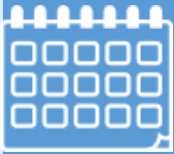




News Letter



Dates for Your

DIARY

January

8th -Back to school *Spring 1*

11th Nursery parent workshop 8:45am and 2:30pm

22nd Flu Vaccination catch up

February

9th School closed for half term

19th School opens for *Spring 2*

March

22nd School closed for half term





A message from the Principal!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of what is regularly recognised as being the busiest term in the academic year for Primary, and what a term it has been! It has been a whirlwind of festive activity as we have approached the end of December. We have had two trips to West Midlands Safari Park, two theatre trips to see Peter Pan at The Old Rep in Birmingham, and Cinderella at Walsall Arena, Breakfast with Santa all throughout last week, and our school fairs to name but a few. It is lovely being able to provide all of our children with such an array of opportunities!

The Fantastic Finish on Wednesday was a lovely way to celebrate the end of term with parents and carers. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see all of your child's learning in action. I know that the children were proud to be able to show you what they had achieved throughout the term.

Attendance has been particularly hit this term with both unauthorised holidays and sickness with Chicken Pox in Key Stage 1 and Early Years. The Christmas holiday will serve as a 'fire break' to the Chicken Pox cases that we have seen and support in improving attendance there. However, I must take this opportunity to remind parents that holidays should not be taken during term time. We will not authorise these, and will process with Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for any absences resulting from holiday during the term time. This is in line with both national guidance around attendance from the DFE, and localised guidance from Walsall Local Authority.

We have three members of staff who are leaving our team at NWPA at the end of this term, and I wish to take this opportunity to say goodbye to them and wish them luck. Mrs Allen is moving to one of our partner schools within the Trust (Jubilee Academy Mossley). It is lovely that she is remaining within our Trust and we hope to continue working with her in the future. Mrs Tilley is going to support in starting up a new PRU in Birmingham for children with additional needs. This is an admirable move and we wish you all the best in this endeavour. Mr Lissemore is leaving education, but continuing to work with children by working in a residential care home for Looked After Children. Again, this move is admirable and we wish you all the best. In the Spring term, we must have a renewed push from everyone to improve attendance again.

We have a new TA joining us in January called Mrs Lorgat. She will be in Year 5 and is excited to meet the children. We have two additional TA vacancies which we are looking to recruit for in January, as well as an additional teacher who will be joining us in Easter.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents and carers for their ongoing support at NWP. Together we are a wonderful community focused on supporting the needs of our children.

Please note that over the Christmas break, staff at NWP require time with their families and loved ones to rest and recuperate. Please do not message them directly via MCAS, but please instead (in case of emergency) contact myself. Class Dojo will continue to run in the background at the moment as a fail safe, but our primary method of communication is currently MCAS. I look to share updates around this with parents and carers in the Spring term.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Bradnick-Thompson



A note from Mrs Khera

'It has been lovely to return from Maternity Leave and see the children, staff and parents again. Thank you all for my lovely welcome back and kind words. Wishing you all a restful Christmas break! Best wishes, Mrs Khera'

A few reminder of our school policies.

At North Walsall, we consider ourselves to be a healthy school that promotes healthy living, healthy eating and the promotion of positive mental health. We aim to promote consistency between packed lunches and food provided by the schools, which must adhere to national school food standards. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our Packed Lunch policy which can be found on our school website. [Packed-Lunch-Policy-September-2021.pdf \(atrust.org.uk\)](#)

At North Walsall all of our children must wear the correct uniform when attending school or participating in school organised events. We are proud of our school and our children should feel a sense of pride when wearing our uniform. Children wearing incorrect uniform will be sanctioned. Please have a careful read of our Uniform policy and ensure your child is compliant. This policy is available on our school website. [School-Uniform-Policy.pdf \(atrust.org.uk\)](#)



Class Celebrations

Nursery have enjoyed dressing up as princesses, playing in the new role play area: Santa's workshop. They also liked reading in the new book area too. We enjoyed the Christmas Fayre and having breakfast with Santa.



