

NORTHMEAD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Try more, learn more, achieve more

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this whilst listening to the infant children having the most wonderful time taking part in Fantastic Friday activities. Yes, school is about educating children to get the best possible academic outcomes but it is also about providing children with a rich set of experiences and opportunities to try new things. We've seen activities such as pom pom making, gym apparatus games, music, singing, art activities, textiles, outdoor walks and dance to name a few. Our children get to work with other staff they don't usually and all of this can support effective transition towards the next academic year.

We are really proud to say that next year both Year 3 and Reception are full with a waiting list which is brilliant. We do have some spaces in the current Reception, Year 1 and Year 5. Please spread the word in the community about this. We would love to see these spaces filled, through an in-year transfer. You may not be aware that we are funded by the number of children in the school and therefore each vacant space in a class is a loss of £5k. So just having 5 spaces across the schools would be a reduction in income of £25k, yet we still have to run all the same services. Our numbers are counted on a census day at the beginning of October so the run up to count day is always quite busy, focusing on trying to get the spaces filled.

Last week, we saw our eldest children complete their Key Stage 2 SATs assessments. The children worked so hard and presented themselves with a very mature manner, demonstrating grit and determination. We now wait until July to see the grades achieved. It is important to remember that amongst this cohort of children some will eventually do jobs that aren't even invented yet, they'll be doctors, builders, bakers, teachers, gamers and librarians. There's plenty of time to carve their future.

After half term it's the turn of Year 1 and Year 4 for statutory assessments. The Year 1 children have their phonic assessment. Usually, the children have to score 32/40 to pass. Year 4 have their multiplication times table check, the children need to score 25/25 to pass.

Year 1 and Year 4 parents it would be amazing if you could support your child with some practice over the half term break.

Year 4 - [Times Table Rock Stars \(TTRS\)](#) and [Multiplication Times Table Check](#)

Year 1 - [Alien words](#), [phase 5 words](#),

The final half term of the school year is always a busy one, crammed with lots of lovely events, such as sports days, Summer Spectacular, trips and transition activities. Alongside us ensuring the children have a wonderful end to the year, we are busy planning for the next year and welcoming all our new families.

Have a great week,

Sarah Carrington

The summer term in primary school is often the most memorable time of the year. As adults, it's the summer term we tend to look back on most fondly from our own school days—sunshine, outdoor fun, and special events. This half term may have been fairly short, but we've certainly packed a lot in!

We've been lucky to enjoy some glorious sunshine this half term, and it's certainly encouraged everyone to make the most of the outdoors. The school field has been full of energy—cricket season is in full swing, with many children choosing to play during their breaktimes as well as in PE lessons and clubs. It's been brilliant to see how many children have made great progress in their skills, thanks to the training they received earlier in the year. Athletics is also underway, with pupils eagerly preparing for upcoming competitions and sports days.

We were thrilled to see the return of our much-anticipated residential trips. Year 5 had an unforgettable time at PGL, bravely tackling new challenges and working brilliantly as a team. Meanwhile, Year 6 have enjoyed a week on the Isle of Wight, building memories that will last a lifetime.

We wrapped up the term with our final Fantastic Friday today, packed with fun activities like pompom making, walks to the common, and even footgolf! It's been a brilliant way to end an action-packed half term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break—ready to return refreshed for our final half term of the year, which also promises to be jam-packed with activities.

Denise Lewis

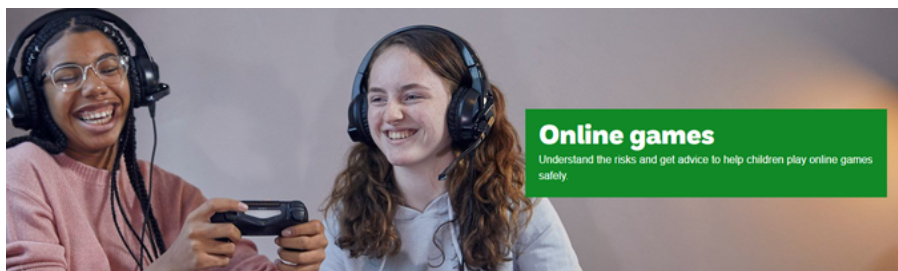
Safeguarding

Many children will play online game such as Minecraft and Roblox. Keeping children safe online whilst playing these games is vital.

