

News and events from Northwold Primary School

Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've ever done before.

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Week Beginning 17.12.2018

Day	Event
Monday	Christmas Nativity (11:00 – for Nursery to Year 2 parents) (2pm – for Year 3 to Year 6 parents)
Tuesday	
Wednesday	EYFS –Theatre Stratford Year 3 Create-Project- Bank of England
Thursday	Class Parties
Friday	School Closes at 1pm

Year 4 Jamaica and Brazil Science Museum Trip

The year fours went on a trip to the Science Museum to support their learning in their current Science topic 'Electricity.' They were able to view several interactive displays on electricity and other forms of energy. They reported that they really enjoyed the trip and it was the best one they have ever been on.



Here are some comments from the children:

'At the Science museum I was able to understand more about electricity.'

'I am glad I went on this trip to see the amazing artefacts of Space shuttles and how people survive while in space.'

'I enjoyed visiting the Science museum to learn more because in the future I would like to be a Scientist.'

African Drumming Recital

Ghana, the Year 3 classes and the Year 2 classes gave a recital of the African Drumming they have been learning. They gave a powerful performance.



Here are some comments from the children:

'My favourite part was when we were doing the hype.'

'I enjoyed showing what we have been learning in our African Drumming class.'

Week 16
17.12.18

17th Dec 2018
Christmas Nativity
(11:00 – for Nursery to Year 2 parents)
(2pm – for Year 3 to Year 6 parents)

19th Dec 2018
EYFS –Theatre Stratford
Year 3 Create-Project- Bank of England

20th Dec 2018
Class Parties

21st Dec 2018
Christmas Holiday begins after 1pm

No Swimming for Y4 17th and 19th December

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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

REBROKERAGE OF NORTHWOLD SCHOOL

Further to the Amaya Trust's announcement that they are seeking the transfer of Northwold Primary School to another multi-academy trust (a process known as rebrokerage), we wanted to share an information update with you. The information is based on conversations with officials from the part of the Department for Education that oversees academies in our area, the Office of the Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North East London (the RSC).

Why is this happening?

When the Amaya Trust was incorporated, although it started as a single school trust, it saw itself growing so it could benefit from the opportunities that would come from having multiple schools within the trust. However, as a single school trust, the trustees have found it difficult to recruit other colleagues with the correct mix of skills and time to allow for the growth of the trust. This is a situation that single school trusts can find themselves in (and this is why the government have now invited single academy trusts to consider whether they should join multi-academy trusts).

Although the Amaya Trust is not now in a position to grow itself, the benefits of being in a larger organisation remain. The benefits include maintaining high standards for children, recruiting teachers and professional development opportunities for staff. The only way of taking advantage of these benefits now is for Northwold to join a larger multi-academy trust. The trustees have passed a resolution to effect this and, ultimately, to wind up the Amaya Trust. Please note, although the Amaya Trust is being wound up, there is no suggestion that Northwold will be closed down. The school will continue under the governance of a different trust.

Timetable

This timetable is subject to change, though the RSC would like it to move as quickly as possible.

1. Currently, the RSC is supporting the Amaya Trust to identify potential new trustees. They are seeking people with appropriate experience who together will have the correct mix of skills. Hopefully the Amaya Trust will have a sufficient number of trustees with the required skills before the Christmas holidays.

2. We are not sure whether anyone from the school community would be considered for appointment as a trustee. If you are interested we would advise you to contact the trust via email (governor@northwold.amayatrust.com), attaching a CV and a letter of interest by Wednesday (19 December) evening at the latest. Being a trustee is a time commitment and involves significant legal and financial responsibilities. More information is available on the National Governors Association website, www.nga.org.uk.

3. Once the full Amaya Trust board is in place, it will specify its preferred multi-academy trust (MAT) for Northwold to join.

1. The headteacher board (an independent body which is responsible for advising and challenging the Regional Schools Commissioner) will review the proposed rebrokerage. The Regional Schools Commissioner will consult with the headteacher board and then will make a decision as to whether the rebrokerage should proceed. The current thinking is that the rebrokerage of Northwold is likely to go before the headteacher board in February or March 2019.

5. The MAT then starts doing due diligence on Northwold to check finances, policies, buildings, academic standards, etc. They can also start doing the due diligence before the headteacher board if Amaya Trust consents to it.

6. The rest of the process depends on the due diligence. Once the due diligence is completed to the satisfaction of the MAT, the rebrokerage will be agreed and the legal process of transferring Northwold to the new trust will begin. The employer for staff will change as part of the legal process and will become the new MAT. The law provides certain protections to them (under the TUPE regulations).

7. If the process goes smoothly, Northwold could be part of the new MAT by June 2019.

Which trusts are being considered?

The RSC are currently considering which MAT to recommend for Northwold. The Lime Trust is one of the options and we understand it is currently the RSC's preferred option. We don't currently know whether other options are being considered.

