

Northfield News October 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many parent/carers in school attending parents' evening last week and this. I hope this provided you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Don't forget you can find out what your children are currently learning via the school website, each year group's curriculum overview which outlines what is taught in each subject can be found at Class Pages | Northfield Primary and Nursery School (northfieldprimaryschool.co.uk). In addition to this, each year group has a termly plan called 'Year .. Life-Long Learners Curriculum Plan' also under class pages Class Pages | Northfield Primary and Nursery School (northfieldprimaryschool.co.uk). Thank you for your continued support as we head towards the end of the first half term.

The children are looking particularly smart in their school uniform. A reminder to ensure that full school uniform is expected, including plain low-heeled dark coloured shoes (black trainer type shoes are allowed but they must not be 'sports' trainers or have any sports logos or trademarks, and should be all black with black soles). Can I re -emphasise the need to label school uniform, this includes coats. Thank you!

Many thanks for your extremely kind donations to our Harvest Festival. Reverend Kathy Porter and Rev Andrew Porter from St Edmund's Church were able to join us and our festivals were a great success. We were able to send your generous donations to support The Trussel Trust Food Bank in Mansfield Woodhouse; an extremely worthy cause especially given the current economic climate.

A reminder that after half-term, school is closed on Monday 4th November for an Inset Day. Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th November.

Have a lovely half term.



Upcoming School Holiday & INSET Days

Inset Days 2024-2025

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025



Northfield Attendance

All attendance figures given here are for the current school year which started on Tuesday 2nd September 2024.

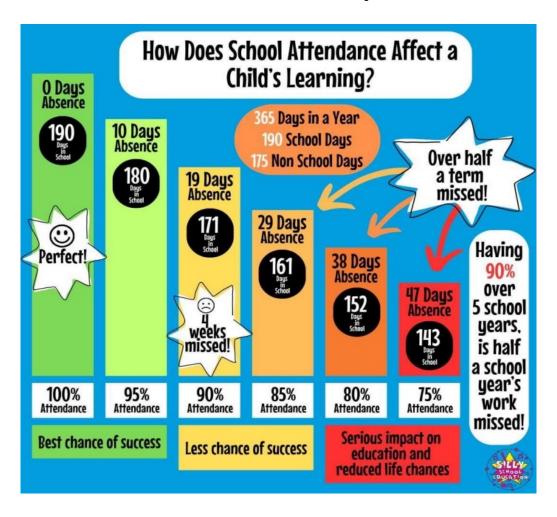
Whole School Attendance

02/09/2024-18/10/2024



FGE	FTT/ KB	1VW	1LP	2NE	2LW	ЗНН	3SR	4ED	4NC	5CR	5KS/ Al	6MW	6SC
95.8	91.9	94.4	97.1	96.7	95.1	96.7	94	96.1	95.7	96.1	94.7	93.8	92.4
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Well done to 1LP - Miss Parker's class with the highest overall attendance so far this year!



Helping With Homework.

Please see the table below for information about the homework your child can complete throughout term time. The tasks provided by staff are planned to be related to your child's learning in school as this is the most effective way of working as partners to help your child on their learning journey.

Year	Homework
F1	SHARE: The library book given out weekly to your child.
F2	READ: Read to an adult at least three times per week; record your reading in the reading journal please. Pupils to complete four challenges over the half term.
Year 1	READ: Read to an adult at least three times per week; record your reading in the reading journal please. Pupils to complete six challenges over the half term.
Year 2	MATHS: Alternate a maths activity one week with Times Table Rockstars to practise recalling 2, 5 and 10 times tables. READ: Read to an adult at least three times per week; record your reading in the reading journal please.
Year 3	MATHS: Log-in to Times Table Rockstars and practise recalling your 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables. READ: Read to an adult three times per week; record your reading in the reading journal please. SPELLING: Practise 10 spellings which are set weekly on Class DOJO
Year 4	MATHS: Log-in to Times Table Rockstars and practise recalling your times tables up to 12 x 12. READ: Read to an adult three times per week; record your reading in the reading journal please. SPELLING: Practise 10 spellings which are set weekly on Class DOJO
Year 5	MATHS: Log-in to Mathswatch and complete the assigned homework task. READ: Read to an adult three times per week; record your reading in the reading journal please. SPELLING: Practise 10 spellings which are set weekly on Class DOJO
Year 6	MATHS: Log-in to Mathswatch and complete the assigned homework task. READ: Read to an adult three times per week; record your reading in the reading journal please. SPELLING: Practise 10 spellings which are set weekly on Class DOJO
Termly (Creative Curriculum homework for KS1 and KS2 pupils with an overall winner voted for by Pupil Parliament members.

