



APRIL 2026 - SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER

Northenden Community School

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PASSWORD PROTECTED



Safeguarding is our number one priority at Northenden and that includes ensuring all children are safely dismissed at the end of the school day. It is of paramount importance parents/ carers inform the school office if you have made arrangements for your child to be picked up by someone other than yourself. To make this process even more secure, we would like all parents/ carers to follow this [Link](#) and share a password for your child/ children that can be used if someone unfamiliar to our staff is collecting your child. These passwords will be kept securely in school and if the password is unknown on collection, please expect a phone call from the office for confirmation.

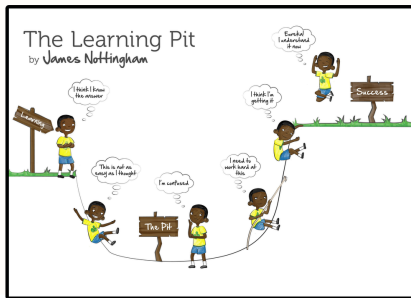
RSE CONSULTATION

All Parents/ Carers are invited to join Miss Keenan in her Year 2 classroom on Monday 27th April after school for our Relationship, Sex Education information evening for parents and carers (Adults only). We will be sharing the topics that will be covered in your child's class as part of the RSE curriculum and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions or share any concerns.



LEARNING IS HARD

Learning anything new can feel confusing and uncomfortable. At Northenden, we support our children to understand this is part of the learning process and use the Learning Pit to represent this.



We recognise how finding something difficult is a normal part of the learning process and help our children to try to use metacognitive strategies to shift from a state of frustration to active problem-solving by regulating their emotions, attention and approach. We would like our families to support us by validating their children when they say something is difficult, a useful phrase is, 'It's ok to feel frustrated. Hard things help our brain grow.'

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance has improved from 92.9% in January to 93.8% in April, which is great to see, but we still have a way to go. Currently, National is 94.8% and Manchester 94.4%. Every day really does count. Evidence shows good attendance has a profound impact on a child's academic and social success. School is a community and consistent attendance helps children build crucial relationships with their peers and staff, boosting confidence and wellbeing



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



Mon 18th - Fri 22nd May
This year's theme is "Mission Move," encouraging pupils to walk, wheel, cycle or scooter to school to boost health and reduce traffic. We will be inviting all children to make as many active journeys as possible across the week. Research shows that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, arrive fit, refreshed, ready to learn and do better in class.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 15th May
7pm - 10pm

£24 per team
(Max 6 people - Adults only)
A really fun night for our school community to enjoy with a licensed bar and this year, a street food truck to serve you delicious food mid quiz!
Look out for forms to sign up your team and pre-order food & drinks.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Mon 27th April - RSE parent consultation
Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday
Mon 4th - 10th May - Screen Free Week
Thurs 7th May - Polling Day - School open - ASC room being used
Mon 11th - 14th May - Year 6 SATs week
Fri 15th May - Coffee Morning - Learning approaches
Fri 15th May - PTA Quiz Night
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd May - Walk to School Week
Friday 22nd May - School Closes for the Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June - School opens for Summer 2

All key dates for the whole school and each class can be found on our [Website](#) and the *reachmoreparents* app calendars.



SCREEN FREE WEEK

Monday 4th - 10th May. This week aims to combat excessive screentime associated with increased anxiety and reduced social, emotional development. Instead fostering real-world connections, play and creativity. You can go fully screen-free, or start smaller with "no screen mornings" or reducing screen time by half. Use our list of ideas to help [101 screen free activities](#)

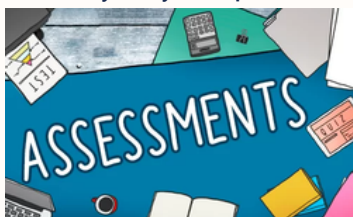


ASSESSMENTS

In the summer term there are several forms of assessment taking place across the school including teacher-led internal assessments and mandatory, external statutory tests. These Key assessments include the Phonics Screening (Year 1), Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4) and KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs - Year 6).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these assessments, please contact your class teacher in the first instance and they will be happy to answer any of your questions.

You can help at home by supporting your child with any home learning they have been given, helping them get a good night's sleep and ensuring they attend school every day!



WATER BOTTLES

Proper hydration improves concentration, memory and mood by maintaining brain energy. Even mild dehydration can cause brain fog, fatigue, headaches and impaired memory and attention span. Which is why it is so



important that every child brings a water bottle to school with them everyday.

The summer term is always warm, so it is more important than ever that all families ensure their child has a named water bottle that goes home and is cleaned every day.

COFFEE MORNING

This half term's Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 15th May at 9.00am in the after school club room.

The theme of the Coffee Morning will be a short overview of our teaching and learning approaches across the school, such as the Learning Pit explained above.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. The more the merrier.



If you have any suggestions of future coffee morning ideas, please get in touch and share your thoughts.

NURSERY PLACES

We have just a couple of places left in Nursery for September 2026.



If you have any friends or family who are looking for a Nursery place, please recommend Northenden Community School to them.

If they would like any information or want to come and visit our Early Years department before applying for a place they can phone

0161 998 4825

or email our school office

admin@northenden.manchester.sch.uk

