

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first part of our Summer term here at Northwood. I hope you all had a fantastic break and it was great to see all the children safely back at school this morning with smiles on their faces, ready to learn.

School Uniform Matters

A huge thank you for making sure that the children were dressed in full uniform today. I know a couple of parents have already been to see me with regards to Northwood's uniform policy. If you have any questions or concerns about uniform please do not hesitate to contact a senior member of staff.

Countdown to SATS

May is the month when Year 2 and Year 6 children get the opportunity to showcase all that they have learnt since starting school.

Year 2 SATs

The teachers are responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, Maths and Science by the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2). To help inform these judgements pupils sit national curriculum tests in these subjects. The tests will be taken in May and we try to ensure, wherever possible, that they are incorporated into classroom activities and small group sessions.

Year 6 SATs

The children will take national curriculum tests in Reading, SPaG and Maths. The tests help to measure the progress pupils have made during their time at primary school and identify if they need additional support in a certain area as they move to secondary school. These tests are also used to assess our school's performance against the performance of schools nationally.

Year 6 SATs Timetable	
Monday 13 th May	SPaG Paper 1 and Paper 2
Tuesday 14 th May	English Reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Mathematics Paper 1 and Paper 2
Thursday 16 th May	Mathematics Paper 3

Message to Northwood from Regional Schools Commissioner

What a lovely surprise it was to open a letter this morning from Jan Renou, the Regional Schools Commissioner for the North, congratulating us on our recent Ofsted judgement. She praised the staff for their hard work and determination in ensuring that the children at Northwood achieve the best outcomes possible.

Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 23rd May

When teachers take learning outdoors they report some powerful impacts: Children's behaviour improves, whole classes are excited to learn, and individuals who feel inhibited by the curriculum often thrive in an outdoor environment. On Thursday 23rd May, Northwood



Primary School will be taking part in 'Outdoor Classroom Day', a national campaign which aims to get as many children as possible playing and learning outside. This will be a valuable opportunity to try learning outside and will act as a catalyst for more time outdoors every day.

New Website

As you may already be aware, we have recently launched a brand-new, redesigned website. The website aims to provide as much information as possible about Northwood Primary School such as our curriculum, the staff at Northwood, important information for parents and much more. If you haven't had a chance to take a look, visit our website via www.northwoodprimary.org.uk and make sure to follow us on Facebook to be kept fully up-to-date with what's happening at Northwood.

Developments in school

Miss Readman is currently completing a successful collaboration with Middlesbrough Art College to showcase some of their students work within our school. I've already seen and heard lots of children talking about the huge birds that have appeared during the Easter Holidays. There is still more to come so make sure to follow us on Facebook to see this brilliant project develop.



"Northwood Epic" pupil magazine

Following some valuable Pupil Voice suggestions, Mr Tremewan is working closely with Year 5 pupils to launch a newsletter/magazine which is created by pupils, for pupils. It was great to see so many enthusiastic pupils volunteer to be part of this exciting transition project. We are aiming to publish the first issue of "Northwood Epic" at the end of this half term, with a view to creating a new issue each half term with a new press gang of pupils.

Dates for your Diary

- Week Beginning Monday 29th April – Thursday 2nd May: Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Thursday 2nd May: Hall used as a polling station
- Monday 6th May: School closed for Bank Holiday Monday
- Wednesday 8th May: Year 5 Teesmouth Field Centre visit
- Friday 10th May: Victoria Dental Practice to visit Nursery and Reception as part of 'Smile Week'
- Week Beginning Monday 13th May: Year 6 SATs week
- Thursday 23rd May – Outdoor Classroom Day – Non-uniform day (dress for the great outdoors)
- Friday 24th May – School closed for pupils (Staff professional development day)

School closes for pupils on Thursday 23rd May at 3:30pm. School reopens on Monday 3rd June.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs Beach". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs Beach,
Head Teacher