

Northwood Primary School

End of Year Newsletter – July 2024

Another successful year is over here at Northwood. What a great year it has been. We would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school. We all pride ourselves on providing the very best education possible for your children. I am very proud to lead such a dedicated workforce who are determined to ensure that your children's experiences in school are positive and memorable.

Here are some highlights from our year:

82 new children have joined Northwood during this academic year. We have welcomed children from across the world into our school. This makes our school a diverse and exciting place to be. Children are excellent at welcoming new children to the school and making sure they settle in well to the Northwood way. Our school numbers are the best they've been in a very long time meaning that more and more families are choosing Northwood as the school to educate their children.

Our end of year data is here for you to see:

- 59% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of Reception.
- 73% of our children achieved the expected standard in the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check.
- 51% of our children scored full marks in the Year 4 Multiplication Check.
- 64% of our children achieved the expected standard in the Year 6 SATs Reading test and 16% achieved Greater Depth.
- 72% of our children achieved the expected standard in Year 6 Writing and 12% achieved Greater Depth.
- 64% of our children achieved the expected standard in the Year 6 SATs Maths test and 19% achieved Greater Depth.
- 43% of our children achieved the expected standard in Year 6 Reading, Writing and Maths combined and 5% achieved a combined outcome for Greater Depth.

Tests are an important part of our education system, however remember that they only give us one aspect of the school. Most of our children have made excellent progress this academic year and we are very pleased with our children's outcomes across the school.

Staff Leavers

Along with our Year 6 cohort leaving us, we also have a number of staff who will not be at Northwood in September.

- Mrs Pople and Mrs Delve are taking up exciting new positions at Heathfield's new Resource Base for children with additional learning needs. These two ladies have worked tirelessly for the children in our Speech and Language Base over the years. The Base at Northwood is closing as the Local Authority are reviewing speech and language services across the town.
- Miss Welford has been successful in gaining a new teaching position at Hurworth Primary School.
- Mrs Robson is going to work at Corporation Road Primary School as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant.
- Mrs Pound is going to train to be a teacher, she is training at Mount Pleasant Primary School.
- A huge thank you to you all for your service and dedication to our children-you will always be part of the Northwood family. We wish you all every success in the future.



Uniform Reminder

Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Northwood, parents and carers agree to support our policy. Please check our school website for more information about our uniform expectations, including our policy on jewellery, make-up and false nails.

Term Dates for 2024-2025

Staff Training Day on Monday 2nd September

Children return to school: Tuesday 3rd September

Term ends: Friday 25th October

Staff Training Day on Monday 4th November

Children return to school: Tuesday 5th November

Term ends: on Friday 20th December

Staff Training Day on Monday 6th January

Children return to school: Tuesday 7th January

Term ends: Friday 21st February

Children return to school: Monday 3rd March

Term ends: Friday 11th April

Children return to school: Monday 28th April

Term ends: Thursday 22nd May

Staff Training Day on Friday 23rd May

Children return to school: Monday 2nd June

Term ends: Friday 18th July

Staff Training Day on Monday 21st July



Breakfast and After School Club

The cost for Breakfast Club will be £1.50 a day from September and After School Club will be £8 per session. These clubs are both exceptional value for money and the children get an excellent offer. Please note that younger children must be toilet trained in order to attend both of these clubs.

Attendance Matters

There will be a new national Attendance Framework from September that is being driven by the Department of Education. All schools will be expected to share daily attendance registers across the education sector in a drive to reduce pupil absence in school. More information about the updated expectations will be shared with families in the new academic year. There will be new rules around attendance and absence, including taking children out of school during term times. We aspire for attendance of 96% for the whole school. This ensures that all of our children get the best chances of being successful now and in the future.

Our school is currently in the bottom 10% of all school nationally as attendance percentages are very low. Absence and Persistent Absence are extremely high in the school and our figures again put us in the bottom 10% of schools nationally. We must work together to ensure that pupil attendance improves right across the school.

For any children leaving Northwood we wish you every success in the future, be proud of all of your achievements and good luck for the future. Remember:

‘However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do to succeed.

It’s our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.

If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.....’

Have a wonderful summer break. Stay safe, be happy and have fun,
Best wishes from Mrs Beach and the whole staff team at Northwood

Thank you for your continued support as always,

Mrs Zoe Beach,
Executive Head Teacher

