

Living and learning with *"fellowship...kindness and compassion."* – Philippians 2:1

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16th January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

INSET days for academic year 2026 – 2027

We have set our INSET days for the next academic year. Please note the following days where the school will be closed to pupils:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Thursday 22nd October 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 21st June 2027

Please see below for the calendar view of where our INSET days are for the next academic year.

Northbourne CEP School Academic Calendar 2026/27																			
September 2026					October 2026					November 2026					December 2026				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
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January 2027					February 2027					March 2027					April 2027				
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25	26	27	28	29						29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30
May 2027					June 2027					July 2027					August 2027				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F					
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4				1	2	School Day				
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	School Holiday				
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	Bank Holiday				
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	Inset Day				
31					28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30					

Online Safety

Was anyone in your household lucky enough to get a new device for Christmas? Maybe a tablet or games console or possibly even a laptop? If so, then you will know how careful you need to be around internet access for children.

There is a wealth of information for you on the school website. We subscribe to a monthly online safety newsletter that covers all areas of online safety and awareness for all age groups. There is advice on staying safe on games consoles, advice around apps such as TikTok, Whatsapp and Snapchat and information on specific games and apps that children may be interested in.



You can view all of our online safety newsletters by visiting our website at:

[Northbourne CE Primary School - Online Safety Newsletters \(northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk\)](http://northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk)

Recent advice in the newsletters has covered:

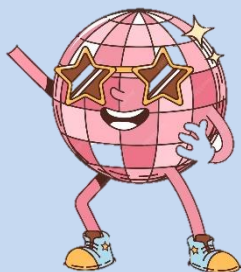
App age ratings – AI – Roblox – YouTube – TIK TOK – Minecraft

Friends of Northbourne – Disco

The Friends of Northbourne will be holding a school disco for the children on Friday 6th Feb in the school hall.

Please book your child's place via the school app.

The disco is open to all year groups to come along and enjoy. Thank you for helping to support the Friends of Northbourne fundraising events.





Jurassic excitement in Willow Class!



There was great excitement in Willow class this week, when the pupils returned from their holiday to find a dinosaur egg, floating in the water tray!

The children watched the egg very carefully to see what would hatch. They were all amazed when a baby triceratops emerged from the egg.

Willow class will now be caring for the baby triceratops as they discover more about the incredible world of dinosaurs!



Drumming with James Hatton

On Wednesday the KS1 and KS2 pupils enjoyed a drumming demonstration from local drummer James Hatton.

James introduced the children to the different drums and cymbals, explained how they're made and how they create sound. He then gave the children a demonstration of drumming styles, rhythms and beats.

The children were then invited to volunteer to drum for the school. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to them experimenting on the drum kit! The demonstration finished with a rendition of We Will Rock You!

Please look out for a letter from Miss Cooper explaining how you can arrange and book private drumming lessons with James, which will take place at school, should your child be interested.



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 16th January.

Willow
96%

Beech
97%

Maple
93%

Hazel
100%

Oak
94%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
95.9%**



Vision Champions **Week ending Friday 16th January**

Willow – Cohen

Beech – Arthur

Maple – Scarlett

Hazel – Finn

Oak – Elliott

Head Girl's Award – Orla

Head Boy's Award – Arthur R

Attendance Ted – Hazel class 100%

Punctuality Pup – Willow, Maple, Hazel classes



Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 19th January

Lunch Options: *Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Beech Class*

PE Lesson: *Every class will have a PE lesson with Coach Josh*

Football Match: *2:45pm Year 5 & 6 vs Sandown A & B (Home)*

Tuesday 20th January

Lunch Options: *Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake, Veggie Tacos, or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Maple Class*

Cornet Lesson: *Years 5-6, please remember to bring your cornet into school*

Swimming Lessons: *Year 4 Swimming*

Other: *Mini Police Cadets 2pm*

Wednesday 21st January

Lunch Options: *Sausages & Gravy, Quorn Sausages or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Hazel Class*

Thursday 22nd January

Lunch Options: *Curried Chicken Chunks, Vegetable Frittata or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Oak Class*

Friday 23rd January

Lunch Options: *Fish Fingers, Cheese Pizza or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Willow Class*

Lunch Clubs: *Choir & Gardening Club*