

5th September 2025

- At the start of our new school year - *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* - Joshua 1:9

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our new Reception pupils and their families!

The whole school community would like to extend a special Northbourne welcome to all of our new Reception class pupils and their families! We are thrilled to welcome you all to Northbourne and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. We hope you have a fantastic start to your school life here!



Staff updates

Sports Coach – "Coach Josh"

We would like to welcome our new sports coach, Coach Josh to our Northbourne team. Coach Josh is joining us as part of the Team Theme school sports provision. He will be with us every Monday throughout the year to lead our PE and Sports provision for all classes. I know Coach Josh is looking forward to joining our school team and getting to know the pupils. We are very happy to welcome him to Northbourne!

Mr Parkinson

After many years of service to the school, Mr Parkinson will not be returning this year. We will miss him greatly and thank him for all that he has given, both as a member of staff and a volunteer. We hope to invite Mr Parkinson into school soon, so that the pupils can thank him in person.

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.

PE and Forest School

Please note your child's PE and Forest School day:

PE days with Coach Josh are on a Monday for all classes (*starting this Monday 8th September*)

Pupils are to come to school wearing correct PE kit. House coloured t-shirt, plain blue or black shorts, trainers. Pupils can also wear plain jogging bottoms instead of shorts and either a school jumper or school cardigan, or a plain jumper or plain hoodie to keep warm throughout the day. Pupils do not need to bring school uniform in on a Monday, they will stay in PE kit for the day.

Forest School days (*Pupils to bring Forest School kit to change into*):

Monday – Beech class Yr 1&2

Tuesday – Maple class Yr 2&3

Wednesday – Hazel class Yr 4&5

Thursday – Oak class Yr 5&6

Friday – Willow class Yr R (*Yr R pupils can wear Forest School kit to school and have uniform ready to change into after their session.*)

Head Pupils and House Captains

Our Year 6 pupils have been invited to apply for the roles of Head Pupils. The role of Head Pupil is an important position of responsibility in our school. They are positions of leadership, both amongst the pupils and the staff at Northbourne. Responsibilities range from; taking on leadership roles at school events, presenting awards in collective worship, leading by example at all times, working with the Pupil Voice leaders on school improvement, and much more. We look forward to reading the letters of application from the Year 6 applicants!



Following the appointment of our new Head Pupils we will then be inviting our Year 6 pupils to apply to take on the role of House Captain and Vice House Captain, to lead our 4 school houses: St Andrew's, St David's, St George's and St Patrick's. These positions are voted for by the pupils in each of the houses. We look forward to encouraging our pupils to take part in this process, celebrating the core British value of democracy.



Please make a note of this year's INSET days, where school is closed to pupils

Monday 1st September
Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Monday 5th January
Monday 22nd June

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 5th September

Willow
100%

Beech
96%

Maple
99%

Hazel
99%

Oak
95%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year to date**
97.8%



Vision Champions
Week ending Friday 5th September

Beech – Jensen
Maple – Chloe
Hazel – Leo
Oak – Sophie T

Attendance Ted – Willow class 100% 😊
Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech, Maple, Oak



Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 8th September

Lunch Options: *Cheesy Pasta, Tomato pasta or Baked Potato*
Willow Class finish at 1pm
PE Lesson: *Every class will have a PE lesson with Coach Josh*
Forest School: *Beech Class*

Tuesday 9th September

Lunch Options: *Beef or Veggie Tacos or Baked Potato*
Willow Class finish at 1pm
Forest School: *Maple Class*

Wednesday 10th September

Lunch Options: *Pork or Quorn Sausage Roll Slice or Baked Potato*
Willow Class finish at 3pm
Forest School: *Hazel Class*

Thursday 11th September

Lunch Options: *Pork or Veggie Meatballs or Baked Potato*
Forest School: *Oak Class*
Kent Test: *Y6 pupils whose parents have entered them for the Kent Test will sit the exam in the morning*
After School Club: *Creepy Claws for Yrs 1-6*

Friday 12th September

Lunch Options: *Fish Fingers, Veggie Nuggets or Baked Potato*
After School Club: *Dance Fusion with Charli for Yrs 1-6*
Forest School: *Willow Class*