Reception had a magical day at The West Midlands Safari Park for the Christmas Santa Safari.

It was a fantastic day and all the children were a credit to the school.



Year 1 created our very own globes so we could learn about the continents and the seas.

For Remembrance day we create collage poppies.



Class Celebrations

Year 2 have been making lemonade during our DT lesson. This was so much fun and the children had a fantastic time.



Year 3 loved our topic that has focused on the Ages. The children have created prehistoric pots and cooked delicious tacos in the kitchen. The children had a blast at Peter Pan and showcased their fantastic NWPA way all the way to Birmingham and back.



Year 4 as part of our Roman topic in History, Year 4 embarked on a journey to Caerleon, South Wales to visit Caerleon - a site of considerable archaeological importance as the location of a Roman legionary fortress or 'castra.' Year 4 spent the day walking the once Roman streets: visiting authentic Roman Baths as well as the Roman Amphitheatre. It is one of the best (if not, THE best) amphitheatre remains in all of Europe; it provided seating for up to 6,000 spectators, who would gather to watch bloodthirsty displays featuring gladiatorial combat and exotic wild animals. We also visited some impressive remains of Roman barracks as well as observing, handling and learning about authentic Roman jewellery, armour, architecture and medicine. Some of our children would have some unfortunate surgical procedures if they could not afford it! Overall, the children loved their visit to South Wales and were excellent ambassadors for North Walsall.



Class Celebrations

Year 5 have done many great things this half term but here are some of our highlights.

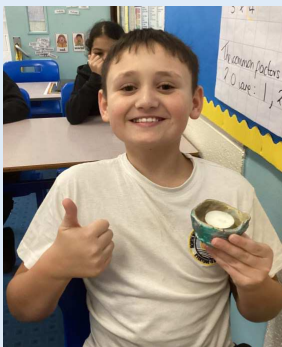
We have continued work on Chinese Dynasties and thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Wing Yip. We also enjoyed a visit from Ben and Kate at NatWest to do a money sense workshop where we planned our own party.



Year 6P and 6T had a fantastic time making bread and pasta sauces as part of their DT lesson.

We also use clay to create Diya lamps for the Diwali celebration.

For our curriculum trip we went to visit Birmingham Central Mosque, this was a fantastic experience.



Christmas Dinner



What a fantastic afternoon we all had enjoying Christmas dinner together.



Breakfast with Santa.



Christmas Fayre, Raffle and Nativity Fun!



The Winner of the Christmas Hamper Raffle goes to



Well done to Florence for winning the Primary Christmas card Competition.



Christmas jumpers we raised £59.30 Well done and thank you to all who contributed to this wonderful children's charity.

The school has raised a whopping £1,122.27 from the school fayre, EYFS Nativity and Christmas Hamper Raffle ticket sales. This is Brilliant and the money goes back into our school fund for the children, so once again thank you to everyone .

After School Cub Timetable

Tuesday	Staff Member	Wednesday	Staff Member	Thursday	Staff Member
STEM (Girls only)	Techjam	Mini Music Y1 &Y2	Miss Sims	Dance/ Cheerleading Y1 &Y2	Miss Smith
Gymnastics Y1 &Y2	Miss Smith	Cricket Y3,4,5 &6	Bloxwich Cricket club	Lego All year groups	Mrs Winwood

PE Timetable Spring1

	AM	PM
Monday		Year 2
Tuesday	Year 1. 9-10 Nursery 10-11	
Wednesday	Year 1	Year4 Year6
Thursday		Year 3
Friday	Year 5 Swimming Reception	

Mobile phones

Reminder to all parents that **mobile phones** are not to be used once you are on school site.

This is to safeguard all our children, parents and staff.



After school clubs

After school clubs run from 3:30– 4:15pm

Please continue to collect your child from the office.

There are still spaces in some of our After School Clubs.

Please ask for a consent form from the School Office.

OUTSTANDING MONEY

There is still a considerable amount of dinner money outstanding..

Can all accounts be settled up to date by the **31st December** .If you are experiencing any problems please speak to the school office.