



SEPTEMBER 2026 - AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

Northenden Community School

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



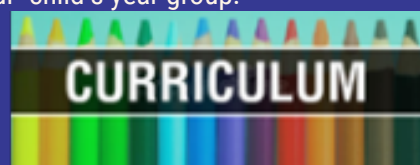
It was lovely to see all the children's smiling faces on Wednesday. We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are excited to start the new academic year.

It is our priority to ensure the children feel safe, settled and ready to learn. To support this, we are revisiting our work on Inside Out and the Zones of Regulation. The children will be showcasing their work after school on **Wednesday 16th Sept** in your child's classroom, where parents can also meet your child's new class teacher.

CURRICULUM

In the coming weeks, each year group will be sharing a curriculum overview to explain what the end of year expectations are for your child, how you can help at home and any key dates for your year group.

You can also go onto our website and see our Half Termly Curriculum Newsletters for your child's year group.



MENTAL HEALTH

October 10th is World Mental Health Day and the theme is 'Lived experiences heard'. Understanding and nurturing children's mental health is essential for their growth and happiness. Therefore, by raising awareness in school, we can encourage open conversations about feelings and provide a safe and supportive environment for children to thrive.

At the start of the year, it is more important than ever to ensure your child has consistent attendance at school. Children thrive with routine and clear expectations, which daily school attendance enables. Children form better relations with their peers and find learning easier as it prevents gaps in their knowledge. Starting the year how you mean to go on is the priority!

Please support your child, the best way you can, by ensuring they come to school every day. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you need support with attendance in anyway.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The theme of Black History Month in October is 'Honouring Our Communities', which focuses on recognising the networks, individuals and everyday contributions that strengthen society and workplaces. In school, we will be helping our children understand what 'community' really means and think about how we are connected both at a local and global level, whilst identifying the contributions we can make to improve our own community.



OPEN EVENING

We will be holding an open evening for all prospective parents and carers on

Tuesday 6th October at 5pm.

Families who are considering attending Northenden Community School, including those children who are 3 from the 1st September to the 31st December 'Rising 3s', are invited to hear from the Head and Senior Leadership Team and have a tour around school.

Please share this date with any local family and friends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 16th September - Meet the teacher after school
Saturday 26th September - European Day of Languages
Tuesday 6th October @ 5pm - Open Evening
October - Black History Month
Saturday 10th October - World Mental Health Day
Thursday 15th October - Individual & Sibling photographs (Year 4 swimmers will be photographed before leaving school)
Friday 23rd October - Finish for Half Term Holidays
Monday 2nd November - Start of Half Term Autumn 2



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

If you haven't already, we encourage you to download our communication app as it is a great way to get updates about what your children have been learning, as well as reminders about events as we appreciate everyone's lives are very busy.

SAFE PARKING

For the safety of our children, please park considerably on the roads around school at drop off and pick up.

There are limited spaces for so many families and we advise families park further away from school and walk part of the way. If you have to drive, please ensure you drive slowly, avoid parking over drive ways and pavements to respect both other pedestrians and our neighbours.



WALKING

If you give your child permission to leave the school premises without a known adult at the end of the day, please send an email to admin@northenden.manchester.sch.uk for the attention of your child's class teacher.

We only allow children in Years 5 & 6 to walk home alone and younger siblings will not be permitted to leave without a responsible adult.



The PEDIGREE POST

As we have a school dog, the children had an assembly this week which taught the children how to greet a dog for the first time. They were told to always ask the owner's permission before greeting a dog. Hold your hand out, palm up and if it wants to be petted it can come to you. A dog should decide if they want to be touched or not. Do not stroke the top of a dogs head as they are likely to jump up, but stroke them under their chin. The image shows the safe areas to stroke a dog.



COMMUNICATION

We would like to remind all our families that we have an open door policy at Northenden, which means our class teachers are always happy to make an appointment to chat with you about any worries or concerns at a mutually convenient time. Please do not wait for things to become a big problem before coming to speak with us. We want to work with our families to ensure our children feel happy and safe at school.



With over 200 children in one place learning how to get along, we understand sometimes things can go wrong and you might want to raise a concern or complaint. Therefore, we would like to highlight our communication procedure and complaints policy which can be found on the policies page of our website.

UNIFORM



We are accepting donations of school uniform including school shoes from ages 6 to 11 (Year 2 to Year 6).

We currently have plenty of smaller size clothing but limited supplies for our older children.

We would also appreciate donations of PE kits and swim wear for our Year 3 and 4 children.

Please ensure these are clean and in good condition. These can be dropped at the school office.