

December 25

Northborough Roundup



A message from Mr Pattison

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting term at Northborough Primary School, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful experiences and achievements from across our school community:

Special Visit from Sam Carling MP We were delighted to welcome Sam Carling MP, who officially opened our new EYFS area and led an inspiring assembly about his role as a Member of Parliament. Our pupils had the chance to ask questions and learn more about democracy and leadership. **Life Education Bus Visit** With generous support from the Deepings Rotary Club and our fantastic PTFA, the Life Education Bus visited the school. This interactive experience helped our children learn about making healthy choices and understanding their wellbeing. **Christmas Fair Success** Our amazing Christmas Fair, organised and led by the PTFA, was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended. The funds raised will go directly towards supporting enriching opportunities for our pupils. If you'd like to get involved with the PTFA or volunteer for future events, please contact the school office. **Early Years Nativity** The Early Years Nativity was a heart-warming highlight. The children performed beautifully and showed great confidence on stage. Thank you to all the parents, carers, and staff who helped make this event so special. **Year 4 Performance** Year 4 wowed us with a fantastic performance that included acting, singing, dancing, and impressive backstage support. We are so proud of the teamwork and creativity shown by everyone involved. **Exciting News: Outdoor Classroom Rebuild** We are thrilled to announce that our outdoor classroom, set within the orchard, is currently being rebuilt. We can't wait for this inspiring space to be ready for use in the spring term—watch this space for more updates! **Christmas Wishes** As we approach the festive season, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and partnership throughout this term. Your involvement in school life makes such a positive difference to our children and our community. I hope that you and your families enjoy a peaceful and joyful Christmas break, filled with precious moments together. May the holiday season bring you rest, happiness, and time to recharge ready for the exciting opportunities that await us in the new year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the Spring Term ahead.



We are going to have so much fun in the outdoor classroom, learning using the fabulous orchard. It is great to have our outdoor space refurbished and ready for action.

KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

January

- Staff training: Mon 5th
- **Start of Spring term: Tue 6th**
- Y6 cake sale: Fri 16th
- EYFS weights and measures screening: Wed 21st
- Y5 table tennis festival: Fri 30th

February

- EYFS tobogganing trip: Thur 12th
- Y3 cake sale: Fri 13th
- **Half term: Mon 16th – Fri 20th**
- Y4 Burwell residential: Mon 23rd – 25th

March

- Y1 & Y2 Raptor Xotic event: Mon 2nd
- EYFS Happy Chick delivery: Tue 3rd
- World Book Day: Thu 5th
- PTFA Mother's Day gift shop: Thur 12th
- Girls football tournament at AMVC: Thur 12th (selected children)
- Boys football tournament at AMVC: Fri 13th (selected children)
- Netball tournament at AMVC: Fri 20th (selected children)
- Comic Relief: Fri 20th – (non-uniform)
- End of Spring term: Fri 27th**

April

- Start of Summer term: Mon 13th**
- Y5 Bikeability training: Mon 20th – Thur 23rd
- Tag rugby tournament: Fri 24th (selected children)



Well done,
Eva - what a
star you are!



She did it!! Excel 3 Passed!! This is Eva's final gymnastic grading and she is now officially an "Elite" Gymnast. This concludes four years of annual gradings which Eva has managed to pass consecutively. A significant achievement at only 10.

As a result of passing her final grade and in conjunction with attending one final national competition in November, Eva will be eligible for entry to the British Championships held in Liverpool in March 2026.

Thank you for always supporting Eva to follow her gymnastics dreams and enabling her to balance her school and gym commitments, it is much appreciated by both Eva and myself.



We went to St Andrew's Church for our Christmas Service.

Mrs Skillman talked with us about Jesus' birth and that he is known as the 'Prince of Peace'.

We prayed for peace in the world and hoped the end of term would also be peaceful.

Reading for Pleasure - Junior Librarians

The Junior Librarians visited Bourne Bookshop and chose new books to add to the school library.





