

News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Week Beginning 22.04.2019

Day	Event
Monday	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Staff Meeting with Annie Gammon – 8am Parents' Meeting with Annie Gammon – 8:30am – 9:15am
Thursday	
Friday	

Easter Bonnet Parade

To celebrate Easter, the children of Northwold created homemade Easter bonnets and paraded them around the playground. Each class had a winning bonnet based on most creative from recycled materials. All the bonnets looked lovely!



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Year 1 Trip to Hackney Museum

Ghana and Bangladesh class visited the Hackney Museum for a workshop. The workshop was called Let's Celebrate; it was an interactive session using objects and costumes to explore celebrations in Hackney. It was a prelude to our new topic Bright Lights, Big City and enhanced the children's knowledge of British Values.

The children travelled around the world to discover more about festivals celebrated in Hackney today. Learn about the vibrancy of Holi, the Indian festival of colour; the traditional lanterns of Têt Trung Thu in Vietnam; the origins of Caribbean carnival and how Turkish people spend Şeker Bayramı with friends and family. The children had a wonderful time.



Hackney Annual Ukulele Festival

Northwold Primary School was represented at the Annual Ukulele Festival, held at The Springfield Community Primary School on Thursday 28th March 2019. A group of 30 students from Jamaica and Brazil classes staged an amazing performance at this prestigious event. Approximately 10 primary schools from Hackney participated in the festival. Each school presented a chosen song and later participated in a combined ensemble. Hot! Hot! Hot! was Northwold's first selection. The song was performed with outstanding musical arrangement and choreography. This was received with a resounding applause. The opportunity to perform as a combined orchestra was another important musical experience especially for the students. This festival was a great opportunity for everyone to discover, develop, share the talents of young musicians in our schools. A special thanks to everyone who made the Ukulele Festival a success.



Message from Headteacher

Thank you for your welcome back messages and kind words of support during my first week back. I look forward to continuing the journey with you, to ensure that our children enjoy school and achieve at their highest possible potential.

I must extend thanks to all staff, parents, governors and trustees at Northwold for their continued dedication and commitment to the school. Without your support Northwold would not be such a special place.

The summer term will be filled with a range of events, please look out for key dates in our weekly newsletter.

Wishing you all a restful Easter break.

Shelly-Ann Goulbourne
Headteacher

School Gates

Dear parents and carers.

The Geldeston Road side gate is not opened until 8.30am and children must not be left in the playground unsupervised before that time. Up until 8.30am this gate is for the use of Children coming to breakfast club only.

Letter from Annie Gammon - Chair of Trustees

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff

I am pleased to write to keep you informed about the process of transferring Northwold School from the Amaya Trust to a multi-academy trust.

We have had significant interest in the school: and those trusts who have visited have been impressed with what they have seen. We have narrowed the current field of possible trusts to five. We have more stages of the shortlisting process to go through; we expect to visit and interview three or four of these. The five trusts being considered are Arbor Trust, Bellevue Place Educational Trust, Inspire Partnership, Lime Trust and Mossbourne.

As you know a small group of parents and staff will visit a primary school linked to each of the final shortlisted trusts in w/b 23rd April. The governors are arranging this group.

We are keen to keep you updated: I will be available to talk further in a meeting on Wednesday 24th April, for staff at 8am, and then parents/carers at 8.30am to 9.15am. I will explain more about the process and answer any questions. This is your opportunity to feed back any thoughts you have about the process. I look forward to seeing you then. Meanwhile I hope you and your families have an excellent break.