If you have any questions about the homework, please use Class DOJO to ask for further support from the class teacher. Many thanks.

Creative Curriculum homework at Northfield.

Our termly Creative Curriculum homework provides opportunities for you to get creative at home for those with pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 inclusive. The table below shows the creative curriculum themes for this terms' ideas. As you will notice each theme or topic has an enquiry question, which hope will encourage our Northfield pupils to wonder and to notice. We hope that the enquiry question, which is used in school too, will capture your child's interest, imagination and provide research opportunities at home as well. We are looking forward to seeing the creations based on the enquiry question from home. The deadline date for Creative Curriculum homework is Wednesday 13th November 2024.

Creative Curriculum theme for the autumn 2024 term.

Υ1

Toys: Toys from the past. How did children play?

Y2

Castles: A home or a fortress?

Υ3

Extreme Earth: How does the movement of the Earth's tectonic plates affect its landscape?

Υ4

Rivers: What is a river?

Y5

The United Kingdom: What are the geographical features of the UK?

Y6

World War Two: How did the experiences of British children differ to the experiences of European, Jewish children during World War II??

If you have any further questions about homework, please contact your child's class teacher on DOJO or via the school office. Thank you.



ATTENDANCE AT NORTHFIELD



In line with the Department for Education guidance, the attendance procedure has been amended. From this term (September 2024), fines now apply for **5 full day unauthorised absences (10 sessions) over a 10 week period**. This includes holidays and any other unauthorised absences eg late (after registers have closed), or your child being absent without explanation from parents/carers. All sessions are recorded and on the 10th session, fines will be applied for.

Please see below for more details:

- 8.35am school gates open and children go straight to their classroom
- 8.45am learning begins promptly
- 8.50am full attendance mark will be received
- <u>9.15am</u> registers close. If your child arrives after 9.15am, they will receive an unauthorised absence for the morning session. This will be 1 session unauthorised absence and after 10 sessions, a fine will be applied for.

Half a day unauthorised absence = 1 session

1 full day unauthorised absence = 2 sessions

5 full days unauthorised absence = 10 sessions (fine applies)

If you are unsure about any of the above information, please contact the school to discuss further

Thank you

FINES EXPLAINED

Effective from 19th August 2024

10 Sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY OTHER OFFENCES (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to£2500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent/carer's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education

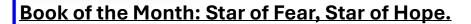
Harvest Festival

On behalf of Sherwood Forest Foodbank I would like to say a huge thank you for your Harvest Festival collection. The food weighed 272 kgs which equates to 842 meals for local people in crisis. What an amazing achievement, thank you everyone, we all really appreciate your support.









In this book recommended for upper key stage two pupils, art and text tell the story of a telling time during World War Two. It focuses on the characters of Helen who doesn't understand why her best friend Lydia must wear a yellow star on her jacket and her parting words "You're not my friend anymore," stay with her for life.

Sreehari would recommend this book because 'the story really portrays the emotions of the characters in the book. It tells you about how people with the Jewish faith feel in World War Two.' Also, Evie would recommend this book because in her own words 'It gives an insigth into lives of Jews in World War Two. They were treated unfairly but the characters held onto a bit of hope.'

