

NORTHMEAD SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



Try more, learn more, achieve more

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another incredibly busy and successful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved. I feel proud of the many opportunities our children have experienced from competing in Sports Hall Athletics, to performing on stage in the Christmas productions and enjoying enriching trips and residential beyond the classroom.

We are equally proud of the progress children have made in their learning, with particularly strong outcomes in phonics, writing, and the Year 4 multiplication check to name just a couple. These improvements are a testament to the hard work of our children and staff, and the support of our families.

This year, we have also seen the coming together of our schools. We have one Local Governing Board serving over both schools, we have aligned the majority of our school policies, we have a combined budget over the schools and we look forward to launching our joint vision, values, rules and motto with you in the new school year.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share some of the developments planned for the summer. Northmead will be gaining a brand-new, purpose-built cookery room, providing children with hands-on opportunities to develop vital life skills. We are also investing in a complete revamp of the Reception quad, creating a wonderful outdoor learning space for some of the youngest children.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to both of the school's PTAs, a small but mighty group of volunteers whose efforts have had such a meaningful impact on our school community. Their work supports school events such as the fireworks and Big and Bouncy and also resources for the children to use such as sets of iPads and furniture for the reading corners.

Please do take note of the updated **Walking from Home Policy** on the next page. It's vital that these changes are followed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all the children and yourselves.

From September, we are asking that children **do not** bring in pencil cases (with the exception of Year 6) or fiddle toys, unless specifically agreed by the school SENCO or class teacher. We appreciate your support in helping us to minimise distractions and ensuring that learning environments remain focused and inclusive for all.

Over the summer, Miss Busby will be celebrating her marriage and will return in September as Mrs Atkins—our warmest congratulations to her in advance! We also need to officially say congratulations to Miss Ramsay who became Mrs Abdessalam during May half term.

Finally, this is the time of year when we say fond farewells. To staff who have dedicated so much to our schools thank you for your passion and commitment. And to our wonderful Year 6 children: you leave us ready and well-prepared for your next adventure. We couldn't be prouder of you.

Wishing all our families a restful and happy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4th September, ready for another exciting year.

Sarah Carrington

Walking Home Policy

We have made these changes to the Walking Home Policy as we wish to improve the safety of the children and pedestrians. As you're aware the paths on Grange Road are narrow and easily congested. This is worse at the end of the day with parents and carers waiting to meet their children. The congested paths increase risk causing pedestrians to step into the road which is busy with traffic. We have the added factors that adults and our older children can be looking at their phones, therefore decreasing awareness of their surroundings. In addition, drivers can flout the highway code and pull up on the zig zag lines, double yellow lines and even attempt a 3 point turn on Grange Road by the school entrance.

To reiterate, these changes are to improve the safety of the children and pedestrians.

The main changes to the walking home policy are as follows:

- **All** children need to be collected from the school playground unless they are in Year 5 or Year 6 **and** written consent have been provided that they can travel home alone.
- **No child in Year 5 or 6** will be allowed to leave the school playground without an authorised adult or authorised person over 14 (e.g. sibling), unless written permission has been provided for them to travel home alone.
- There is **no longer the option to meet your child at the top of the school drive**. The options are meet your child on the playground or provide permission to travel home independently (Year 5 and Year 6 only).
- Children in Year 5 and 6 that travel to school independently by bike must wear a helmet.

The NSPCC provide guidance on this topic, providing a sensible risk assessment questions, ensuring that your child understands what to do in an emergency.

Current Year 4 and Year 5 parents/carers - If you wish to complete the Travelling Home Independently form, here's the [link](#).

As another summer term draws to a close, it's hard not to be swept up in the whirlwind these past weeks have brought. Whether in classrooms, on the sports field, or during concerts, the vibrancy of our community has made this a truly memorable term.

The cycle of the school year is always a curious rhythm, finishing old chapters while looking ahead to fresh starts. There's the excitement of new classes and schools, new goals, and the promise of new experiences, all while saying farewell to current classrooms and a year filled with growth, fun, and memories. There's also the joy of knowing that before the next adventure begins, the summer break offers space to breathe, potter, and simply enjoy.

For me, this end of term comes with a deeper sense of transition. After 22 years of living in the schoolhouse on-site, it's time for me to bid farewell to the home where countless memories were made. I'm moving to a different house, so I'll need to embrace a new level of organisation in September, as I join the ranks of those who commute!

