

May 2025

Northborough Roundup



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half term here at Northborough, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on our recent achievements and share updates with you all.

This half term saw the successful opening of our Universal Breakfast Club. We were honoured to welcome Rachel Reeves on our first day and during her visit she met with pupils and staff and her feedback was incredibly positive. We are delighted to now be able to offer all children a healthy and nutritious start to the day, free of charge. Attendance has been strong, and we have already seen the positive impact on pupils from this positive start to the day. If you are interested but haven't signed your children up, please contact the school office for more details.

Our Year 4 pupils recently enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Burwell House. The children took part in a range of outdoor activities, built their independence, made lasting memories and it was wonderful to be a part of this.

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs with determination and positivity. We are proud of their hard work and effort throughout their journey at Northborough. Likewise, our Year 2 pupils have taken part in optional SATs, to help inform their Teacher Assessments, and we're pleased with their progress and resilience. We'll be sharing results and next steps with parents as soon as they are available.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that Northborough Primary School has been named the Peterborough Sustainability School of the Year at the PECT Environmental Awards! This recognition reflects our whole school community's commitment to sustainability and environmental education. Thank you to everyone involved in our eco initiatives – your support and enthusiasm are making a real difference.

Andrew Pattison
Headteacher

All School News



Reflections and commemorations on the 80th Anniversary of VE day. We listened to Winston Churchill's speech on 8th May 1945 and we reflected on feeling thankful during the two minutes silence. We sang "There'll be Blue Birds over the White Cliffs of Dover". Y4 learned a 1940s dance to share with the whole school and we all danced together.



The Planet Protectors went to the Sustainability Showcase. with thanks to our great ambassadors we won the Sustainability award. Well done, guys!



Posies for Patty

We have participated in the village celebration of Martha Clare's life and the support she gave to her husband, allowing him to be the poet we all know. Year 1 and 3 composed poems with Hilary Steele, and Year 2 and 5 made posies for her grave. The church hosted a fabulous weekend of events, one at which Isaac in Year 3 read his poem aloud. What a great way to learn about our local history and to celebrate the life a local inspirational, yet little thought about, woman.



ABM Smoothie Bike FUN!

Children created their own fruity blends while exploring where food comes from and why a healthy, varied diet matters. Geetha and Denise from ABM Catering introduced a range of fruits and vegetables, sparking curiosity and discussion.

Throughout the activity, pupils put their maths skills into action by measuring ingredients and considering flavour combinations, while also making meaningful links to their PSHE learning about healthy lifestyles. The physical challenge of pedalling the bike added an exciting fitness element, reinforcing the importance of staying active.

The event was full of energy, creativity, and brilliant questions. It was a vibrant and memorable way to bring learning to life through taste, movement, and meaningful conversations about making healthy choices.

This event was provided FREE to the school, thanks to ABM Catering



Key Stage 1 and EYFS

In the Spring Term, the children learned about lifecycles of animals and we received a batch of eggs to hatch. The children made an egg diary and they documented daily observations. When the eggs hatched, the children cared for the chicks and handled them very carefully. Thankfully, a grandparent adopted the chicks and they are now living a free ranging life. This experience provided many opportunities for learning about the world, observations for art and design also writing. It was such a special memory for the children in EYFS, Northborough Primary School.

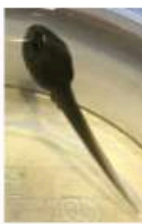


Year 1s news.

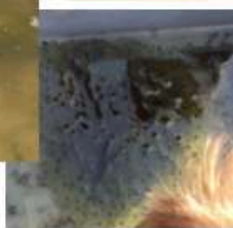
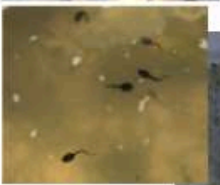
We are watching some tadpoles change. They started out as frog spawn and so far they are starting to get tiny back legs.



We are learning about wild and garden plants. We investigated the parts of a plant. Then went out to identify some of the wild plants growing in the school grounds.

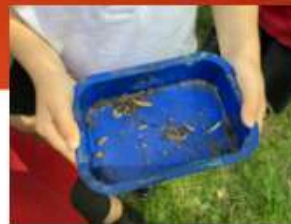


In art we are exploring paper Sculpture. We experimented with different ways of folding Making paper into 3D shapes and patterns.



Year 2

This term year 2 have been very busy making use of our outdoor learning space. We have hunted for woodlice and understand the conditions they prefer.



We have also created buildings in our art lessons!



Key Stage 2

Year 3 have been using our outdoor area for a range of learning - we have been pond dipping, identifying leaves and finding helpful and harmful plants. All the outdoor activities we carry out ensure that we are developing our learning behaviours.