Year 6 pupils have been reading this book to support their knowledge and understanding

of how the experiences of British children differed to the experiences of European Jewish children during World War Two.



Focus on **British value**: mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs



Northfield's Safeguarding Team

At Northfield, we believe that it is every staff members' job to keep your children safe. We do have a team of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) whose responsibility it is to ensure safeguarding is effective. If you have any concerns or questions, please come and talk to a member of the team.



L-R Mrs C Gear Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Ms J Jenkins Safeguarding Lead,

Mrs C Burgin Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs N Corrigan Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Helpful information

Domestic Abuse Helpline

If you or someone you know is suffering from domestic or sexual abuse, please contact the 24 hour helpline on 0808 800 0340.

Reminders—how to stay safe.

Please remind all children not to cycle or ride their scooters while on school property. We have done this in school. This isto keep all members of the school community safe. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking Safety

A polite reminder to all parents/carers who drive their children to and from school not to park at the gate or on the zigzag line at the entrance to school please. This causes a safety hazard for children and parents/carers who are walking to school.

Are you Entitled to Free School Meals & Milk?

All children in F2, Year 1 and 2 get Universal Free Meals, but if you think you may be entitled to income related Free School Meals,



please follow this link. It's easy to apply either online or over the phone, you will just need your National Insurance number or National Asylum Support Service Ref number, your last name and your date of birth. You can apply online here <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk/apply-for-free-school-meals-apply-for-free-school-meals-apply-for-free-school-meals-apply-for-free-school-meals-apply-for-free-school-meals-apply-for-free-school-meals-apply-for-free-school-meals-

If you are unable to apply online, you can call 0300 500 80 80.

If your child moved from year 2 to year 3 in September 2024, and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please apply ASAP.

Punctuality

Please can everyone make an effort to be in school on time. The gates open at 8.35am and all children should be in their classrooms ready to start their learning by 8.45am at the latest. This ensures a much more efficient start of the day for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child(ren) arrive to school on time.

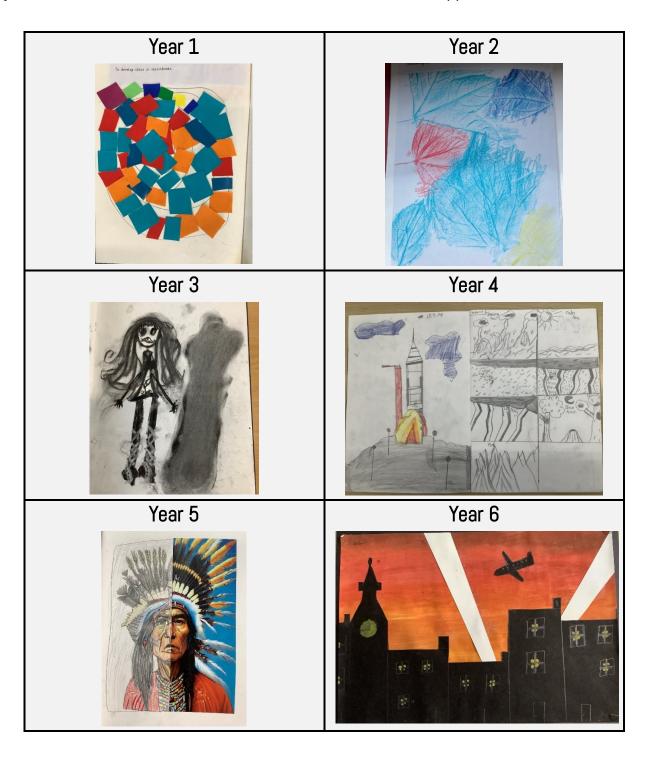


Strategic Development Committee meeting on 10.10.2024.