Things to consider if your child games online:

- The age rating of the game
- Any messaging functions on the game
- In-game purchases
- How to report problems
- Ensuring children know where to get help and support

Click on the picture below for more advice from the NSPCC

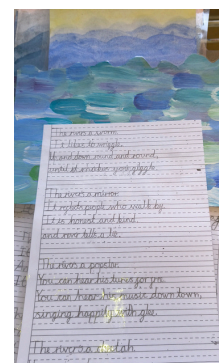
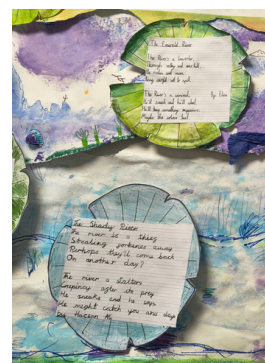
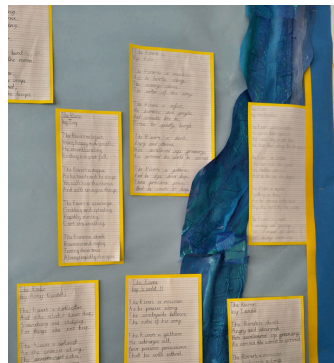
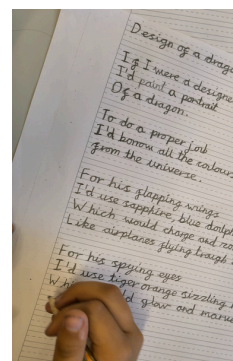
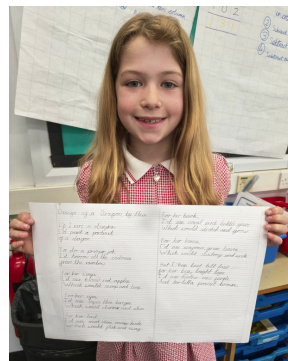
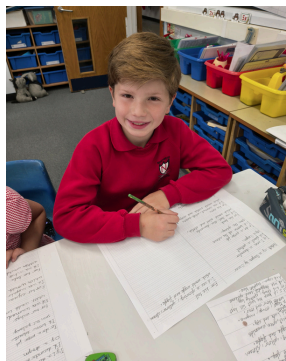
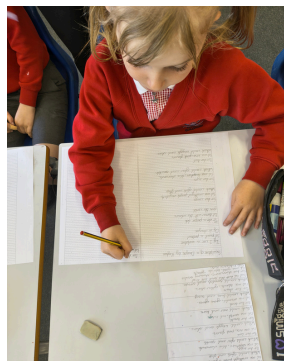


Safeguarding is everyone's business!

If you have any concerns about a child, in or outside of school, please make contact with any of the school's DSL's dsl@northmead.surrey.sch.uk. All concerns raised will be treated confidentially.

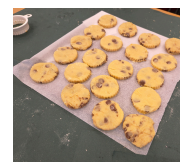
Year 3 News – A Creative Half Term!

What a busy and exciting half term it's been in Year 3! We've let our imaginations run wild – writing and illustrating fantastic dragon poems, bringing stories to life with shadow puppets in Science and French, and even baking some delicious chocolate chip shortbread! Our artistic talents really shone through as we used clay and fabric to create amazing Green Man heads, complete with beautiful leafy designs. It's been a half term full of creativity, fun, and learning – well done, Year 3

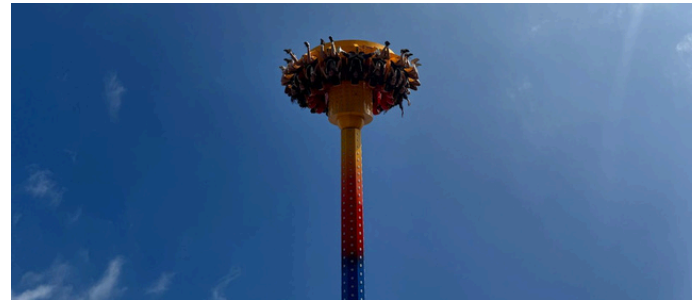


Year 4 News- A Packed Half Term!

We have fitted so much learning into the last few short weeks. Activities include creating our own ice-cream, writing some wonderful poems based on The River by Valerie Blood. You can see from the presentation above, we are very proud of these poems. We are really enjoyed our Thursday afternoons, where we have been rotating around many activities in small groups including coil pots, blanket stitching felt fish, PowerPoint skills, baking and making moving books for DT. What a fantastic time Year 4 have had, we are very proud!