As the academic year finishes, I'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to all our teachers and teaching assistants, who put in so much effort each and every day. You bring so much to our children's lives- planning, marking, guiding, supporting, lifting spirits-your hard work does not go unnoticed. To every tired teacher and teaching assistant: may your holidays be filled with rest, laughter, and absolutely zero alarm clocks.

Wishing you all a great summer.

Denise Lewis

Safeguarding



Safeguarding is everyone's business.

[If a child is in danger or needs help, report it now.](#)

Over the holidays if you are worried about a child

If they are in immediate danger please phone 999

Otherwise, report your concerns to Children's Services 'Single Point of Access' (C-SPA).

- Phone: 0300 470 9100 - 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
- Email: cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

Or speak with the NSPCC

You can contact the Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000 or emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk

If you want to contact one of our school's DSL's . This email address will be checked periodically during the summer holidays: dsl@northmead.surrey.sch.uk.

All concerns raised will be treated confidentially.

Staff Departures

As the school year comes to a close, we take this moment to say heartfelt farewells to several members of our Northmead team each of whom has made a lasting impact on our school community.

We offer our deepest thanks and best wishes to **Valerie Eveleigh, Donna Fennell, and Carolyn Williams**, who are retiring this summer after many years of loyal and dedicated service. Between them, they have given over 62 years to Northmead which is an extraordinary contribution that has helped shape the lives of countless children and colleagues alike. Their wisdom, kindness, and steadfast commitment will be greatly missed, and we hope their retirement brings well-deserved rest, joy, new adventures in addition to the babysitting duties!

We also say goodbye to **Tom Lewis, Aimee Fairhurst** and **Tizzy Roberts**, who are each setting off on exciting new paths.

Tom Lewis is heading to university to pursue his passion of sustainability. Though having spent his entire life at Northmead, we suspect he won't be able to resist popping back to visit, especially at Christmas time! Tom gives so much of his time freely to improve the children's educational experience. The joy on the children's faces when he is teaching a Forest School or Outdoor Learning session is a joy to observe.

After a couple of years with us, Aimee Fairhurst is taking on a new role as SENCO at a nursery school closer to home, while also continuing to follow her love for all things equine. Aimee has a great passion for improving children's life chances and is dedicated to improving children's mental health.

Tizzy will also be leaving for pastures new. We are incredibly grateful for the energy, creativity, and care she brought to her role here.

Finally, we say goodbye to **Tommy Scott**, although not officially an employee, Tommy has been coming to Northmead for many years. His enthusiasm and encouragement have inspired so many of our children in sport. His support for children's sporting endeavours—especially on the football field has made a real difference, and we know many young athletes will carry his influence with them for years to come.

To all of our departing staff, thank you. You leave behind not just memories, but a legacy of care, encouragement, and inspiration. You will always be part of the Northmead family, and we wish you all the very best in the exciting journeys ahead.

Warm Welcome & Congratulations

Welcome - **Jo Hiecks** as our SENCO, **Natalie Toft** as an admin assistant and **Charlotte Lacey** as a TA in Year 6

Congratulations - **Sam Tipple** and **Nikki Royle** who will be teaching in Year 6 and Year 3 and also to **Sarah Beagley** who will be a higher level teaching assistant from September.

Class Based Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Support Staff
3B	Mrs Jo Backhurst	Mrs Sian Eichen & Mrs Michele Smith
3A	Mrs Nicola Atkins	Mrs Andrea Lewis
3RP	Mrs Nikki Royle Mrs Hannah Powell	Miss Nicola Wakefield
4PA	Mrs Paola Polden Mrs Laura Abdessalam Mr Thomas Haines (Student Teacher)	Mrs Debbie Ollite
4PS	Mrs Jacqui Pilson Mrs Fiona Sumner	Mrs Faye Lacey
4L	Mr Jack Lewis	Mrs Clare Barron & Mrs Katie Hopkins
5R	Mrs Marcia Richardson	Mrs Shelley Stillwell
5W	Miss Caitlin Webster	Mrs Lian Wickens & Mrs Chantelle M
5CR	Mrs Carlota Reviriego Mrs Agata Cieplinska (Thurs)	Mrs Vicki Blatchford
6K	Mr Alastair Kemp	Miss Amy Weighill
6MD	Mrs Abby Diot Mrs Lisa Mansfield	Mrs Sam Smith
6T	Mr Sam Tipple Mrs Agata Cieplinska (Wed)	Mrs Jenny Pegman, Miss Chelsea Tugwell & Miss Charlotte Lacey
NEST	Mrs Katie Fletcher	Mrs Lynn Gill, Mrs Jenny Clifton, Mrs Sam Holden