This term, seven Year 5 and 6 pupils went to participate in the annual YDP girl's football tournament, promoting a love of girl's in sport and promoting the love of teamwork, sportsmanship and enjoyment.

The girls played extremely well, just missing out on making it out of the group stage on goal difference!





Just wanted to say huge thank you to everyone who has helped us with our latest campaign for Ukraine, without your support we couldn't do what we do. All donations were sorted, packed onto pallets, and loaded onto the lorry at the beginning of this week - the lorry was full! Twenty-six pallets of food, medicines, hygiene products, clothes, blankets, gift boxes, toys, power banks, heaters, lights, and even an electric piano - adding up to about 15 tonnes of valuable support. The lorry has now arrived in eastern Poland, ready for everything to be transferred to a Ukrainian lorry today and taken back to Kyiv for distribution before Christmas.

Bob Bennett



Poppy Appeal

**Thank you from Northborough School and
the Royal British Legion. You raised...**

£84.85 raised with £17,366 raised overall in the district.

**A big thank you to Year 6 who took on the responsibility of selling
poppies/ merchandise.**



**Thank you from Northborough School,
Sunflower Seeds* and Children in Need.**

You raised... £247.50

*** Combined total of the school and Sunflower Seeds fundraising efforts.**

Key Stage 1 and EYFS

This term, EYFS explored celebrations around the world. They made Diya pots to celebrate Diwali, firework art and wrote noisy word to describe the sounds they made. We finished the year with our Nativity Performance – Everyone Loves a Baby!



Year 1s Autumn 2 news.

This half term we have been learning about how shops have changed since the 1950s. For those grandparents or even great grandparents out there maybe you could share your memories of shops when you were young to make history come alive. We visited our local shop during a local walk to start off the topic.



Peterboro' football mascot came to visit and we all met him.

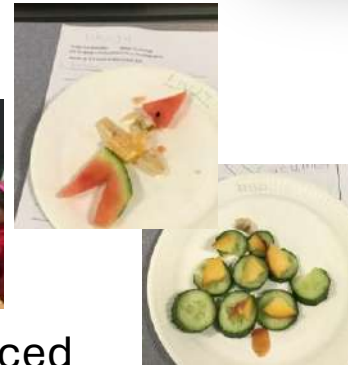


We used I-pads to create fireworks pictures.



We practiced some cutting, Grating and juicing skills. Then

we designed and made Christmassy tasty fruit snacks.



Outdoor learning for maths, we made shapes and repeating patterns with natural materials, twigs, leaves and stones.



We learned a lot about how our body works with Louise, Tam and Harold on the life bus.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have had an excellent time writing stories involving Inuit and polar bears and have learnt many facts about the world around us.

In the lead up to Christmas we have had a great time having parties, making decorations and did an excellent job at leading the KS1 carol service!



Key Stage 2



Year 3 have completed their history learning this term by painting their clay pots, created last term at Flag Fen!



Year 3 have focused on Christianity during the term and have lots of fun exploring Advent and the Christmas story.



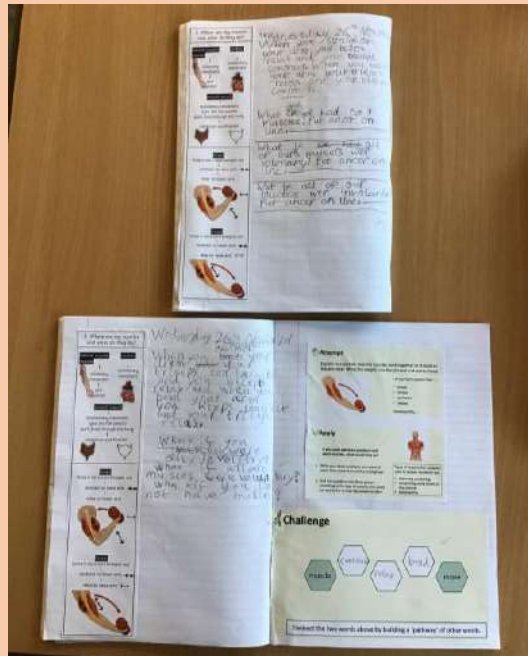
Within PE we created a class dance with the theme of 'Oceanic'. We visited Arthur Mellows to perform our dance in a festival!

