

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,



Welcome back to Northbourne for the start of Term 3. I hope you all enjoyed a festive and restful break amongst all the hurry and excitement of Christmas.

As we start the new term there are a few updates and reminders for you:

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### **Thank you!**

May I extend a huge thank you, on behalf of all of the staff at Northbourne, for all the very kind words, Christmas wishes, cards and gifts that came into school at the end of term. It is incredibly generous, kind and thoughtful of you.

I would also like to thank you for all of the time you committed to the school at Christmas. It is a very busy time of year and there are often multiple events for you to attend. Thank you for making the time and supporting the pupils throughout the festive period.

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### **Do you have (or know somebody who has) a pre-school child due to start school in September 2025?**

The closing date for a September start for Early Years class admissions 2025 closes on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, next week!

If you know of anybody who has not yet submitted their application to Kent Admissions (regardless of their school choice) feel free to contact Mrs Berridge in the school office so that we can assist. Missing the local authority admissions deadline date creates all sorts of complications for parents, carers and KCC.



To apply for a Primary school place please complete the online application form.

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

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### **Term 3 class newsletters & uniform**

You will have received a Term 3 newsletter from your child's class teacher, outlining the key curriculum learning for this term. Our PE days and Forest School days remain the same. Please continue to send your child into school in PE kit on their PE day.



January and February naturally bring very cold weather up here at Northbourne. Please do make sure that your child has warm clothing with them, particularly for PE days and Forest School. As you know, we don't let the weather stop us from heading outside, even when it is cold and wet.

Plenty of layers, waterproofs, hats and gloves are important when out at Forest School; and warm jogging bottoms for PE days are better than spending the whole day in PE shorts!

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### **Jurassic excitement in Willow Class!**



There was great excitement in Willow class this week, when the pupils returned from their holiday to find a dinosaur egg, floating in the water tray!

The children will be watching the egg very carefully over the coming weeks. We can't wait to hear all about this discovery and to see what hatches from the egg!



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### **A New Year prayer for new beginnings**



Dear God,

Thank you for new beginnings and for a fresh year's potential stretched out before me. I want to be grateful this year for every opportunity You bring to me.

Thank you, Lord, for new beginnings. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## **Attendance Update**

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 06.01.25.

**Willow**  
**95.8%**

**Beech**  
**97.8%**

**Maple**  
**96.1%**

**Hazel**  
**100%**

**Oak**  
**94.6%**

**Whole school  
cumulative this  
year**  
**95.7%**

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## **INSET Days**

There is only one remaining INSET day set for this academic year.

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

INSET days for next academic year are currently being finalised and will be shared with you shortly.

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**Term 2 - Values Trophy  
Winners**



**KS1 – Eddie**  
**KS2 – Reggie**

**End of Term 2 Values Class Winners**

**Inquisitive**

Willow – Louis  
Beech – Isla  
Maple – Chloe  
Hazel – Peter  
Oak – Murdo

**Communicative**

Willow – Darcie  
Beech – Elias  
Maple – Felix  
Hazel – Dylan  
Oak – Matilda

**Collaborative**

Willow – Parker  
Beech – Charlotte  
Maple – Ophelia  
Hazel – Pennie  
Oak – Gino

**Resilient**

Willow – Arlo  
Beech – Reggie  
Maple – Rex  
Hazel – Grace  
Oak – Eada

**Independence**

Willow – Ethan  
Beech – Henry  
Maple – Fred  
Hazel – Emilia  
Oak – Harvey

**Emotional  
Intelligence**

Willow – Chester  
Beech – Jaxon  
Maple – Eden  
Hazel – Inigo  
Oak – Tom W