, gloves, and scarves will help keep them comfortable during outdoor activities. A robust outdoor clothing regimen is essential for their wellbeing, allowing them to enjoy the fresh air while maintaining their health.

### Keyboard Lessons

Our music teacher, Mr Turner, is currently offering keyboard lessons at the competitive price of approximately £6.50 per lesson. Learning the keyboard is a powerful way to improve your memory, sharpen your concentration, and relieve daily stress. We have very limited places available for Key Stage 2 pupils which will be allocated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss this chance for your child to get started —secure their spot now before they're all gone!



### Parents Forum date change

Kindly update your diaries that the Parents' Forum will now take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.

### Class Dojo

Pupils have been upholding our school values of:

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

As well as our vbehaviour golden rules:

- **Be Kind**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Honest**

Congratulations to Year 5 who have earned the most points this week – fantastic effort year 5 – keep it up!



#### **ClassDojo**

Reception **79**

Year 1 **127**

Year 2 **206**

Year 3 **199**

Year 4 **244**

**Year 5 302 – Winners!**

Year 6 **262**



Reception **96%**

Year 1 **94%**

**Year 2 99.6% - Winners!**

Year 3 **96%**

Year 4 **94%**

Year 5 **96%**

Year 6 **92%**

### Attendance

Regular attendance not only contributes to a sense of belonging and community within the school but also encourages positive relationships between pupils, teachers, and parents. This week, our attendance was 95% overall. Well done to Year 2 who had 99.2% attendance this week.

## 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 ...



## Safeguarding



### **Supporting Healthy Screen Use**

Digital devices are a big part of everyday life for children and young people, but it can be tricky to balance the benefits with potential risks. This week's **#WakeUpWednesday guide** looks at how screen time can affect sleep, emotions, physical health, and online experiences, helping to explain why wellbeing concerns are on the rise.

Designed for both schools and families, the guide offers practical advice for setting boundaries, encouraging open conversations, and building digital literacy. With expert insights from a mental health professional, it helps adults support children in developing **healthy and mindful**

**relationships with technology.**

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**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms Adolphe**

## Key dates:

*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Staff INSET 8:30am- 4:00pm*

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school*

*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Action Tutoring begins in Year 6*

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 swimming begins*

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January NSPCC workshops- POSTPONED*

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Reception transfer deadline*

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 Assembly 9:15am – Chinese New Year*

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January NSPCC workshops – Y2, Y5 and Y6*

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9:15am Y5 & Y6 Social Media Awareness (United Borders) Assembly*

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Y5 Assembly 9:15am - Holi*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 – PSA KS1 disco: 3:45 – 5pm**

*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Governing Body Meeting*

**DATE CHANGE: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Parents Forum**

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Y2 Assembly 9:15am – St Patrick's Day*

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February Mental Health week*

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – PSA pancake morning 8:00am**

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Safer Internet Day*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – PSA pancake morning 8:00am**

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Assembly 9:15am – Mother's Day*

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half term break**

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Pupils return to school*

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Primary Arts – Avron creative writing and spoken word workshop with Year 4 and Year 5*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Book week*

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day*

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Governing Body Meeting*

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 SATs meeting*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – PSA Mother's Day Workshop**

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9.10am – SATs meeting for Year 6 parents*

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am – Y3 Assembly Eid-al-Fitr*

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am – Y1 Assembly - Easter*

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day*

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Music Concerts*

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening*

*Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – World Maths Day*

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – PSA Easter Fair**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Term ends at 1:30pm**

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Obinwanne  
Headteacher**