How can the community help?

1. The Regional Schools Commissioner holds the final decision on which MAT Northwold will join. RSC officials say the best way parents and staff can influence the decision is to talk to the Amaya Trust.

2. When the decision goes to the headteacher board, parents and staff can make representations to them in support or otherwise of the proposed MAT. We have requested more information about this process and will share it with you once we receive it.

Updates

At the moment, this is all the information we have. Please keep checking the newsletter as all further updates will be posted there. If you do not currently receive a link to the weekly school newsletter by text message, please go to the school office and make sure your number is on the text message list. We will share another update with you as soon as we have one.

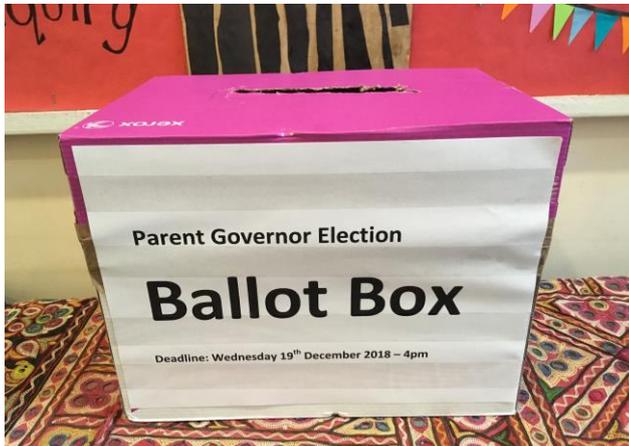
Thank you for all your support.

The Governors

Northwold Primary School

Parent Governor Voting

Dear parents, the ballot box for parent governor voting is placed at the front desk of the school. Please place your ballot papers in the ballot box by 19th December.



Forest School Christmas Break

To give classes relief during the busy Christmas schedule over the next two weeks, there will be no Forest School. Forest School will return in the week beginning of 07.01.19 with Nursery, Reception, Barbados and Ghana having their sessions.

Operation Ouch

Dear all, I'm delighted to be able to let you know that we've got a date for the next series of Operation Ouch to start – the first episode will be going out on CBBC at 17:30 on Wednesday 02 January 2019. We have your details listed for episode 7 which will be going out on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 17:30. Keep a close eye out for your appearance and thank you again for being a part of the series - we really hope that you enjoy it!

Warmest wishes,

Miranda Sherriff
Producer



School Uniform

Please make sure your child starts the year wearing the correct school uniform:

Years 1 - 6

- ✚ White school shirt with top button
- ✚ Red school jumper or cardigan*
- ✚ Grey trousers or school pinafore
- ✚ School tie*
- ✚ Grey socks
- ✚ Black school shoes (no boots)

Early Years

- ✚ School red sweatshirt*
- ✚ White polo top
- ✚ Black tracksuit bottoms – no logos
- ✚ Black trainers – no logos

*These items can be bought from the school office.

P.E. Kit

On your child's P.E. day, your child will come to school in their P.E. kit (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day. Your child needs to wear the school's P.E. kit:

- ✚ Black school hoodie* (with your child's name in house colour)
- ✚ House colour t-shirt with your child's name*
- ✚ Plain black jogging bottoms (Leggings, jogging bottoms in other colours or with logos are not acceptable)
- ✚ Black plimsolls or trainers (no logos)

*These can be bought in the school office.

The P.E. day for each year group is as follows:

Day	Year Group
Wednesday	Reception
	Year 2
	Year 4
Thursday	Nursery
	Year 1
	Year 5
Friday	Year 3
	Year 6

Class Coffee Mornings

Class coffee mornings will start in the week beginning 17th September 2018. There is one every Monday and Friday at 9:00 am in the canteen. A full timetable is published below. It's a great chance for parents to meet the class teacher and one another. We look forward to seeing you there.

Spring Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class	
	Monday	Friday
14.01.19	India	China
21.01.19	Russia	Turkey
29.01.19	Spain	Nigeria
04.02.19	Brazil	Poland
Half Term		
04.03.19	Barbados	Ghana
11.03.19	Bangladesh	Jamaica
18.03.19	Ireland	Somalia
25.03.19	Pakistan	Mexico

Summer Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class	
	Monday	Friday
29.04.19	Turkey	Russia
06.05.19	Nigeria	Spain
20.05.19	Ghana	Bangladesh
27.05.19	Jamaica	Brazil
Half Term		
10.06.19	Poland	Barbados
17.06.19	Somalia	Ireland
24.06.19	Mexico	Pakistan

Class Assemblies

Each class will do ONE assembly per year. It will be on a Friday. The assembly will start at 9:30 am and last up to half an hour. Below is the timetable for the whole year, so you can put the dates and time in your diaries. It really makes a big difference for children to see their family in the audience; we hope you can make the time for them.