Photos from Summer 1





NORTHMEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO OUR
SUMMER
Spectacular

Hall	All Weather & Playground
6.10 Young Voices Choir	6.30 Year 3/4 Cricket
6.35 Year 5 Showcase	
6.50 Solos and Bands	
7.00 Year 4 Showcase	
7.15 G Live Choir	7.00 Year 5/6 Netball Match
7.25 Year 3 Showcase	
7.40 Northmead's Got Talent Finalist	
7.50 Year 6 Showcase	
	8.10 Year 5/6 Cricket

All children are encouraged to bring their friends and family to see their work, watch their year group showcase and any choirs and groups they are in. Classrooms will be full of the fantastic work from this year and this evening is a true celebration of this year.
Children should wear uniform and be supervised by their parent at all times. There will be a burger van, snacks, drinks and a bar. Please note the burger van is outside catering and any small amounts of money made through snacks and drinks at this event will go directly back into supporting the arts at Northmead.

15 JULY | 6.00 - 8.30PM





Northmead
Junior School


SPORTS MORNING

KS2 ON THE PLAYGROUND
TUESDAY 15TH JULY

Families are welcome to attend and watch the fun house events from 9.30 to 11ish on the school playground. No parking will be available. Children should wear PE kit, have a named water bottle, suncream and hat. They are welcome to wear a t-shirt in their house colour. Saturn, Mars, Jupiter and Neptune. Photos and video's are strictly not allowed.

Competitive races will be held on the field in the last PE lesson of the year. Yr 6 Monday, Yr 4 Tuesday, Yr 5 Wednesday and Yr 3 Thursday. As above this is optional to attend, if you wish.

Attendance and Punctuality

Class	Current Attendance	Class	Current Attendance
Whole School	94.32%		
3B	95%	5CR	95%
3N	96%	5R	95%
3RP	95%	5W	95%
4C	95%	6K	93
4L	95%	6MD	96
4PR	97% 	6P	93

Attendance and Punctuality

<i>What is your attendance?</i>			
0 Days off	100%	Perfection	
4 School days off each year <i>24 hours lost to learning</i>	98%	Impressive	
7 School days off each year <i>42 hours lost to learning</i>	96%	Nearly there	
9 School days of each year <i>54 hours lost to learning</i>	95%	Can be improved Progress is affected below 96%	
11 School days of each year <i>66 hours lost to learning</i>	94%	Needs to improve	
17 School days off each year <i>102 hours lost to learning</i>	90	Serious Concerns School Action. Classed as persistent absentee.	
30 School days off each year <i>180 hours lost to learning</i>	85%	RISK OF PENALTY NOTICE LEGAL ACTION Low attendance can be damaging to a child's social and emotional wellbeing	
38 School days off each year <i>228 hours lost to learning</i>	80%		
<p>There are 177 non-school days a year. That is plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping, days out and appointments.</p>			



Diary Dates for This Term & Term Dates

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Wednesday 4 th June	Year 3 Trip to Albury
Friday 6 th June	NST Mufti - Bottle Donations
Friday 6 th June	Year Five Trip to Guildford
Friday 6 th June 3:30 - 4:00pm	Year Four Parents Meeting about PGL Trip
Friday 13 th June	NST Mufti - Toys & Sweet Donations
Monday 16th June 2025	Year 3, 4 and 5 Project Exhibition 3.30-4.00
Friday 20 th June	Charity Mufti - Guildford Food Bank Donations
Saturday 21 st June 12 - 3pm	NST Summer Fair
Tuesday 24 th June	District Sports
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 4 & 5 World Games Day at Christs College
Friday 27 th June	Year Three Trip to Buster
Friday 27 th June	NST Sponsored Silence
Monday 30th June 2025	Inset Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 1 st - Wednesday 2 nd July	Year Six Secondary School Induction Days
Tuesday 15 th July	Sports Morning - 9:30am - 11.00am Evening Summer Spectacular - 6.00pm -8.30pm
Friday 18 th July	Break up for Summer Holidays (early finish)
Mon 21st & Tue 22 nd July	Inset Day - School closed to children
Tue 2 nd & Wed 3 rd September	Inset Day - School closed to children
Wednesday 4 th September	First Day of Term
Monday 29 th September	School Photo Day



Year Group Assemblies

13th June 2025	Y5 Assembly to parents and carers
TBC	Y6 Assembly to parents and carers

As the days grow longer and the evenings become lighter and sunnier, many of our children are enjoying more time playing outside. It's a lovely time of year, and outdoor play is great for their health, happiness, and social skills. However, it's also important to make sure they stay safe and respectful while out and about.

