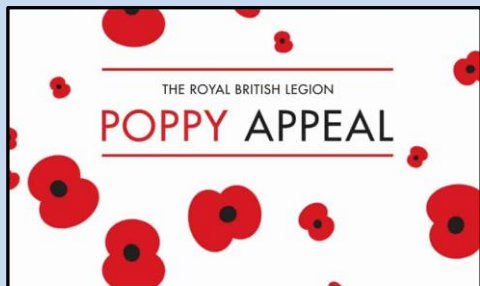


7th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Remembrance at Northbourne



As Armistice Day falls on a school day next week, the school community will gather together at 11am on Tuesday 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 St Augustine's church this Remembrance Sunday, where a poppy wreath will be laid on behalf of our school community.

Parent / Carer Coffee Morning with Mrs Underwood (SENCo)

A message from Mrs Underwood –

"I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) at Northbourne CEP School. I look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure the best outcomes for your children. Mrs Morrison remains at the school as a Specialist Teacher and will continue supporting the children one day per week. I have had the privilege of working in education for 20 years, both as a classroom teacher and teaching assistant, a Reading Recovery Teacher and as a SENCo. I have worked at Northbourne CEP School for several years as a Reading Intervention Teacher.

I have had the pleasure of meeting some parents and carers and look forward to meeting more of you over the year. Please do join me at our coffee morning on Wednesday 19th Nov, or speak to me on the school gate on a Tuesday or Wednesday." – Mrs J Underwood



**Parent and Carer
Coffee Morning**

Meet the new SENCO

Wednesday the 19th 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



Gardening in action in Maple Class



The children in Maple Class have been busy this week, exercising their green fingers, planting new shrubs and flowers purchased for the school by the Friends of Northbourne.

Our planters, situated at the back of Maple and Willow Class, will be carefully managed by Maple Class as part of their Forest School work throughout the year.

Well done to Maple Class for being such good stewards of our school grounds!



World War 2 artefacts talk with Mr Semple

As part of their World War 2 learning, Oak Class welcomed Mr Semple to their classroom this afternoon. Mr Semple is a school Governor and a very familiar face to the children from their visits to St Augustine's church. Mr Semple joined Oak Class to talk to them about his father in WW2.



He brought in a painting as well as lots of letters and telegrams received by his family during the war. Mr Semple talked about his father being posted to North Africa, but was then taken as a prisoner of war - and he had the telegrams stating that he was missing in action, followed by one confirming he was presumed a prisoner of war. The children had the opportunity to look at and read the telegrams and letters sent and received by his parents at this time.

It was wonderful for them to see and hear first-hand about experiences during the war, bringing their learning on WW2 to life! We are very grateful to Mr Semple for coming in to school to talk about his family and help the children develop their understanding of life during WW2.

Children in Need - Friday 14th 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 Bear's 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.



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 7th November.

Willow
98%

Beech
95%

Maple
96%

Hazel
98%

Oak
95%

Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
96.2%



Vision Champions
Week ending Friday 7th November

Willow - Otis
Beech – Darcie
Maple – Hester
Hazel – Marnie
Oak – Emily
Head Girl's Award – Rupert H
Head Boy's Award – Sophie T
Attendance Ted – Willow & Hazel Class
Punctuality Pup – Willow & 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.