Governing body members of the Strategic Development Committee, which included Mrs J. Bradley, Mrs S. Miller, Mrs T. Andrews and Ms J Ryan met on Thursday 10th October 2024. Policies were read and approved. Also, the School Improvement Plan was shared with a focus on teaching and learning, SEND pupils and developing writing outcomes using a new scheme called Pathways to Write. A review of the Pupil Premium Strategy Statement was shared too. This will be published online by 31st December 2024 for information.

One of the agenda items was showcasing art at Northfield. Some examples can be seen in the table below.

Many thanks to all Northfield Governers for their dedication to and support for our school.



G.L.O.W Day

Go Learning Outdoors in Wellies (G.L.O.W.) day took place on Thursday 3rd October 2024. This day of outdoor learning compliments our school vision of 'Grow, learn, Achieve.' All pupils participated in the outdoor learning tasks related to the Northfield curriculum which includes the four key drivers: Community, Be Healthy, Life-Long Learners, Corners of the World.

During their morning nursery, F1 pupils went on a hedgehog hunt and made hedgehog pictures from a muddy mixture and leaves. Vinnie in F1 said, "I've got a big, big leaf, it's spiky too"

GLOW Day coincided with the start of the Jewish New Year, so in F2 and in Year 2 Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, inspired their outdoor learning tasks. F2 pupils created prints with apples and Y2 pupils painted pebbles and decorated an apple after discussing their hopes for the year ahead. Oliver in Y2 explained, "I enjoyed writing my hope for year 2 on an apple because it might come true."

Year 1 pupils focused on their learning from history all about toys from the past and enjoyed making a cup and ball toy – one from the past that was played with today. Darla in Y1 explained that she liked making the cup and ball toy like toys from long ago. Bligh said, "I enjoyed trying to get the ball in the cup." Whist Emmalyne commented that the best thing was making the cup and ball toy.



GLOW Day provides the opportunity to work together as described well by Isabelle in Y3 who commented, "I like being able to work with lots of different people." The focus for Y3 pupils was making puppets, whilst learning about shadows and then using them to compose music for a puppet performance. Ivory-Rose in Y3 said, "I liked making the shadow puppets because we were able to be creative while learning about shadows."



Year 4 pupils learn about how landscape has changed from *pit to park* so walked to Oxclose Woods to investigate this. Archie explained, "On our walk I saw a scrap yard; this was an example of land being used commercially." Later Y4 pupils took part in Forest school ably led by Mrs C Faulkner.

Anderson Shelters and parachutes were the focus for Y6 and Y5 pupils respectively. Building community was an important part of GLOW Day learning about others in World War Two and thinking about the importance of kindness and our core school values today: respect, honesty, trust and care.

Bradley and Halle in Y2 summed up GLOW Day well by saying that they wished it was GLOW Day everyday so we can always learn outside, even in the rain!' It won't be too long to wait until the next G.L.O.W. Day. For the spring term it will be on Thursday 13th March 2025.



Year 3 Royal Ballet Demonstration



On Monday 7th October Year 3 went to The Manor Academy to watch a demonstration by some pupils from the Royal Ballet School. The children were amazed and inspired by the ballet pupils' flexibility, focus and strength. The children used this inspiration in their remaining lessons. It was lovely to see the children recognise moves that they have been learning in their PE lessons. There were gasps of awe and wonder when the older female ballet dancer came out

wearing her tutu. The children were mesmerized when the older girl and boy performed the bluebird lift. One of our pupils got the chance to experience what it was like to be lifted up. "I



was nervous but he made me feel safe because he was a professional." (Isabelle) The children had lots to say on their return to school.

"The bluebird lift was amazing! He lifted her and held her in mid-air." (Amelia)

"Even though some of them were only young, they all knew what to do so you knew they had practiced." (Victoria)

"It was cool how they were able to stretch their legs so high in the air." (Eva)



Hathersage Residential

Year 6 had an amazing time on residential at St Michael's Education Centre, Hathersage during the week of 7th October. Although the timetable was slightly different for each class's visit, all the children carried out the same fun-filled activities in the beautiful surroundings of the Peak District National Park.

