

26th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Scholastic Book Fair – Thurs 2nd, Mon 6th, Tues 7th October



The Scholastic school book fair will be arriving at Northbourne next week! The book fair will be held on Thurs 2nd, 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.

The school book fair is not only an excellent opportunity for your child to browse and choose their next reading books, but it also provides the school with valuable funds to buy new books for our classrooms. The school receives commission on all books bought at the fair and can spend that commission directly with Scholastic.

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.

We have planned this book fair to hopefully help the pupils choose some new reading books for the new school year. We hope you are able to come along and support your child's reading enjoyment and continue to help us raise funds for new school books.

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.

Congratulations to Mrs Berridge on her exciting news!

I'm sure you will join me in sending congratulations to Mrs Berridge and her husband, who are expecting a baby in December! Mrs Berridge will continue in the school office until later in the Autumn term, when she will start her maternity leave.

We are currently advertising for a maternity cover post for the school office. If you do know of anybody that would be interested, please direct enquiries to Mrs Berridge or Mr Reynolds.



Crafternoon – Thank you



Thank you to all of our parents, family members and friends who were able to attend our Crafternoon this afternoon. It was lovely to welcome you all into school. The children always enjoy being able to share their classroom with their family and have the chance to create some craft together.

Thank you for spending the afternoon with us.

Kent Wildlife Ambassadors at the East Kent Ploughing Match



On Wednesday this week, our Kent Wildlife Ambassadors attended the East Kent Ploughing Match at Quex Farm, with Mrs Smith and Mr Chidwick

The East Kent Ploughing Match is an annual event that has been running for nearly 80 years. Attracting thousands of visitors each year, the event not only draws tough competition between modern, old and horse drawn ploughs, but is a fantastic outing and educational opportunity.

This year Northbourne had a fantastic Forest School display on show for all the visitors to see. The display celebrated the outdoor craft and skills that our children develop over the years at Northbourne.

The children had a lovely time, learning all about how farmers ploughed their fields using horses as well as using modern tractors and machinery. They also took part in Wellie Wanging, cheered on the Terrier racing, as well as watching the birds of prey demonstration.

It was a wonderful day out and a great way to meet our farming neighbours and wider community.



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.

Reminders:

Jewellery and make-up reminder

Please remember that we ask pupils not to wear any make-up or nail varnish to school. We appreciate as the children get older they may become more interested in wearing make-up, however, school is not the place to do this. If your child does enjoy wearing make-up or nail varnish at home, please help us by reminding your children about our school rule.

Our rules around jewellery remain the same, we ask that earrings are sleeper / stud style earrings, not anything dangly or hoops. We are happy for children to wear a watch if they have one (not a SMART watch or a VTech style watch), preferably an analogue watch to help them learn to tell the time. No other jewellery, such as bracelets or necklaces, thank you.

PE Kit

Please remember PE kit should be: coloured house T-shirt, plain blue or black shorts, plain blue or black jogging bottoms, a plain jumper or hoodie or school jumper.

Can we ask that pupils do not wear football kits, lycra or dance / gym kit. Thank you.

Nut Free School

Please remember we are a "nut-free" school. We have pupils and staff on site who are allergic to nuts. We ask all of our families and staff to adhere to this practice when bringing food into school. This obviously includes everyday items such as Nutella, peanut butter, nut based cereal bars, etc.

Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 26th September

Willow
99%

Beech
98%

Maple
99%

Hazel
98%

Oak
97%

Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
96.8%



Vision Champions

Week ending Friday 26th September

Head Boy's Award – Quinn

Head Girl's Award – Chloe

Attendance Ted – Willow, Maple classes

Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech, Hazel classes

