

Important Diary Dates

June

3rd June—Inset Day
4th June—School Re-Opens for children
13th June—EYFS Sports Day
14th June—Nursery Assembly
14th June—Sports Day
18th June—Photographs
27th June—RSE Day
28th June—Year 1 Class Assembly
28th June—KS1 and KS2 Sports Day—rearranged

July

5th July—Year 3 Class Assembly
6th July—Year 6 Trip
12th July—Pupil Reports to Parents
12th July—Year 2 Trip
17th—EYFS Garden Party
19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—School closes for the Summer holidays!

Weekly Attendance

91.4%

مرحبا بالجميع ، أتمنى أن تكون قد قضيت أسبوعا جميلا. نحتفل هذا الأسبوع بأسبوع اللاجئين. لقد تعلم الأطفال لماذا تضطر بعض العائلات إلى البحث عن ملاذ في بلد آخر وكيف يمكن أن تشعر بمغادرة منزلها. كانت هناك احتفالات أخرى لبعض العائلات ، حيث كان العيد في وقت سابق من هذا الأسبوع. أتمنى أن يجلب لك هذا العيد السلام والازدهار والسعادة.

پاس ایک خوبصورت ہفتہ ہے۔ اس ہفتے ہم پناہ گزینوں کا ہفتہ منا رہے ہیں۔ بچے اس بارے میں سیکھ رہے ہیں کہ کیوں کچھ خاندانوں کو دوسرے ملک میں پناہ لینا پڑتی ہے اور اپنا گھر چھوڑ کر کیسا محسوس ہوسکتا ہے۔ کچھ خاندانوں کے لئے مزید تقریبات تھیں ، کیونکہ اس ہفتے کے شروع میں عید تھی۔ یہ عید آپ کے لئے امن، خوشحالی اور خوشیاں لے کر آئے۔

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a lovely week. This week we have been celebrating Refugee Week. The children have been learning about why some families have to seek sanctuary in another country and how that might feel to leave their own home. There were further celebrations for some of families, as it was Eid earlier this week; may this Eid bring you peace, prosperity and happiness.

This week I have been thinking a lot about the different faiths, cultures and languages we celebrate in Northenden. Arabic and Urdu (above) being two of the most spoken languages, but we are also lucky enough to have Spanish, Cushitic, French and Albanian spoken..... to name but a few. I have been reflecting about how we communicate with all our parents. It often must be so difficult coming to a new country without speaking the native language, joining a new school and going straight into a new classroom without knowing the routines and all the information readily available.

This week in Nursery we have been welcoming our next youngest cohort into school for Stay and Play and sessions. It has been so lovely to meet our new families, we are very excited about your new journey and I am sure all of the Northenden community will make you feel very welcome.
Buon fine settimana!

Next Year's Term Dates



School Term and Holiday Dates September 2024 – July 2025

SCHOOL OPENS for PUPILS on ...	SCHOOL CLOSSES for PUPILS on ...	Days
AUTUMN TERM 2024		
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Friday 18 th October 2024	34
Monday 28 th October 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	39
SPRING TERM 2025		
Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	30
Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	30
SUMMER TERM 2025		
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	23
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Friday 18 th July 2025	34

Updates from the Office....

- Please inform the school office when your child is absent .
- Just so you are aware. If your child accrues 5 unauthorised absences then statutory action (a Penalty Notice) may be taken. Please do not book family holidays during term time.
- Please remember to order your child's lunch on School Hub.
- Please provide appointment letters/emails/texts when your child has an appointment during school time



Letters sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ Class Photos
- ⇒ Refugee Week
- ⇒ Year 6 Trip
- ⇒ Year 2 Trip

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leaders in school take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. They act as the point of contact for safeguarding partners and act as source of support, advice and expertise for staff.

The **Designated Safeguarding Leaders** (DSLs) at Northenden Community School are:

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Sports Day Reminder

Next Friday we will hold our Key Stage One (9.30am) and Key Stage Two (1.15pm) Sports Days. Children can come into school in their P.E kits and please ensure your child brings a drink, a hat and suncream already applied before the school day. The Year 1 Assembly will begin at 9am and parents can go straight out onto the playground ready for Sports Day. Please can Year 1 come into school wearing their assembly outfits, they will be given time to get change into their P.E kits after the assembly.



Fingers crossed for the continued good weather!

Trips and Visits

Due to transport issues there are some trips that we previously put on our calendar of events that are not going ahead. The trips that we have secured transport will be confirmed for each year group in a separate letter. Sophie in the office has worked tirelessly to secure transport for as many trips as possible but we have not managed to arrange transport for some of the events advertised. In September I will write you you with a full calendar of enrichment activities for the 2024-2025 academic year.

In the classroom this week.....

In Reception we are really enjoying finding out some amazing facts in our topic 'Animals Around the World'. Did you know sea otters hold hands when they are asleep so they don't drift apart? Also did you know that penguins propose but instead of using an engagement ring they use a pebble?

Year 1 have had another great week! We have had fun preparing for our class assembly next week and continuing to learn about the history of flight. We also created posters for refugee week and had thoughtful discussions about how we can welcome new children into our school. Well done Year 1, you have worked really hard this week.

This week in year 2 we welcomed some new creepy crawlies! We have got some caterpillars and we have begun to set up their nursery ready to watch them hatch into butterflies! The children gathered some twigs and leaves from outside to make the caterpillars feel at home. I will be adding photos to the news letter along our butterflies journey so watch this space!

In year 3 we have enjoyed improving our personal best distances when jumping and landing during PE sessions. In Music, we've been practising a very special surprise for our Class Assembly and also been thinking about how we would help to make any refugee to our school welcome. We have also worked super hard doing our maths, reading and writing assessments!

This week Year 4 have been working hard to complete their final assessments for the academic year and it has been brilliant to see them showing off their skills after working so hard all year! We have also been writing sequels to the much loved story, Stick Man. The class came up with some wonderfully creative adventures for Stick Man and his family, and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their work. Finally, we have been talking a lot about refugees in connection with refugee week and the children have made some beautiful art themed around the phrase, "Many hands and many hearts make a home."

Year 5 have been examining themes of texts in reading this week. In French, we have been learning how to say the date using our new vocabulary. We discussed the meaning of home and what it would feel like if we had to suddenly move away from our home during our PHSC lesson when we focussed on the theme of Refugee Week. We enjoyed sharing the art work that we had produced with the rest of the school in assembly.

Year 6 have started reading a new book called Room 13 - it is a book full of suspense. We have started to plan our own next chapter, making sure that the vocabulary we use creates tension. We are looking forward to writing our new chapter next week. In History, we learned about The Blitz and how Manchester was affected by it. We also looked at different types of air raid shelters and decided that they would have been a really uncomfortable place for a family to be.

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KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
Year 1 & 2	Wednesday	Multisport
Year 5 & 6	Thursday	Multisport
Year 3 & 4	Friday	Multisport