YEAR THREE

Term Two



Year 3 have been enjoying Science this term, looking into 'Animals including humans', learning more into how our bodies work!



Year 3 have continued learning the violins and have moved onto individual and group performances!



We had a PSHE lesson on the 'Education Life Bus' looking into how our bodies work linking in with our class learning.



I hit my dream of being a main part in the play and I loved performing as Mrs Bumble.
Isabella

Gerald the giraffe explained his emotions to help us.
Isaac



My favourite part of the performance was the choreography in the dance.
Millie

In Science, we tested out hypothesis with this circuit.
Phoebe



Year 4 Highlights

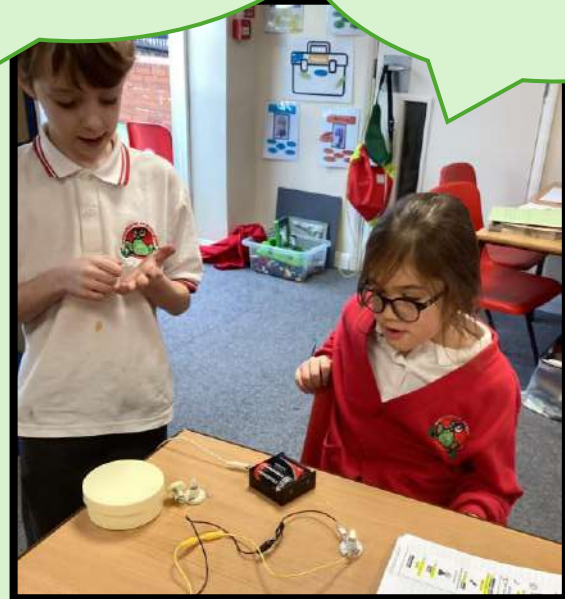


Merry Christmas Everyone!

Even though I felt nervous I persevered and enjoyed performing.
Harry



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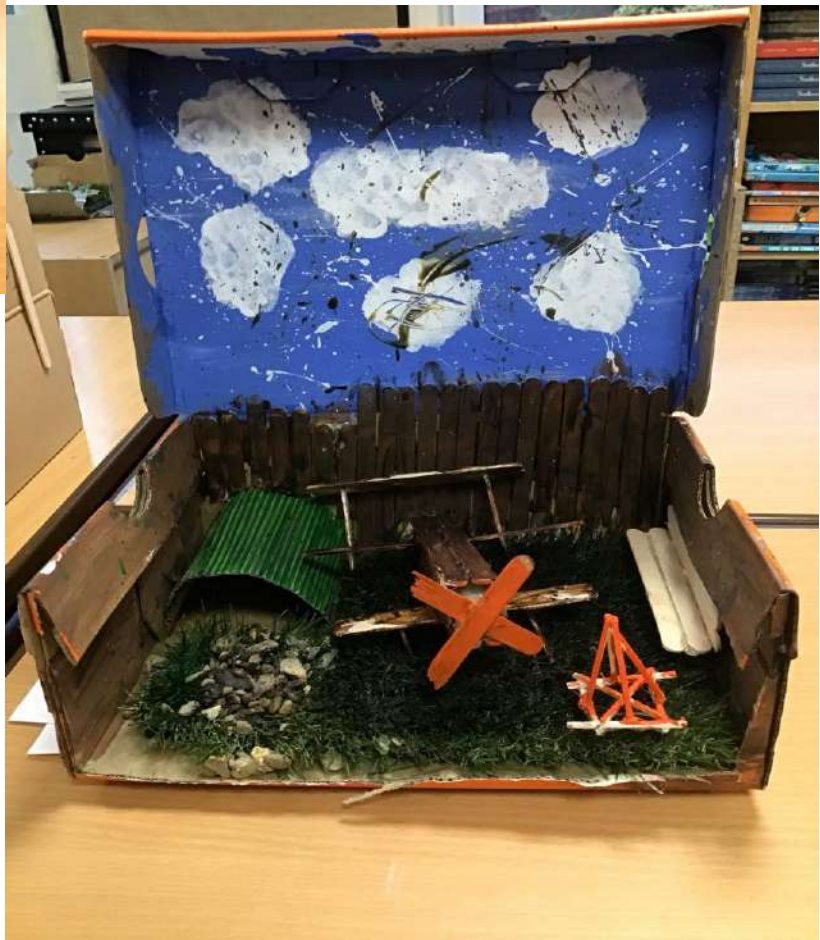


