

17th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

A prayer of gratitude at Harvest

Dear God, at harvest time we remember your goodness. Thank you for the wonderful things we have: the beauty of your creation, the kindness of others and the hope you give us. We are grateful for moments of joy, for the people who walk with us in life and for your love. Help us to share what we have with other people. Amen.

Harvest Festival – thank you for your donations



On Thursday, it was wonderful to welcome Father Andrew back to Northbourne to lead our Harvest Service at school. Each class could bring their donations for Deal Food Bank to the Worship Table during the service and Father Andrew prayed a blessing over them. He spoke about God providing for all, and the kindness and thoughtfulness of the donations which will help many others. The children sang all the Harvest songs they have been practising this term and sang wonderfully and we had some super helpers to lead

British Sign Language in one of the songs. We would like to thank everyone who sent in donations for our Harvest Service, Gary from the Food Bank collected all of them today and they were very grateful for everything we had collected for them. Thank you!



Start of Term 2 date

The pupils return for Term 2 on Wednesday 29th October. The teachers have two training days on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October, school will be closed for these two days.

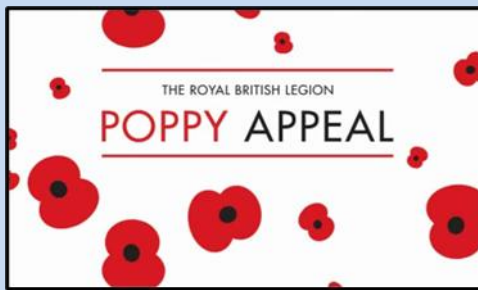
Oak Class World War Two Day

On Friday, Oak Class came in to school and found it was 17th October 1940! They were all dressed as evacuees or people from World War Two and they spent the day finding out more about the experiences of evacuees. This was interspersed with a couple of air raid sirens (which involved keeping safe under their tables), hearing what the planes would have sounded like flying above them and hearing a few bombs in the distance as well. Thankfully the all-clear siren meant they could continue with their day!



The children also sampled some authentic food from the time - SPAM and some homemade carrot biscuits - both of which were surprisingly popular! They fully participated in the day and made the most of the opportunity to have an 'experience day' at school. A big thank you to everyone for the effort you all put in for your costumes!

Poppy Appeal



We now have the Royal British Legion poppies, and associated stationary, at school, ready for donations ahead of 11th November in a month's time.

If your child wishes to donate to the appeal and receive a poppy and a piece of stationary, please send them into school with their donations. We will be collecting donations when we return after Half Term.

An advertisement for School Tea Towels. At the top is the logo for the Friends of Northbourne PTA. Below it, the text reads "SCHOOL TEA TOWELS" in large blue letters, followed by "£5 EACH OR 3 FOR £12". Below the text is a photograph of a white tea towel with a blue border and various small icons and text printed on it. At the bottom, it says "Order via the Teachers2Parents App" and "Last day for orders - 31st October".

Northbourne School Tea Towels

The children are currently completing their self-portraits, ready for this year's school tea towel.

You can place an order for the new tea towel on the Teachers2Parents app. All orders must be completed by 31st October, so that we can ensure delivery before Christmas.

Tea towels cost £5 each, or you can order 3 for £12. Money raised via the tea towels goes towards helping the Friends of Northbourne fund school events, class trips and resources.

Thank you for your continued support for the Friends of Northbourne.

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 17th October

Willow
98%

Beech
88%

Maple
93%

Hazel
96%

Oak
95%

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

Values winners for Term 1



Congratulations to the "values winners" for Term 1. We love celebrating how our school values have been shown across the past weeks, and we are always proud to be able to present certificates and badges to those pupils who have consistently shown those values in all that they do at Northbourne.

Inquisitive

Beech – Oli
Maple – Fred B
Hazel – Eden
Oak – Ronnie

Communicative

Beech – Niamh
Maple – Chloe
Hazel – Alfie
Oak – Olivia

Collaborative

Beech – Bradley
Maple – Kaylen
Hazel – Harry S
Oak – Faith

Resilient

Beech – Ethan
Maple – Orla
Hazel – Maisie
Oak – Effy-Mae

Independence

Beech – Jensen
Maple – Elias
Hazel – Leo
Oak – Brooks

Emotionally Intelligent

Beech – Arthur M
Maple – Arthur K
Hazel – Rupert
Oak – Giana