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14.01.19	Nigeria
29.01.19	Turkey
11.02.19	Mexico
Half Term	
04.03.19	Bangladesh
18.03.19	Ghana
25.03.19	Somalia

Summer Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class
29.04.19	Ireland
13.05.19	Pakistan
Half Term	
10.06.19	India
17.06.19	China

Next Week's Menu:

Week 1:

Monday	Pizza	Courgette & Creamy Tomato Pasta	Green Salad Tomato Slices Coleslaw
	Potato Wedges & Baked Beans		
Tuesday	Chow Mein	Spaghetti with Provençal Sauce	Green Salad Tomato Slices Carrot Sticks
Wednesday	Vegetable Biryani & Raita	Very Veggie Lentil Bake	Green Salad Tomato Slices Cucumber Slices
Thursday	Sweet Tomato Pasta	Rice Stuffed Peppers	Green Salad Tomato Salad Beetroot
Friday	Fish Fingers	Veg Pasties	Green Salad Tomato Slices Coleslaw

Remember if you do not like the food that is on offer we also do jacket potatoes with fillings every day!

Term Dates for 2018-19

The Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations (1999) require all maintained schools to open for teaching for 190 days a year, offering 380 sessions. The tables below set out dates for 195 days. Pupils are to be released for a further 5 days for the purpose of teachers' staff development (INSET). These days can be taken as inset days or equivalent twilight sessions

Academies, free schools and voluntary-aided schools are able to set their own dates but have been asked to set the same or similar dates in the interest of parents who may have children at different schools.

We have 3 INSET Days left for the academic year.

Term Dates 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Wednesday, 5 th September 2018	Monday, 22 nd – Friday, 26 th October 2018	Friday, 21 st December 2018	73 days (33 days first half-term, 40 days second half-term)

Spring Term 2019			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday, 7 th January 2019	Monday, 18 th – Friday, 22 nd February 2019	Friday, 5 th April 2019	60 days (30 days first half-term, 30 days second half-term)

Summer 2019			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Tuesday, 23 rd April 2019	Monday, 27 th – Friday, 31 st May 2019	Friday, 19 th July 2019	60 days (23 days first half-term, 37 days second half-term)

Forest School

All children from **Nursery to Year 2** will participate in Forest School. Forest School is an inspirational process that offers learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment. On your child's Forest School day, your child will come to school in their school P.E kit (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day.

Pupils will be provided with a light rain jacket to be worn over their coats; however you will need to purchase wellington boots. Also, as winter approaches and the weather gets wetter and colder, please ensure that your child is warmly wrapped up, wearing warm coats, hats, gloves and thermal socks.

The Forest School day for each year is as follows:

Day	Year Group
Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Pakistan Year 2
Wednesday	Mexico Year 1

Cake Sales!

A cake sale is a fun and delicious way of raising money for the school, so throughout the year we will be kindly asking for baked donations! It is a great opportunity to show off your baking skills, as well as having fun and engaging with the children.

Please find below dates for the cake sale days:

Spring Term 2019

Year Group	Date
Year 4	Friday, 25 th January 2019
Reception	Friday, 1 st March 2019
Year 5	Friday, 29 th March 2019

Summer Term 2019

Year Group	Date
Year 6	Friday, 17 th May 2019
Nursery	Friday, 14 th June 2019

Golden Child of the Week!

Class	Child's Name
Mexico	Intisar Issa
Pakistan	Kiannah Kiangala
Ireland	Janessa Katabazi
Somalia	Shah Humaira
Bangladesh	Panna Singh
Ghana	Suhaylah Yusuf
Barbados	Esme Young
Poland	Mackenzie Young
Nigeria	Amelia Sharp
Spain	Aneurin Dixon
Brazil	Oguzhan Kel
Jamaica	Nayd Joseph
Turkey	Glaysn Minzunza Agwetebi
Russia	Caleb Dunstan
China	Farzana Akthar
India	Bathany Ewiah

School Uniform Price List

Item	Size	Price
School Uniform		
Performer V-Neck school logo LB	26 – 30	£14.50
Performer V-Neck school logo LB	32 – 34	£15.50
Girl's Cardigan school logo LB	26 – 30	£15.50
Girl's Cardigan school logo LB	32 – 34	£16.50
Innovation Sweatshirt school logo LB	24 – 30	£7.50
P.E Kit		
Child P.E T-Shirt School logo & Monogram LB	5/6 years – 14/15 years	£5.00
Child Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Youth – Extra Large Youth	£10.50
Adult Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Adult – Large Adult	£13.50
Child Zip Front Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Youth – Extra Large Youth	£12.50
Child Forest School Fleece School logo & Monogram LB	5/6 years – 13 years	£11.00
School Bags		
Book Bag	One Size	TBC
Backpack	Small	£8.50
Backpack	Large	£10.50
Monogram		
Various colours	1 cm H Under School logo	£1.75