



JUNE 2026 - SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER

Northenden Community School

Determination Ambition Equality

REFUGEE WEEK 15TH - 21ST JUNE 2026

**COURAGE!
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The word courage comes from the Latin cor, meaning "heart." Inspired by the lives and experiences of people seeking sanctuary, Refugee Week 2026 invites us to explore the theme of Courage. Courage isn't always loud or bold. It can be found in simple acts: opening your door to a neighbour, trying new food, reading a book, or watching a film that changes your view of the world. It can be speaking up or asking for help.

Through stories, music and community, we will be celebrating the courage that lives within us all – and how connection helps it grow.

CARETAKER

If you have been to school in the last couple of weeks, you can't help but have noticed the improvements Rees, our new caretaker, is making to how our school looks. We are so pleased to finally have our own caretaker working on site and are lucky to have someone with his wealth of experience. He already has a very long list of jobs and he is working hard to get through them all as quickly as possible.

TRANSITION

The last half term of the year is a period of change for all our children and we want to ensure that they feel as supported as best they can be. Our whole school transition morning will be Tuesday 30th June, where everyone will spend a morning getting to know next year's class



teacher. In addition, we will be creating further opportunities throughout this term for your child to get to know their new teacher more. For those families who have a child with SEND, we will be ensuring your child's current teacher has collaborated with their new teacher about their 'My Learning Plans' and those children with an EHCP will have their summer term review with both teachers where possible.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance now stands at 94.6%. We really hope we can make it to 95% by the end of the academic year. The Summer Term is busy, full of important learning opportunities, end of term assessments and a wide range of transition activities to prepare your child for their next year in school. All children must be given the chance to take part in all of these experiences and that means ensuring they attend school everyday. Speak with your child's class teacher if you need any support.



SUMMER FAIR

The PTA summer fair will take place on **Saturday 11th July from 12.30 - 3.30pm** and everyone is welcome!!! The Working Party met this week to ensure this fun filled community event is a success and raises as much money for school funds as possible. As with all PTA events, its success is determined by the volunteers of support we can recruit. Every donation of time, no matter how small, really does make a huge difference. Please look out for Fair info from the PTA over the coming weeks.



NON UNIFORM DAYS

We will be holding two non uniform days in return for goods to use at the summer fair.

Friday 19th June - Donation of chocolates/sweets, soft toys and gifts that can be used at the tombola.

Friday 26th June - Bottles of any sport (Bottle tombola) and/or unopened and good condition toiletries.

We are really keen to explore if anybody is able to get **match funding through their employer**. £2,000 raised could easily become £4,000 if your employer runs a match funding scheme. Please ask if this applies where you work. For more info visit [Match Funding Information](#)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Tuesday 16th June** - Whole Class Photographs
- Friday 19th & 26th June** - PTA Non Uniform Day - See above
- 15th - 21st June** - Refugee week
- Tues 23rd June** - Sports Day Early Years (**Letter with more info**)
- Wed 24th June** - Sports Day KS1 AM & KS2 PM **to follow**)
- Fri 26th June** - Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 30th June** - Transition Morning for whole school
- Thursday 9th July** - Annual reports go home
- Saturday 11th July** - PTA Summer Fair
- Wednesday 15th July** - Optional parents evening
- Friday 17th July** - Year 6 leavers assembly & last day of term
- Tuesday 1st September** - School closed for INSET
- Wednesday 2nd September** - School opens for academic year 26/27



PETER O'KEEFE

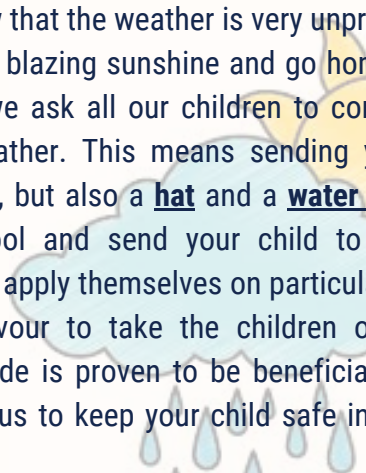


Last half term, we learnt of the sad news that Peter O'Keefe, a long standing school governor, died at home with his family by his side after a short spell in hospital. Peter cared passionately about NCS and was a committed governor. He always wanted the best for our children and believed in the power of education. I know you will share in sending his wife and family our condolences. Anyone who would like to donate to the families chosen charities can use the link below <https://peterokeefe.muchloved.com>

MANCHESTER WEATHER

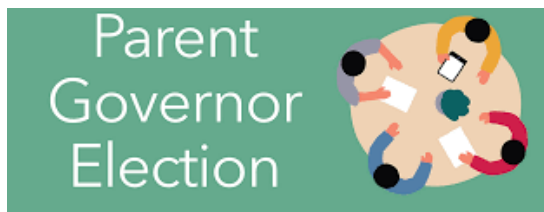
In Manchester, we know that the weather is very unpredictable. We can start the day in blazing sunshine and go home in pouring rain. For this reason, we ask all our children to come to school prepared for every weather. This means sending your child to school with a **rain coat**, but also a **hat** and a **water bottle**. Apply **suncream** before school and send your child to school with suncream that they can apply themselves on particularly hot days. We will always endeavour to take the children outside in all weathers as time outside is proven to be beneficial to a child's wellbeing. Please help us to keep your child safe in the sun and dry in the rain.

Please ensure water bottles are labelled and take these home each night to keep them clean and refilled every day.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

We currently have two vacancies for the roles of parent governors on our school governing board. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please read the letter sent home today explaining the process. You can find further information about the Board and its purpose by following this link [Governor Body Purpose and Responsibility](#).



COFFEE MORNING

This half term's Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 26th June in the after school club room. We would like to use this opportunity to hear from you! What would you like to know more about? How would you like us to communicate this? What would make our coffee mornings even better? This is a great opportunity to have your say about the sessions we provide for our community next year.



NURSERY PLACES

We still have 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.

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

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or email our school office

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