

14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Pupil-led church service – this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> in the school hall**

This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the morning service at St Augustine's church will be held in our school hall. A small group of Northbourne pupils will be helping to lead the service, alongside Miss Cooper.

You are warmly invited to join our pupils on Sunday morning for the church service at school. It will start at 10am in the school hall. There will be tea and coffee served following the service.

Please note, this is a St Augustine's church service, not a school event.

## **BBC Children In Need at Northbourne**



Thank you to all of our pupils and families for supporting this worthwhile cause. Well done to all the bright and colourful spotty children, and staff, in school today! At the time of writing this newsletter Northbourne have raised just shy of £100 for Children in Need. Congratulations everybody!

## **Pre-book your child's Christmas Lunch**

Christmas dinner day at Northbourne is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. For your child to have a Christmas dinner, **you will need to pre-book**, in order for Whole School Meals to place their Christmas food order.



Please **fill out the form that Mrs Berridge sent out last week**. Please let us know if you need the form re-sending. You will still need to pay as normal via the Parentmail App. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will not need to pay, as part of Universal Free School Meals. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will not need to pay.

## School community represented at Northbourne Remembrance service

On Remembrance Sunday, the school community were represented at St Augustine's service held at the Parish Hall. Wreaths were laid with the school logo on and messages of remembrance were written on behalf of all pupils and staff at Northbourne.

Well done to the pupils for respectfully observing the silence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 gathered in the hall and joined the BBC coverage of the silence across the nation. Year 5 observed the silence poolside at Dover Leisure Centre, at the end of their swimming lesson.



## Parent / Carer Coffee Morning with Mrs Underwood (SENCo)

**Parent and Carer  
Coffee Morning**

Meet the new SENCO

Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
November at 9.15 am  
at  
Northbourne CEP School

All parents and carers of  
children at the school welcome



## Friends of Northbourne – Christmas appeals



**DONATE YOUR UNWANTED  
SOFT TOYS**



The FON would love to rehome any clean, soft toys, in good condition.

**PLEASE DELIVER TO SCHOOL BY 28TH  
NOVEMBER 2025.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



**CHRISTMAS  
Raffle Appeal**



Friends Of Northbourne are in need of prizes for the Christmas Raffle.

If you, or someone you know, works in a local business that is able to offer a prize, please contact [FONorthbourne@outlook.com](mailto:FONorthbourne@outlook.com) or speak to Mrs. Berridge.

- Sweets/Treats
- Gift Vouchers
- Family days out
- Restaurant voucher
- Hampers/gifts

**Community events –**

- **Northbourne Village Murder Mystery Night**
- **Deal Foodbank – Christmas appeal**



**Oak Class trip to Fan Bay Deep Shelter**

On Thursday, Oak Class went on an amazing school trip to Fan Bay Deep Shelter - which included tunnels and gun batteries. This coincided with their World War Two topic and showed them what it was like on and under the White Cliffs during the war. They put on hard hats, with a head torch, and ventured 23 meters underground, down 125 steep steps; then gradually walked

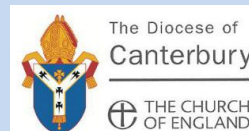


through the tunnels, seeing where the gunners would have been based (and slept) as well as some interesting graffiti and fossils in the chalk ceiling!



They walked out to the sound mirrors, where soldiers would listen for enemy planes approaching. They even shouted into them to see if they could be heard further away! After that, they visited a massive gun emplacement and saw some different sized shells. They had lunch at South Foreland Lighthouse, and then saw an even bigger gun emplacement, made from 2,000 tons of concrete and which held the largest breech-loaded, long range weapons ever to be installed in Britain. The shells fired from 'Jane' and 'Clen' weighed 900kg and were 5'6" tall! It really was a fascinating trip and everyone enjoyed it!

Report written by Hugo and Harvey.



## Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**Willow**  
**100%**

**Beech**  
**95%**

**Maple**  
**96%**

**Hazel**  
**99%**

**Oak**  
**97%**

**Whole school  
cumulative this  
year to date  
96.3%**



### Vision Champions

Week ending Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Willow – Millie S

Beech – Eva

Maple – Maisie H

Hazel – Eden

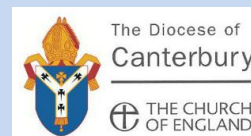
Oak – Hugo W

Head Girl's Award – Annabelle

Head Boy's Award – Kaylen

Attendance Ted – Willow class

Punctuality Pup – Hazel Class



# Important Dates For Christmas

## **Friday 14th November:**

Children In Need Non-Uniform Day. Wear something Spotty! Donations can be made on the Teacehrs2Parents App.

## **Friday 28th November**

Non-Uniform Day for the Christmas Fair. Please donate a bottle and/or chocolate for the Christmas Fair.

## **Wednesday 3rd December**

Elf Day in support of the Alzheimer's Society. Dress up in your snazziest Christmas Costume! Donations can be made on the Teacehrs2Parents App.

## **Friday 5th December 2pm - 4pm:**

Friends of Northbourne Christmas Fair. Please collect your child from class and once you have looked around the fair, you are free to leave. Pre-paid cards will be available on the Teachers2Parents App.

## **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December 2pm - 3pm:**

Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance. Tickets must be booked in advance. Due to space constraints we can only allow 2 adults per child to attend.

## **Thursday 11th December:**

School Panto: Aladdin. The Friends of Northbourne have generously agreed to help us cover the costs of a professional Panto company to visit our school. This event is for pupils only, parents do not need to attend.

## **Tuesday 16th December 2pm - 3pm:**

Christmas Sing-Along. Taking place in the School Hall. Parents are welcome to join us for Christmas songs, minced pies and hot drinks.

## **Wednesday 17th December 12pm - 1pm:**

School Christmas Lunch and wear a Christmas Jumper Day- This needs to be booked in advance with reception (an email will be sent closer to the time). The cost will be £2.75 and will be charged through the Parentmail app. If your child is in Key Stage 1 or is in receipt of Free School Meals the Christmas Lunch is free.

## **Thursday 18th December 10am - 11am:**

KS2 Christingle Service at St Augustine's Church. Parents are invited to join us for the service.

## **Friday 19th December 1pm onwards:**

Final day of Term 2. Children can be collected from 1pm. School will remain open until 3pm as normal.