

31st January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Upcoming non-uniform day – NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7th February



On the **7th Feb**, we will be supporting **NSPCC Number Day**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience " Maths, but not as we know it!"

The theme for the day is "Dress Up For Digits!" We would like to invite the children to **come to school wearing something with numbers on**. They do not need to wear their uniforms, they could wear sports kits, clothes with numbers printed on or numbers added on, numbers in their

hair - numbers anywhere! We will be raising funds for the NSPCC. The NSPCC provides vital services for children such as Childline and the Speak out Stay Safe programme.

On the day there will be a Time Table Rockstars "Battle of the Bands" tournament between our 4 school houses. We look forward to finding out which house is the times table champion of the school!



Rotary Club donate dictionaries to Year 5

We were thrilled to welcome our friend, Howard Binstead from the Deal Rotary Club, into school this week. He came to deliver some brand-new dictionaries to our Year 5 pupils.

This is a scheme which the Rotary Club have been funding for many years amongst our Deal schools. All Year 5 pupils receive a lovely, illustrated dictionary to keep, which helps them with their learning through Year 5 and Year 6.

We are very thankful to the Rotary Club for these kind donations. The children certainly look forward to Howard visiting each year and hearing about all the good work that the club do in the community and around the world.



Music afternoon with Phil White from the Philharmonia Orchestra

On Tuesday afternoon Phil White from Bold As... and the Philharmonia Orchestra visited our Year 5 and Year 6 cornet players. Phil has worked with Northbourne for a number of years, helping to develop the pupils' playing and performance skills.

This week he was introducing some music that the pupils will be invited to play at the spring concert in Term 4, including some Taylor Swift, which sounded amazing on the cornet!

The children enjoyed their afternoon with Phil and are looking forward to his next visit, as they prepare for their concert.



Deal Foodbank

Northbourne continues to build strong links with the local Deal Foodbank. The pupils recognise this charity as an important part of our local advocacy and they enjoy raising donations at key times of the year, such as Harvest.



We will continue to accept donations at school throughout the year. Please do send in anything for the foodbank at any point. You can see the current shopping list requests from the foodbank by following this link:

<https://dealarea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The school can also refer people for Foodbank vouchers. We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons. If you feel that yourself, or anybody that you know, would benefit from a referral for Foodbank vouchers, please do speak confidentially to either Mr Reynolds, Mrs Morrison or Mrs Berridge.

Maple Class – rock investigators!

In Science, Maple class have been identifying, grouping and testing rocks.



Today we carried out a local rock study by carefully inspecting the buildings and structures around the school. We used our knowledge of rocks and their properties to discuss the reasons for the different structures. It was very interesting and very noticeable to see where 'weathering' had an effect on certain walls.

We loved exploring the old Victorian walls around the school with our magnifying glasses!



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 31st January

Willow
92%

Beech
98%

Maple
98%

Hazel
94%

Oak
97%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year
95.3%**



Vision Champions

Week ending Friday 31st January.

Willow – Charlotte

Beech – Charlotte B

Maple – Finn

Hazel – Stanley

Oak – Ted

Head Girl's Award – Eva

Head Boy's Award – Christian

Attendance Ted – Beech and Maple classes

Punctuality Pup – Beech and Maple classes



A prayer for learning

Dear God,

Help me as I learn and grow at school and at home. I pray that my brain can embrace new learning, new facts, new knowledge, new experiences, new perspectives and new insights each day.

Thank you for your love to help me learn!

In the name of Christ, Amen.

The Week Ahead at Northbourne

Monday 3rd February

Lunch Options: *Mac'n'Cheese, Veggie Pasta or Baked Potato*

Forest School: *Beech Class*

PE Lesson: *Willow & Oak Class*

After School Club: *Bench Hockey for Yr 5 & 6*

Tuesday 4th February

Lunch Options: *Breaded Chicken Steak, Veggie Nuggets or Baked Potato*

Forest School: *Maple Class*

PE Lesson: *Hazel & Beech Class*

Yr 5 & 6 have a cornet lesson in the afternoon - Please remember to bring cornets into school

After School Club: *Bench Football for Yr 3 & 4*

Wednesday 5th February

Lunch Options: *Pork or Quorn Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy or Baked Potato*

Forest School: *Hazel Class*

PE Lesson: *Maple Class*

After School Club: *Multi-sports for Yr R - 1, Creepy Claws Club for all years*

Thursday 6th February

Lunch options: *Lasagne, Veggie Burritos or Baked Potato*

Forest School: *Oak Class*

After School Club: *Archery for Yr 1 & 2*

Friday 7th February

Lunch Options: *Fish Fingers, Vegetable Curry Pasty or Baked Potato*

Forest School: *Willow Class*

Lunchtime Club: *Gardening Club Yr 3 - 6, Choir Yr 1 - 6*

Awards Assembly: *Taking place at 2.30pm - If your child has won an award, you will receive a text inviting you to join us.*

After School Club: *Dance Fusion for all years*

School Disco: *4.30pm - 6pm, all years welcome. Tickets can be purchased on the Teachers2Parents App*

