

February 2025

Northborough Roundup



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I'm delighted to share with you the range of learning and growth that has happened here. Our pupils have been immersing themselves in a wealth of experiences, to ignite their curiosity and expand their horizons.

Meanwhile, our youngest learners in EYFS embraced the spirit of Chinese New Year with a mesmerising dragon dance. It was a joy to witness their enthusiasm as they explored different cultures through movement and music. Our journey through time also transported Year 3 to the land of the pharaohs with our Egyptian Day. Environmental consciousness took centre stage as our budding Eco-Warriors led the Planet Protectors Poster Competition. The creativity displayed in their artwork was inspiring and the Eco-warriors leadership excellent. Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an inspiring table tennis afternoon, expertly led by AMVC students through the Soke Sports Partnership. These experiences not only promote physical wellbeing but also nurture valuable skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship.

As we evolve, so too does our learning environment. I'm thrilled to announce that we've begun the redevelopment of our Early Years area with Early Excellence classroom resources. This investment has created an even more stimulating and nurturing space for our youngest pupils to flourish.

Looking ahead, we're eagerly anticipating the implementation of our new reading curriculum. Thanks to the generous funding from the trust, we'll be introducing new resources and whole class texts that promise to enhance the transport our pupils to new worlds and spark their imagination alongside

Finally, I'm delighted to welcome Mrs Jones and Mrs Lakeland to our teaching assistant team. They'll be joining us after the half-term break, bringing fresh energy and expertise to support our pupils' learning journeys.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning and personal development.

Andrew Pattison
Headteacher

All School News

Children's Mental Health week

We thought about our mental health in assembly; adding to our toolkit to build good mental health. Children went about Hub Club and Wednesday Club as usual - these are just two of the ways that we support children's SEMH throughout the whole year.



Our fantastic Planet Protectors ran a competition this half term to design a poster around the 5 Rs - refuse, reduce, reuse, re-purpose and recycle. We were very impressed with entries. Each entrant was given a packet of seeds to grow and a certificate designed by the Planet Protectors. We are working hard to reduce the carbon footprint of the school, and across our families via the children's understanding. Well done, everyone who entered.



Awards

Well done, Sophia in Year 5! Your dance troupe's remarkable achievements have led to an incredible opportunity as they represent Team England in the 2025 Dance World Cup in Spain. This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are all immensely proud of your dedication and talent. Keep shining!

Olivia and her duet partner received first place and are now national acro duet champions. Brilliant job!



Key Stage 1 and EYFS



Early Years Foundation Stage made a fantastic dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year. They paraded around the hall to the beat of a drum. They had also learned a song, which they performed for us brilliantly.



We went for walk in the orchard and found some birds and animals hiding there.



Key Stage 2

Year 3 are learning about the process and purpose of mummification. We practised on April. Don't worry, she lived to tell the tale, and we learned lots in the process.



Y4 RE We had a Hindu visitor lesson with Sharon. She explained more about her faith and festivals and we had a great question and answer session to deepen our learning of Hinduism.



Y5 - The children thoroughly enjoyed this session at AMVC and have been practising their table tennis ever since.

Staff/Trust News

We are also extremely proud to share that Andrea Jackson has passed her Post Graduate Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination with distinction.



The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 5-19 years school nursing team offers help and advice for a whole host of issues:

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The future of the PTFA

Thank you to Charmayne, Claire and Sam for your dedication and commitment to leading events for all the children at Northborough School. We wish to thank you for your time as the PTFA Committee as you step down on the 30th January 2025. In order for special fundraising events to continue, we urgently need help from the school community.

PTFA fundraising has paid for the development of 'The Patch', silent DISCOs, Happy Chicks in EYFS, new starters PE t-shirts, the Life Bus, subsidised trips from the proceeds of cake sales, Mother's and Father's Day gift shops, Easter competition prizes, Christmas hampers to name a few.

We are delighted to announce that Max XXX has volunteered to run the PTFA finances, so all we need now is a chair, so that we can carry on raising money for the children to enjoy these very special experiences.

If you think you can help, please do contact the school to find out more.

Key dates this Half Term

February

- Y5 Table tennis festival at AMVC: Wed 5th •EYFS Tobogganing trip: Tue 11th
- Trust Day: Fri 14th ****SCHOOL CLOSED**** Half term: Mon 17th to Fri 21st
- Y3 & Y4 Bikeability training: Fri 28th (participating children only)

March

- Y5 Bikeability training: Mon 3rd to Thur 6th •Y4 Burwell residential meeting on Teams: Tue 4th 5.30pm
- World Book Day: Thur 6th (more information to follow)
- Y1 & Y2 Raptor Xotic visit: Fri 7th
- EYFS Happy Chicks arrive: Mon 10th •Y5/6 girls/ boys football at AMVC: Wed 12th (children selected)
- Music evening: Thur 13th (letters to participating children) •Parents evening: Mon 24th face to face appointments
- Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) book look: Mon 24th •EYFS/ Key Stage 1 book look: Wed 28th

April

- Parents evening: Tue 1st Teams appointments •Parents evening: Tue 1st face to face
- Y4 Burwell residential: Wed 30th to Fri 2nd May

May

- BANK HOLIDAY: Mon 5th •Soke orienteering: Wed 7th (letter to participating children)
- Y6 SATs: Mon 12th to Thur 15th

Birthdays

**Enjoy your special day– HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Wishing you all a day as brilliant as you!**

Birthdays celebrated this half term

EYFS: Kavya, Elliott, Stanley & Jaxon

Year 1: Molly, George & Jessie

Year 2: Lilly, Luella, Ravi, & Sammy

Year 3: Lincoln

Year 4: Isaac & Rosie W

Year 5: Mia, Eva, William, Sophia & Noor

Year 6: Zac E, Freddie & Tayla

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