Best wishes,

Annie Gammon

Chair of Trustees
AMAYA Trust

Transfer of Northwold School 2019 – Provisional timeline

Event	Stakeholders	Date	Comments
Meetings with stakeholders	Governors/Trustees	27 th February 6pm	
	Parents/Trustees	6 th March 6pm tbc and 13 th March 9am tbc	
	Staff/Trustees	27 th February 4.15pm	
Affirming principles and brokerage documents	Trustees	w/b 11 th March	
Longlisting/interests	Trustees	w/b 11 th March to 18 th March	
Shortlisting	Trustees	1 st April	
Visits to shortlisted MAT primary school/Shortlisted MATS visits to Northwold	Trustees, Governors and Parents/Staff delegates	w/b 23 rd April	Parents and staff will be selected to be representative of the whole school community. There will be a core group who visit each MAT; it is possible others may join the group for one or more visits. The core group will have a form for feedback which will be sent to the trustees.
MAT interviews	Trustees	2 nd May 2019 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. – MAT interviews.	
Decision	Trustees/RSC group	w/b 6 th May	This will be a decision to have a preferred MAT. There then follows a period of doing due diligence – it is possible, though unlikely, that a hitch may occur which would mean the process would need to restart.
Communications/further information	Trustees/new MAT	w/b 20 th May	We would expect to communicate with parents and staff re the preferred MAT. It is likely that the preferred MAT would then take a lead in communications.

Forest School

All children from **Nursery to Year 2** will participate in Forest School. Forest School is an inspirational process that offers learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment. On your child's Forest School day, your child will come to school in their school P.E kit (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day.

Pupils will be provided with a light rain jacket to be worn over their coats; however, you will need to purchase wellington boots. Also, please ensure that your child is warmly wrapped up, wearing warm coats, hats, gloves and thermal socks.

The Forest School day for each year is as follows:

Day	Year Group
Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Pakistan Year 1
Wednesday	Mexico Year 2

Next Week's Menu:

Week 2:

Monday	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Cheese Whirls	Green Salad Tomato Slices Carrot Sticks
Tuesday	Veggie Burger with Fried Onions	Calzone	Green Salad Tomato Slices Coleslaw
	Chips		
Wednesday	Caribbean Fish	Vegetable Curry	Green Salad Tomato Slices Salsa
	Rice		
Thursday	Cheese Flan served with Baby Potatoes	Bean & Potato Moussaka	Green Salad Tomato Slices Coleslaw
Friday	Fried Rice	Gnocchi	Green Salad Tomato Slices Cucumber Slices

Remember if you do not like the food that is on offer we also do jacket potatoes with fillings every day!

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform:

Years 1 - 6

- ✚ White school shirt with top button
- ✚ Red school jumper or cardigan*
- ✚ Grey trousers or school pinafore
- ✚ School tie*
- ✚ Grey socks
- ✚ Black school shoes (no boots)

Early Years

- ✚ School red sweatshirt*
- ✚ White polo top
- ✚ Black tracksuit bottoms – no logos
- ✚ Black trainers – no logos

*These items can be bought from the school office.

P.E. Kit

On P.E. days, your child will come to school in their P.E. kit (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day. Your child needs to wear the school's P.E. kit:

- ✚ Black school hoodie* (with your child's name in house colour)
- ✚ House colour t-shirt with your child's name*
- ✚ Plain black jogging bottoms (Leggings, jogging bottoms in other colours or with logos are not acceptable)
- ✚ Black plimsolls or trainers (no logos)

*These can be bought in the school office.

The P.E. day for each year group is as follows:

Day	Year Group
Wednesday	Reception
	Year 2
	Year 4
Thursday	Nursery
	Year 1
	Year 5
Friday	Year 3
	Year 6

Term Dates for 2018-19

The Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations (1999) require all maintained schools to open for teaching for 190 days a year, offering 380 sessions. The tables below set out dates for 195 days. Pupils are to be released for a further 5 days for the purpose of teachers' staff development (INSET). These days can be taken as inset days or equivalent twilight sessions

Academies, free schools and voluntary-aided schools are able to set their own dates but have been asked to set the same or similar dates in the interest of parents who may have children at different schools.

Term Dates 2018/2019

Spring Term 2019			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday, 7 th January 2019	Monday, 18 th – Friday, 22 nd February 2019	Friday, 5 th April 2019	60 days (30 days first half-term, 30 days second half-term)

Summer 2019			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Tuesday, 23 rd April 2019	Monday, 27 th – Friday, 31 st May 2019	Friday, 19 th July 2019	60 days (23 days first half-term, 37 days second half-term)

Cake Sales!

