

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friends of Northbourne – AGM, Mon 6th Oct, 2.20pm



The Annual General Meeting for our PTA, the Friends of Northbourne, will be taking place in school on Monday 6th October at 2.20pm.

All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. The Friends of Northbourne is an important part of our school community and plays a pivotal role in enriching the pupils school experience and raising valuable funds for trips, resources and wider curriculum opportunities.

The FON are always looking for more members, even if you have just a little time to spare, they would love to meet you! Please do attend the AGM, if you can, to find out more.

***Non Uniform Day – Friday 10th Oct**
World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow



On Friday 10th October we will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in "Hello Yellow" in support of YoungMinds (World Mental Health Day) where we will be inviting everyone to **wear something yellow**.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. Hello Yellow day helps to raise funds to provide important work with young people struggling with mental health.

To take part, **pupils can add something yellow to their non-uniform clothes**. This could be yellow socks, or a yellow t-shirt, jumper or cardigan, or a yellow hair band, or even yellow trousers (if you have any!) We would like to invite pupils, parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health. You can donate £1, or more if you wish, via the school app Teachers2Parents.

Thank you for your support for this important charity.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Your child's school photograph is now available to view and order online. You will need to register with the photography company Carmel Jane in order to view the photographs. Please follow the instructions below:

*** IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS**

All parents are requested to register for instant access to your child's photographs.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljanesshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code **JRR2MARRPJ**
3. Include your child's full school register name.



Scholastic Book Fair – Mon 6th, Tues 7th October



The Scholastic school book fair will take place next week on Mon 6th & Tues 7th October. It will be open straight after school from 3.00pm until 4.00pm in the school hall. You can access the fair via the hall fire doors, no need to come via the school office.

Please note, this is not a discounted or subsidised book fair. The books are standard price and the school will receive commission on each book sold.

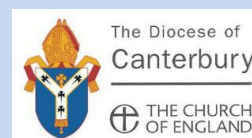
PAYMENT INFO: At the book fair you will be able to purchase books in two ways:

1. There will be a QR code / website to use with your phone, which will take you to a Scholastic online payment page.
2. You can pay in cash

I'm afraid Northbourne do not have a card reader, therefore we cannot offer contactless payment.

AIM High Maths Day at Hornbeam

On Thursday, a group of our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils went to Hornbeam to participate in an AIM High Maths day, run by Andrew Jeffrey - an international maths consultant, trainer and magician! The children had a fantastic day, being challenged in Maths and solving problems together. The children all said they had enjoyed the day and it had made them think! They really enjoyed the Maths games they played and are hoping we might be able to do some of them at school as well. All the children represented the school wonderfully, well done to Jude, Jake, Ben, Joshua, Hugo and Harvey.



Mini Police Cadets



We are very pleased that Kent Police are able to run the Mini Police Cadets programme here at Northbourne for some of our Year 6 pupils. They are now 4 weeks into the programme and are learning lots about policing, keeping safe and being fit! The pupils all have a cadet's cap, a high visibility vest and a police note book, which they need every week. They have to be disciplined and follow instructions confidently, as well as collaborating together, solving problems. We look forward to seeing what else our Mini Police Cadets do during the programme and their awards ceremony next term!

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 3rd October

Willow
99%

Beech
99%

Maple
93%

Hazel
97%

Oak
95%

Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
96.7%



Vision Champions Week ending Friday 3rd October

Beech – Parker

Maple – Hugo

Hazel – Lily

Oak – Effy-Mae

Head girl award – Rosie

Head boy award – Tommy

Attendance Ted – Willow & Beech class

Punctuality Pup – Beech, Hazel, Maple, Oak class

