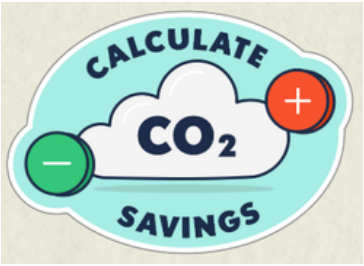
NOVEMBER 2026 - AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Northenden Community School

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CUTTING CARBON COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



This November, our school is beginning its climate action journey with the introduction of our Pupil Eco Champions as well as the 'Cutting our Carbon' challenge. Your child will soon be coming home with their 'Cut Your Carbon' challenge sheet detailing 9 challenges like swapping a bath for a 4 minute shower. At the end of November, we will be collecting the sheets back in to calculate the amount of carbon we have saved as a school community. Please try to complete as many challenges as you can!

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

During Road Safety Week, 16th - 20th November, the children will be having assemblies from Biffa about general road awareness. Also, to create a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for pupils and families travelling to and from school, whilst encouraging active travel, Manchester City Council's Sustainable Transport Team **will be closing Bazley Road on Friday 20th November from 8.30 - 9am.**



ENRICHMENT

We already offer a range of clubs for children, but these aren't always well attended. Therefore, we are inviting our parents and carers to complete a survey to find out which enrichment clubs you wish we were offering. We have also had questions about running a holiday club. Therefore, we are keen to know how many families would use this service. Please use the Survey Link

ANTI BULLYING WEEK 16TH - 20TH NOVEMBER

We invite everyone to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November to celebrate what makes everyone unique and to show that differences should be accepted rather than bullied.



The children will be exploring the theme 'break the silence' in class.



We also invite families to look through the Parent and Carer pack created by the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help you start the conversation about bullying no matter the age of your child and give you other ideas about anti-bullying at home. Parent & Carer Pack

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas sing-a-longs and Early Years Nativity. These enjoyable events help to bring our school community together, please refer to the Reach More Parents or Website calendars for the dates and times of the various shows. We will also be enjoying our Christmas Dinner together on National Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 10th December. Log into School Hub to order your child's Chrismas Dinner.



ONLINE SAFETY

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Manchester Primary Schools are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students. As part of this, Katherine Howard, Head of Education at Smoothwall is running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help. The workshop is online on 14th December 7.30pm -8.30pm and you can register using this link Webinar Registration - Zoom

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 11th November 11AM - Remembrance day
Thursday 12th November - PTA Disco
Friday 13th November - Children in Need
Children are invited to wear spots or PJs for a donation
Justgiving Link for Children in Need
Mon 16th - Fri 20th - Road Safety Week & Anti Bullying Week
Friday 20th 8.30 - 9- Bazley Road closed
Thursday 10th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th Dec - Break for the Christmas Holiday
Monday 4th Jan 2027 - First Day of Spring Term

All key dates for the whole school and each class can be found on our Website Calendar and on the *reachmoreparents* app calendar.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY



We would like to thank Victoria Lopez-Thomas for all the time and support she has given as Parent Governor. We now have a vacancy on our Governing Board. If you would like to know more about the board and roles of governors, please visit the Governor page on our website. Please also read the letter sent today from Caroline Lord, our Chair of Governors, which explains more about the process.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November, our school will be supporting Children in Need. Children are invited to wear either PJs or clothes with spots for a donation to this long running charity.
If you would like to learn more about the difference your donation will make, please follow this link.
The Difference You're Making



The PEDIGREE POST

Edie the dog has spent half a term coming into school now and she is learning lots. She enjoys watching the Early Years children talk to her over the fence and being thrown an occasional treat.
She is learning to look but keep with her handler whilst walking around school and has had the pleasure of practicing meeting some of our Upper Key Stage 2 children as part of her training.
If you haven't already given permission and would like to, please contact the office so we can update our records.



PTA

We hope everyone can make our School Disco next Thursday 12th November. See posters for details.
Every ticket bought helps to raise much needed money towards supporting our school.
This year, the PTA have kindly agreed to support with the ever growing cost of educational visits for each year group, funding small shelters for the playground and new playground equipment which has been arriving over the last week. We know the children are going to really benefit from all of these things. Thank you!



WET PLAY EQUIPMENT

Now that we are in November, the wet weather is more likely and although we will still go out in the rain, wet plays are inevitable.



Therefore, we are asking our families to donate any puzzles and board games that are no longer used at home so that we have things to entertain the children if we can't go outside.
If you do have any donations that have all the right pieces and are in good working order, please give them to either your child's class teacher or bring them to the school office.

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