Here are a few simple ways to help keep your child safe in the community:

- **Set Clear Boundaries:** Agree on where your child can go, who they can be with, and what time they should be home.
- **Stay in Touch:** Make sure they have a way to contact you, and encourage regular check-ins.
- **Know Their Friends:** Get to know who your child is spending time with and where they're going.

If your child is of the age where you are allowing them to play out independently of adults, it's a good idea to talk to them about what anti-social behaviour is and why it's important to avoid it. This can include:

- Damaging property or littering
- Being loud or disruptive in public spaces
- Acting in a way that makes others feel unsafe or uncomfortable

These behaviours can have serious consequences, including warnings from the police or even legal action. More importantly, they can affect how others see and treat our young people.

We are aware that more and more children are riding bikes without using helmets. We've previously highlighted the importance of cycle helmets, and we're reaching out again with an urgent reminder. The roads around our school are extremely busy, especially during drop-off and pick-up times, and they can be dangerous for young cyclists. A properly fitted helmet significantly reduces the risk of serious head injury in the event of an accident. Please ensure your child wears a helmet every time they cycle to and from school. It's a simple step that can make a life-saving difference.

By working together, we can make sure our children enjoy the outdoors safely and respectfully.

Dear All,

Another quiet, quick and sunny half term has passed us by! Fingers crossed the weather stays put into the final leg of the school year!

So far this term, the children have enjoyed another Mufti and Movie Night - always so much fun for the kids and raised an amazing £950 for the school!

Next half term we are straight in with our 'donation Fridays' in preparation for our big Summer Fair on Saturday 21st June.

The first Friday back (6th June) we are collecting alcohol for our extremely popular tombola. This can be single cans, multipacks or just a bottle - please make sure all donations are sealed and in date. We will be at the top of the drive from 8:30am with a trolley to collect donations.

The following week (Friday 13th June), we are collecting sweets and soft toys. Sweets need to be sealed/new packs, no chocolate or nuts please! Soft toys can be well-loved but clean would be best!

The Summer Fair planning is coming together well! As always we will have a huge range of games and prizes for the whole family to enjoy. The colour run is back as well as loads of other old favourites, like hoopla, tin can alley and splat the rat! Please mark the date in your diary and pop down to support us and the school, even if it's just half an hour! We promise you'll have fun!

If you are able to volunteer any of your time on Saturday 21st June between 12-3pm, we would love to hear from you at Northmead.nst@gmail.com.

Thank you, as always, for supporting all our fundraising endeavours, it really does make a huge difference to the school and the children's experience during their time there.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Love,

NST x



MUFTI DAY
FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

CHILDREN CAN WEAR MUFTI IN
EXCHANGE FOR BOTTLES OF ALCOHOL*!
BRING AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!

*ALCOHOL MUST BE DONATED BY AN ADULT (18+), IF
YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD DOWN
TO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY, THERE WILL BE A DONATION
TROLLEY AT THE TOP OF THE SCHOOL DRIVE ON THE
MORNING OF FRIDAY 6TH JUNE.



MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

CHILDREN CAN WEAR MUFTI IN
EXCHANGE FOR SWEETS
AND/OR UNWANTED CUDDLY TOYS!
BRING AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!

NO CHOCOLATE OR NUTS PLEASE!
DROP OFF UNDER OUTDOOR CLASSROOM!





NST
WE ARE BETTER
AS ONE

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 21st June
12 to 3pm
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

FREE ENTRY

- Assault Course •
- Mini Colour Run •
- Class-run Games •
- Alcohol Tombola •
- Sweet Tombola •
- Soft Toy Tombola •
- Pimms & Refreshments •
- Ice cream Van •

and much more!

CASH PREFERRED!

Roll out a picnic blanket and join us for an afternoon of fun!

KARATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH OPEN CLASSES



KFMH OPEN CLASSES

Karate for Mental Health CIC is launching a community initiative to promote mental well-being through martial arts.

Funded by Guildford Borough Council's Aspire Project, with support from Les Bubka Karate Jutsu and Black Badger BJJ Gym, classes begin Wednesday, February 26, from 12:30–1:30 pm (weekly, term time).

Open to all, with a focus on those facing mental or physical health challenges, disabilities, or financial difficulties, these classes offer stress relief, confidence building, and overall well-being. All abilities are welcome!

Limited to 20 spots per session. 12-week project (extension possible with further funding).



Scan the QR code to register now!

visit www.kfmhcic.co.uk

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