Year 4 enjoyed their gloriously sunny residential to Burwell Manor. All the activities were great fun and outdoor. The low ropes, art activities, fox game and eggscapade challenge were a few highlights. I loved the scavenging fox game because we could hide from the farmers. Oli We found so many invertebrates in the pond and the mosquito larvae were very wiggly. Dottie Little movements on the big seesaw were the safest to get us all to balance. Harry

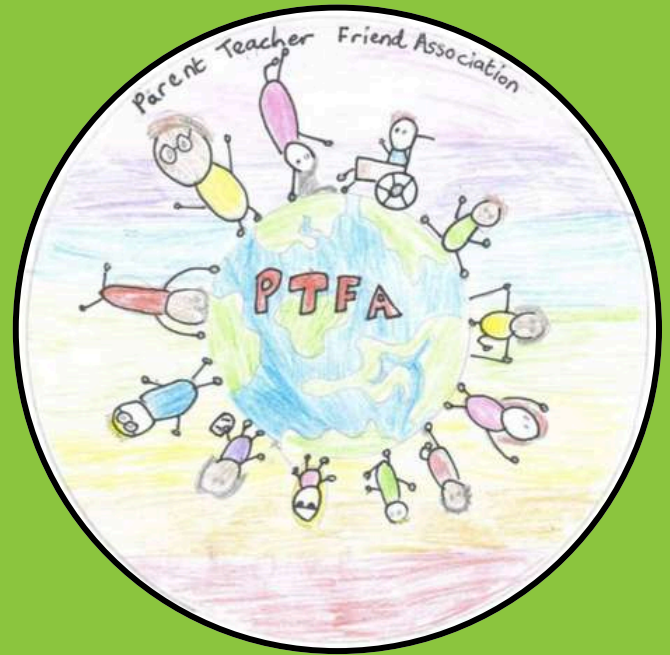
Year 5 have been busy with their art, learning about some of the countries finest artists and sculptors. Some fabulous tributes to L.S. Lowry, William Morris and contemporary artist Bathan Ash as well as sculptors like Henry Morris.

Staff/Trust News

WELCOME NEW PTFA

We warmly welcome Max Annett as Treasurer replacing Charmayne Leggett. Katie Shelton, Jemma Rodgers-Jones and Charlotte Costello were voted in as co-chairs replacing Claire Palmer and Sam Williamson who were previously in the roles of Chair and Deputy Chair.

We are thrilled to be able to focus our efforts once again on fundraising events at Northborough School.



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

Emotional Wellbeing

Managing emotions, low mood, eating concerns, school transition support & attendance issues for health reasons

Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy eating, sleep, bed wetting, smoking, drugs and alcohol

Puberty & Growing Up

Healthy relationships, self image and identity

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Key dates next Half Term

JUNE

- Year 6 Evening Telegraph leavers supplement photo Mon 2nd
- YDP Primary football cup: Tue 3rd (*selected children*)
- Y4 swimming: Wed 4, 11, 18
- Country Dancing Festival: Thur 5th
- Y4 Cake sale: Fri 6th
- Soke Math Challenge: Mon 9th
- Father's Day breakfast: Thur 12th (*booking now closed*)
- AMVC visiting students in Y6: Tue 17th
- September cohort parent meeting: Tue 17th 5.30pm
- Soke orienteering at AMVC: Wed 18th (*selected children*)
- Y4 swimming: Wed 2nd & 9th
- Round-robin sports: Fri 20th (*all children to wear PE kit on this day*)
- September cohort teddy bears picnic: Fri 20th
- YDP inflatables reward: Mon 20th (*all children to wear PE kit on this day*)
- Sports Day: Wed 25th

JULY

- Class 'move up' morning & Sept cohort visit 1: Wed 2nd
- Y3 Cake sale: Fri 4th
- Sept cohort visit 2: Mon 7th
- Y6 production: Mon 7th 6pm
- Soke athletics at AMVC: Tue 8th (*selected children*)
- EYFS/ Y1 class trip to Ferry Meadows: Mon 14th
- Sports Awards: Thur 17th
- Y5 cake sale: Fri 18th
- Y6 Leavers' party: Mon 21st 5.30-7.30pm
- Leavers' assembly: Tue 22nd 9.30am
- Ice cream van on KS2 playground: Tie 22nd 3.30-4.15pm

Birthdays

Enjoy your special day– **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Wishing you all a day as brilliant as you!

Birthdays celebrated this half term



EYFS: Freddie, Otis, Mia, Finley, Jamari & Isla

Year 1: Charlie, & Ella

Year 2: Eva, Bonnie, Mya & Poppy

Year 3: Phoebe, Harry B, Logan, Eleanor, Kitty, Harry B, Ted, Arlo & Johnny

Year 4: Olivia, Freddie, Pip & Tibby

Year 5: Bethany, Georgia, Henry, Maria-Louise, Rosa & Nevaeh

Year 6: Oliver, Olivia, Joey, Phoenix, Lexi, Inaaya, Emmie, Zachary & Tianna

Staff: Mrs Jackson, Mrs Simcoe Mrs Chalklin & Mrs Gerrard

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