A busy term in Year 5!



Year 5 have had a really busy term. The highlight has been their visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester where they learned all about space travel and our Solar System.





In Year Six, we have been looking at the topic of World War Two and how it helped shape the world we live in today. We spoke about evacuation, the Blitz, the Battle of Britain and the harrowing events of the Holocaust.

Within our DT, we linked this to our topic and made Anderson shelter/bunkers!



JOIN OUR CONFERENCE YOUR VOICE COUNTS

It is our Annual Conference time again, so join us to hear from a panel of experts and take part in a range of workshops, hear from Professionals and meet other Parent Carers with a buffet Lunch included



Hear From:

- Health
- SEND and Inclusion Services
- Social Care
- Commissioning
- And More!

Event Details:
MONDAY
2ND FEBRUARY
2026 09:30 - 14:30
 The Fleet
 Community
 Centre, Fleet
 Way Fletton,
 Peterborough,
 PE2 8DL



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COSY UP

A half termly newsletter for by the Autism Advisory Teacher Service for Peterborough's Autism community



Festive Fun Without the Overwhelm

Rob Emery *Autism/ADHD Advisory Teacher*

For many, the festive season is a time to relax, enjoy family gatherings, indulge in festive treats, and admire twinkling lights. But for some autistic individuals, these changes can make Christmas feel overwhelming rather than joyful. Below are some practical tips to help make the holidays less stressful and more autism-friendly.



Supporting Sensory Needs

The festive season can be a sensory overload—bright lights, loud music, strong scents, and busy crowds can all be challenging. Consider these strategies:

- **Avoid Crowds:** If visiting Santa, call ahead to book a quieter time and avoid queues.
- **Lighting:** Limit how long lights are switched on or choose settings without flashing.
- **Safe Space:** Create a calm area without decorations or keep festive décor to one room.
- **Food Choices:** If your child has dietary preferences, offer alternatives or allow their usual meals.
- **Noise:** Avoid crackers or remove the snapper if loud bangs cause distress.

Other Helpful Tips

- **Do What Works for You:** Traditions are optional—focus on what brings joy and comfort to your family.
- **Reduce Waiting:** Put batteries in toys before wrapping to avoid delays.
- **Minimise Surprises:** If surprises cause anxiety, add a picture of the gift to the tag so your child knows what's inside.



We hope these tips help make your festive season more enjoyable. From all of us at the Autism Advisory Teacher Service, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SEND information

This may a useful newsletter for some of you to sign up to. There is always something interesting in it.

PCC SEND NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES



***SCAN THE QR CODE
ABOVE TO SIGN UP
TO THE TERMLY
NEWSLETTER***

Signing up to this newsletter will enable you to receive lots of content around support and general updates from around the city





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

CALL 0300 029 50 50

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Enjoy your special day– HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing you all a day as brilliant as you!

Birthdays celebrated this half term

EYFS: Daisy S

Year 1: Arthur, Louis, Florence & Maria

Year 2: Oliver, Arlo & Matilda

Year 3: Hordii, Avery Violet, Quinn & Francesca B

Year 4: Emily, Benjamin & Layth

Year 5: Charlotte, Thomas, Layla, Sam & Alexia

Year 6: Faolan, Florence P, Sophie, Florence S & Jonah

Staff: Mrs Young



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