

8th November 2024

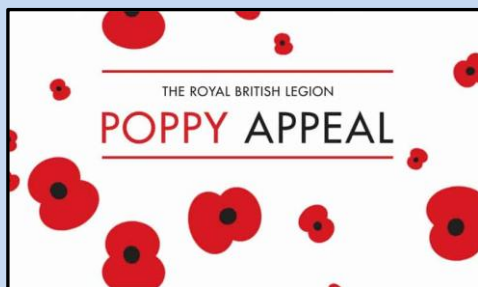
Dear Parents / Carers,

Start of Term 2 - Welcome back to school

Welcome back to Northbourne for the start of Term 2. We hope you enjoyed a restful half term break? The pupils certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves. It has been lovely hearing all about their activities, days out and holidays.



Poppy Appeal – Remembrance at Northbourne



As Armistice Day falls on a school day next week, the school community will gather together at 11am on Monday 11th for a Remembrance Collective Worship, in order to mark Armistice Day. Poppies and assorted stationery are currently on sale at school. If your child wishes to donate to the appeal and receive a poppy and a piece of stationery, please send them into school with their donations.

Northbourne will be represented at the Remembrance Services at both Eastry church and St Augustine's church on Remembrance Sunday, where a poppy wreath will be laid on behalf of our school community.

Maths Week England 11th - 15th November at Northbourne!

Next week, is Maths Week England and we are going to be taking part! Times Tables Rock Stars is running an "England Rocks" tournament from 12th - 14th November. We would love our children to take part by playing lots of different games on TTRS and getting points for Northbourne! A letter with further details has been sent out today. (Yr 1 to Yr 6 have TTRS logins).

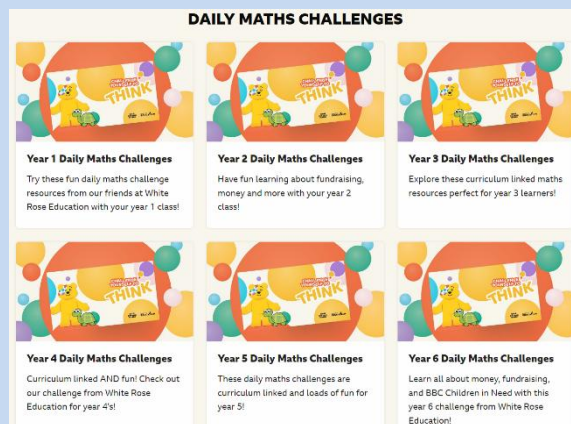
At the end of the week, we are having a Maths Problem Solving Morning on Friday 15th November. As part of their Maths learning that morning, the children will be looking at different Maths problems and how they can solve them - possibly in more than one way! We are looking forward to seeing how the children face their Maths challenges next week, using our school values to help them.



Children in Need - Friday 15th Nov

Next Friday is a non-uniform day in aid of Children In Need. The children are encouraged to dress as spotty as they possibly can, to match Pudsey Bears spotty bandana! Please make any voluntary donations to Children In Need via the school's Teachers2Parent app, where you can set your own donation amount.

As part of Children in Need the pupils will be facing special Maths challenges, set by White Rose Maths and Children in Need. You can read more about these special challenges, and have a go at them yourselves, on the Children in Need website.



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 4.11.24.

Willow
96%

Beech
97%

Maple
98%

Hazel
96%

Oak
97%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year**
96.4%

Learning Warriors 8th November 2024

Willow - Eva
Beech – Maisie
Maple – Lily
Hazel – Alex
Oak – Harvey
Head Girl's Award – Darcie
Head Boy's Award – Ted
Attendance Ted – Maple Class
Punctuality Pup – Beech Class



Prayer for a new school term:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of another school term and for keeping us safe. Bless our school, the pupils, families and staff. Guide us in Your wisdom as we learn and grow. Protect us, lead us, and grant us Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Christmas Calendar

Friday 29th November — Non-uniform Day for Friends of Northbourne.

Donations of items for Christmas Fair, we will let you know closer to the time what donations are needed

Friday 6th December — Elf Day in support of National Alzheimer's Society.

Christmas dress up day in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Pupils and staff to come into school either dressed as an Elf, or wearing any other Christmas themed clothing. Enter into the spirit, wear something bright, fun and festive and help us to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. Voluntary contributions will be made via Teachers2Parents app.

Tuesday 10th December & Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Nativity

This nativity will be performed by all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. There will be two performances.

Performance 1: Tuesday 10th Dec 2pm Performance 2: Wednesday 11th Dec 2pm.

Parents are welcome to attend either performance, but due to space restrictions you may bring 3 adults per child and can only attend 1 of the two performances. Closer to the time, we will invite you to book the performance you wish to attend with Mrs Berridge.

Friday 13th December 2pm-4pm – Christmas Fair – The Friends of Northbourne Christmas Fair

Information about donations, volunteers, events, to follow.

Monday 16th December - Christmas Story Time!

A special storytelling morning for the pupils, with staff celebrating and sharing some favourite Christmas stories.

Tuesday 17th December 2.15pm - Christmas Singing

Join us on Tuesday afternoon in the hall. The whole school will be singing through the Christmas songs that they have learnt this year with Miss Cooper. Everybody welcome for mince pies and hot drinks.

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas lunch / Christmas jumper day (Save The Children)

Whole School Meals Christmas lunch day, wear a Christmas Jumper for Save The Children, voluntary contributions will be made via Teachers2Parents app. KS2 parents can pay for lunches on the Parentmail App.

Thursday 19th December 10am - KS2 Christingle at St Augustine's Church

Pupils in Year 3 to Year 6. Parents welcome to join us at St Augustine's church at 10am for a traditional Christingle service.

Friday 20th December – Last day of Term 2

On the last day of Term 2 we offer early collection, anytime from 1.00pm. Please note, school remains open until normal pick up time for those who cannot, or would rather not, be collected early.