We spent time in the grounds of Brookfield Manor orienteering and followed a route through the grounds and up to the churchyard during our night walk.

Unfortunately, we did not manage to detect any bats!



We caught a

train from Hathersage station to Grindleford station. We were told the story of the Padley Martyrs and explored Padley Chapel. Then we had to face the steep climb up to Bole Hill Quarry. A well -deserved rest for lunch was had at the top. After spending time soaking up the views down the Hope Valley from Millstone Edge, we made our way to Whim Plantation where shelter building was the activity to finish the afternoon. That evening, the children settled down to a movie night with hot chocolate and biscuits.

Both classes also ventured out over the fields to Thorpe Farm, home of Hope Valley Ice-cream, where, as well as enjoying a delicious ice-cream, we met some friendly calves and an inquisitive pig.

A fantastic time was had by all and many brilliant memories were made!

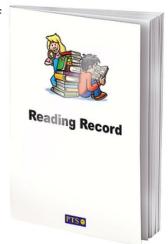


Reading Diaries

Please remember to read for at least 10 minutes at least 3 times per week (every day if possible) with your child or children; the difference it makes is significant. It fosters a positive attitude towards reading and learning and also enhances concentration and self-discipline.

Children who love to read tend to have longer attention spans and better memory retention and exposes them to a wider vocabulary which helps them communicate and learn more effectively.

Please remember to write in their reading diaries.





Reading Volunteers

If you have any spare time and would like to become a reading volunteer please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Corrigan (our English Lead). We need YOU!

NORTHFIELD FOOTBALL TEAM

The Northfield Football Team played away at King Edward on Thursday 17th October 2024. They got a well deserved win and we are very proud of them.

Well done to Ryli, Max, Annabel, Logan, Harley, Oscar, Jacob, Isaac, Kyle and Leo.

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM NORTHFIELD





Wildlife Watch Williams











Website





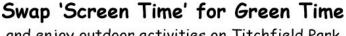












and enjoy outdoor activities on Titchfield Park and Quarry Lane and Oakham Nature Reserves.

If you're 7 to 13 years old, why not join us to find out more about the natural world at these events in 2024?

Saturday 7 September	Pollination Heroes
Saturday 5 October	Superseeds
Saturday 2 November	Impressions of Nature
Saturday 7 December	Natural Decorations

We are Mansfield & Ashfield Wildlife Watch
Group and we meet on the first Saturday of the
month

10.30 - 12.30 at

St. Mark's Church Hall, Nottingham Road, Mansfield NG18 1BP

Come and join in the fun – it's free but donations are welcome.

Remember to dress for the weather!

For more information or to book your first session, please contact Sarah Spurry, Watch Leader by email: mansfieldwatch@nottswt.co.uk or mobile on 07885169111

We welcome parents/guardians to accompany their children for their first few introductory sessions if required.

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is a registered charity - Charity No 224168



Diary Dates Summer Term 2024

Thursday 17th October Year 4 Coal Mining Museum visit

Monday 21.10.24 - Friday 01.11.24 Half term Monday 4th November Inset Day

Tuesday 5th November Children return to school

Tuesday 5tH November Y1 visit to Sudbury
W/c Monday 11th November Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11th November Remembrance event

Thursday 21st November 9.00am New Foundation 1 Parents' meeting

Wednesday 27th November Flu Immunisations – F2 to Y6

Thursday 5th December ELS Library Van Visit

Monday 9th December Christmas Craft Afternoon – in own classrooms
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th December Foundation Stage Christmas Concert - morning

Monday 16th December KS1 Christmas Concert am & pm

Wednesday 18th December KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Edmund's

Church

Wednesday 18th December F2 Perlethorpe visit

Friday 20th December 9.00am Mr Davies' Group Music Concert

Christmas parties

Friday 20th December End of term

Monday 23rd December -

Friday 3rd January -

Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January Children return to school