Photos from Summer 2





NEW

7:30am drop off

Breakfast CLUB




STOUGHTON INFANT SCHOOL

About Us

Our new fun, friendly, in house breakfast club is for students of Stoughton and Northmead schools. Reception to Year 6.

7:30am drop off - £7.50
7:45am drop off - £6.50







Activities

- ✔ Healthy breakfast
- ✔ Active play
- ✔ Painting & colouring
- ✔ Construction

Email for enquiries & registration:

 ourclubs@stoughton.surrey.sch.uk

 www.stoughton.surrey.sch.uk

 01483 504172

Northmead After School Clubs-Autumn Term 2025 3:15-4:15

Day	Club Name	Run by	Registration/Notes	Location
Monday				
Year 6	MultiSports	Planet Soccer	To sign up, MCAS Half Termly-£6 per week	Playground
	Magic Club	Ketseys Magicians	Contact Directly www.youngmagicians.co.uk / 07887 772230	Dining Hall or 5W
	Music Club	Mrs Westwood	To sign-up, pay via MCAS Half Termly-£6 per week	3RP
Year 5	Football	Mr Kemp	Free of charge Sign up via MCAS	All Weather
Year 4&5	Netball Club	Mr Tipple	Sign up via MCAS	Playground
Tuesday				
Year 3	Multisports	Planet Soccer	To sign up, pay via MCAS Half Termly-£6 per week	Playground
	Sama Karate	Sensei Lee	Sensei Lee-07854 899031	Main Hall
Year 5 & 6	Hockey Club	Guildford Hockey Club	Contact Directly https://GHCHOCKEY.as.me/?appointmentType=66236161 £7 per week	Playground
	Arts and Crafts Club	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	TBC
Wednesday				
Year 4	Multisports	Planet Soccer	To sign up, pay via MCAS-£6 per week	All Weather
	Genie Lab Science	Genie Lab	http://www.bookwhen.com/genielab	
Year 6	Netball	Mrs Stillwell	Previous yr 5 team-email info@northmead.surrey.sch.uk to register new interest	Playground
Thursday				
Year 4	Football	Mr Kemp	Free of Charge-Register via MCAS	All Weather
	Drama Club	Prologue's own Ellie	Pay via MCAS to secure your place-Limited to 28 places. Price is per term (10 weeks)	Main Hall
	Green Tree Club	Mrs Backhurst	Current members until October half term-then re-apply.	3B
Year 3	Football	Mr Tipple	Sign up via MCAS	Playground
Friday				
Year 5	Multisports	Planet Soccer	To sign up, pay via MCAS Half Termly-£6 per week	Playground
Year 6	Football 3:15-4:30	Mr Kemp	Free of Charge-Register via MCAS	All Weather
	Animal Club	Mrs Backhurst and Miss Lewis	Free of Charge-Register via MCAS	Animal Area
	London TKD	Coach	www.london-tkd.co.uk	Main Hall
	Young Voices	Mrs Abdessallam	Members already signed up-no spaces available	3RP

Koosa Kids After School Club

KOOSA Kids After School Club at Stoughton Infants

The purpose of every KOOSA Kids after school club is to provide local working parents with a safe, reliable and fun after school childcare option. For your children, our after school clubs have a very relaxed feel. We fully appreciate that children may be tired at the end of a long school day and may simply just want to 'chill out' during their time with us. Unlike our bustling holiday club programme, children are encouraged to choose the activities they wish to take part in and the emphasis is very much on supervised free play, giving children a chance to catch up with old friends or make new ones. We have on offer a large selection of activities and equipment and all staff are suitably qualified and trained to get the best out of the children that attend. At all KOOSA Kids after school clubs, children are provided with a snack upon arrival (optional)..

All KOOSA Kids after school clubs are registered with [Ofsted](#).

