

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Individual and Sibling Photographs – Tuesday 30th September

On Tuesday 30th September, school photography company Carmel Jane, will be in school to take individual portrait photographs of the children. They will also take sibling group photographs as well. If you have more than one child at the school then we will ensure they have both individual photographs as well as a group photograph with their siblings.



If you have pre-school siblings

If your child has pre-school siblings then you are very welcome to bring them into school to have a photograph with their sibling in school. We will start at 8.30am for any pre-school siblings who would like to have their photograph taken with older brothers and sisters. Please line up at the hall door from 8.30am with all of your children and we will direct you to the photographer.

If you don't have pre-school siblings

If you don't have any pre-school siblings then please send your children into school as normal. All of the children will have their photograph taken throughout the morning.

Year 6 will have their photograph taken before going swimming.

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

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

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



Carmel Jane

Head Pupils 2025/2026

Congratulations to Effy-Mae and Elliott for being voted-in as our two Head Pupils for this academic year!

Our Year 6 pupils have a number of responsibilities throughout their final year at Northbourne, and taking up the role of Head Pupil is an incredibly important job. The two Head Pupils work alongside Mr Reynolds and the staff, they present much valued certificates to pupils in Friday assemblies, they highlight other pupils' outstanding behaviour and celebrate the school values wherever they are shown. The Head Pupils also play a part in welcoming visitors to our school and being fantastic role models to everyone in our community.



Congratulations to Effy-Mae and Elliott, and also **a huge thank you to all the Year 6 pupils who wrote letters of application.** The staff loved reading your letters and we appreciate your resilience and pride in wishing to represent your school.

Willow class welcome some new arrivals!



This week, the pupils in Willow class welcomed some new, crawling arrivals. Some amazing caterpillars have joined the class!



The children have been fascinated to watch the caterpillars inside their temporary home and to learn what they need to eat in order to grow strong.

Over the coming weeks the children will be able to watch as the caterpillars feed and prepare for an amazing transformation. We look forward to hearing all about it from Willow class later this term.

Chickens

We're pleased to say that our new flock of chickens have arrived at school. This week, the 13 hens and 3 cockerels have been settling into their new home, within our school garden area. The flock are made up of Cornish Game, Silkies and Marans. I know that the children are looking forward to seeing the chickens in their new environment and helping Mr Chidwick to care for them.

Harvest Crafternoon, Friday 26th September 1.30pm – all welcome!



You are very welcome to join your child in their classroom from 1.30pm on the afternoon of Friday 26th September for some Harvest craft. This is a relaxed afternoon where parents are invited to join their child and help to create some craft together. This is an informal opportunity for you to see your child's classroom, say hello to the staff and share some time at school together with your child. You are welcome to drop in for 10 minutes or stay for the whole afternoon. We hope you will be able to join us.

Parents Evening – Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October

Our first Parents Evenings of the year will take place after school on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October. Please make a note of these dates. These are valuable opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss learning and progress. We hope you will all be able to attend.



The online booking system, via our school website, will open later in the term. We will let you know when and how to book.

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 12th September

Willow
100%

Beech
97%

Maple
97%

Hazel
95%

Oak
96%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
96.9%**



Vision Champions

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Beech – Ella
Maple – Arthur
Hazel – Jude
Oak – Giana

Attendance Ted – Willow class 100% 😊

Punctuality Pup – Willow, Maple class