A cake sale is a fun and delicious way of raising money for the school, so throughout the year we will be kindly asking for baked donations! It is a great opportunity to show off your baking skills, as well as having fun and engaging with the children.

Please find below dates for the cake sale days:

Summer Term 2019

Year Group	Date
Year 6	Friday, 17 th May 2019
Nursery	Friday, 14 th June 2019

Class Coffee Mornings

There is a class coffee morning every Monday and Friday at 9:00 am in the canteen. A full timetable is published below. It is a great chance for parents to meet the class teacher and one another. We look forward to seeing you there.

Summer Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class	
	Monday	Friday
29.04.19	Turkey	Russia
06.05.19	Nigeria	Spain
20.05.19	Ghana	Bangladesh
27.05.19	Jamaica	Brazil
Half Term		
10.06.19	Poland	Barbados
17.06.19	Somalia	Ireland
24.06.19	Mexico	Pakistan

Class Assemblies

Each class will do ONE assembly per year. It will be on a Friday. The assembly will start at 9:30 am and last up to half an hour. Below is the timetable for the whole year, so you can put the dates and time in your diaries. It really makes a big difference for children to see their family in the audience; we hope you can make the time for them.

Summer Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class
29.04.19	Ireland
13.05.19	Pakistan
Half Term	
10.06.19	India
17.06.19	China

School Uniform Price List

Item	Size	Price
School Uniform		
Performer V-Neck school logo LB	26 – 30	£14.50
Performer V-Neck school logo LB	32 – 34	£15.50
Girl's Cardigan school logo LB	26 – 30	£15.50
Girl's Cardigan school logo LB	32 – 34	£16.50
Innovation Sweatshirt school logo LB	24 – 30	£7.50
P.E Kit		
Child P.E T-Shirt School logo & Monogram LB	5/6 years – 14/15 years	£5.00
Child Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Youth – Extra Large Youth	£10.50
Adult Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Adult – Large Adult	£13.50
Child Zip Front Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Youth – Extra Large Youth	£12.50
Child Forest School Fleece School logo & Monogram LB	5/6 years – 13 years	£11.00
School Bags		
Book Bag	One Size	TBC
Backpack	Small	£8.50
Backpack	Large	£10.50
Monogram		
Various colours	1 cm H Under School logo	£1.75

Golden Child of the Week!

Class	Child's Name
Mexico	Humaira Arun
Pakistan	Nyla Marius-Saunders
Ireland	Gabriella Sanderson
Somalia	Miray Tepe
Bangladesh	Shaqarah McLean
Ghana	Saniya Hafeez
Barbados	Naila Salih
Poland	Mu'adh Alibhai
Nigeria	Karim Bham
Spain	Nabil Ahmed
Brazil	Nazneen Mulla
Jamaica	Seyi Yinusa
Turkey	Jack-Riley Sunduza-Gomedza
Russia	Amira Dawud
China	Oduro Asenso
India	Eren Sakalikaba

EASTER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES



“ Really fantastic training; I wish I'd signed the kids up to this sooner! ”

Hackney parent

Hackney Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the Easter holidays.

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are all running from Hackney Downs.

Training is in small groups with 2 fully qualified instructors.

BOOK NOW

Places are limited so for more info or to book, visit

www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group

or call 020 303 16730

Hackney Downs

(bikes available to borrow)

Beginner age 5 +

Mon 8 April: 9.45 - 12.00

Mon 8 April: 12.15 - 14.30

Tues 9 April: 9.45 - 12.00

Wed 10 April: 9.45 - 12.00

Mon 15 April: 12.15 - 14.30

Tues 16 April: 12.15 - 14.30

Intermediate (off road) age 6+

Thur 11 & Fri 12 April: 9.45 - 12.00

Wed 17 & Thur 18 April: 12.15 - 14.30

On road age 9+

Tues 9 April - Fri 12 April: 12.15 - 14.30

Mon 15 April - Thur 18 April: 9.45 - 12.00



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