The club is located in the school hall Monday to Thursday and the Burrow on Friday. Each day the children can access the playground and the school field.


Session Duration: until 6pm

Ofsted Registration No: EY491718

Booking essential - 0845 0942322 or email info@koosakids.co.uk or visit www.koosakids.co.uk for further information.



Attendance and Punctuality

Class	Current Attendance	Class	Current Attendance
Whole School	94.7%		
3B	95%	5CR	95%
3N	96%	5R	95%
3RP	94%	5W	95%
4C	95%	6K	92%
4L	95%	6MD	96%
4PR	97% 	6P	92%

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)  **my child at school.com** 

It is very important that ALL parents have downloaded and activated their MCAS account so that you do not miss any important information from the school.

If you have not yet activated your MCAS account, you will need to request a 'password re-set' email to be sent to you (the password re-set link **expires in 24 hours** so must be actioned promptly). Please email **info@northmead.surrey.sch.uk** to request this.

We would like to continue to remind you of the following:

- Please **download the app** to your phone and **enable push notifications**.
- Please report **daily school absences** using your **'Messages'** inbox on the MCAS App. Alternatively you can **email us at info@northmead.surrey.sch.uk**, or leave a message on the **absence line - 01483 529870**

***We are NO LONGER using Studybugs to report absence**

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

Friday 18 th July	Break up for Summer Holidays (early finish)
Monday 21 st & Tuesday 22 nd July	Inset Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 2 nd & Wednesday 3 rd September	Inset Day - School closed to children
Thursday 4 th September	First Day of Term
Tuesday 9 th September 6:15pm	Year Five Welcome Meeting
Wednesday 10 th September 6:15pm	Year Six Welcome Meeting
Thursday 11 th September 6:15pm	Year Four Welcome Meeting
Friday 12 th September 3:15pm	NST Tuck Shop
Tuesday 16 th September 7:30pm	NST AGM
Friday 26 th September 3:15pm	NST Macmillan Charity Cake Sale
Saturday 27 th September 10:00am	NST Grounds Clear Up
Monday 29 th September	School Photo Day
Tuesday 14 th October	NST Mufti & Film Night
Tuesday 21 st October 3:30pm	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 23 rd October 3:30pm	Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 24 th October	Inset Day - School closed to children
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st October	Half Term - School closed
Monday 3 rd November	Back to school
Thursday 6 th November 6:30pm	NST Bonfire & Fireworks Night
Monday 8 th to Thursday 11 th December 6pm	Production - CastA Mon&Tue / CastB Wed&Thur
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December 9:30am	Carol Service at Emmanuel Church
Friday 19 th December	Breakup for Christmas Holiday (early finish)

Dear parents/carer,

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful, well-earned summer break and say a huge thank you for all your support in our fundraising efforts over the past 12 months. Together, we've raised an astounding £14,500 for the school this year, which is truly incredible!

Take a look at this [video](#) for a round up of everything we have made and how we spent it!

Looking back over this half term, we were so happy to see so many of you attend our annual Summer Fair. Despite so much else going on, hundreds came and supported the event, raising over £1700!

Sponsored Silence was as popular as ever (with the teachers!) and the Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament was a fun way to round off enrichment week. Neptune took the win for this house competition!

We have an exciting schedule of events planned for the coming school year and we can't wait to get as many of you involved as possible.

Our first important date comes quite quickly once we start back in September; our AGM will take place on Tuesday 16th September at 7:30pm in the school dining hall. Please come along and see what we do and get involved - all are welcome!

We couldn't finish without saying thank you to everyone who has volunteered at an event this year. Special thanks to Hannah Gilmour for managing our secondhand uniform, it's such an important and much needed resource. Also to Graham Wadie for so diligently managing our accounts, the NST wouldn't be able to exist without a Treasurer. We appreciate you both.

Class Reps - you all did such an amazing job and made our year that much easier. Thank you!

To our incredible teachers who are so supportive and get on board with all our ideas!

Finally, a last goodbye to Rebecca Lock who is formally leaving the NST after many years of incredible work. She is truly irreplaceable - thank you for everything!

All that's left to say is that we hope you have a restful and relaxing summer break! We certainly all deserve it!

Much love,
NST x



Thank
You

**Huge thank you to
Rebecca Lock for all the
years that she has been
involved with the NST -
you're awesome!**