

9th January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,



Welcome back to Northbourne for the start of Term 3. I hope you all enjoyed a festive and restful break amongst all the hurry and excitement of Christmas.

As we start the new term there are a few updates and reminders for you:

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Berridge!

I'm sure many of you heard the lovely news at the end of last term, or even had a sneak peek at school at Christmas, of baby Anthony Berridge!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Berridge! I'm sure the whole school community join with us in sending our very best wishes.



Thank you!

May I extend a huge thank you, on behalf of all of the staff at Northbourne, for all the very kind words, Christmas wishes, cards and gifts that came into school at the end of term. It is incredibly generous, kind and thoughtful of you.

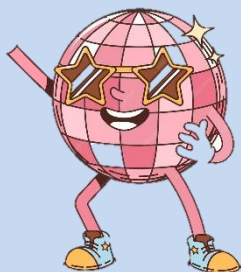
I would also like to thank you for all of the time you committed to the school at Christmas. It is a very busy time of year and there are often multiple events for you to attend. Thank you for making the time and supporting the pupils throughout the festive period.

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.



Term 3 class newsletters & uniform

You will have received a Term 3 newsletter from your child's class teacher, outlining the key curriculum learning for this term. Our PE days and Forest School days remain the same. Please continue to send your child into school in PE kit on their PE day.



January and February naturally bring very cold weather up here at Northbourne. Please do make sure that your child has warm clothing with them, particularly for PE days and Forest School. As you know, we don't let the weather stop us from heading outside, even when it is cold and wet.

Plenty of layers, waterproofs, hats and gloves are important when out at Forest School; and warm jogging bottoms for PE days are better than spending the whole day in PE shorts!

Do you have (or know somebody who has) a pre-school child due to start school in September 2026?

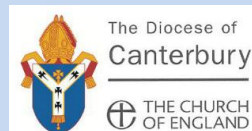
The closing date for a September start for Early Years class admissions 2026 closes on Thursday 15th January, next week!

If you know of anybody who has not yet submitted their application to Kent Admissions (regardless of their school choice) feel free to contact the school office so that we can assist. Missing the local authority admissions deadline date creates all sorts of complications for parents, carers and KCC.



To apply for a Primary school place please complete the online application form.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 9th January.

Willow
100%

Beech
100%

Maple
96%

Hazel
98%

Oak
95%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
95.8%**



Vision Champions Week ending Friday 9th January

Willow – Toby
Beech – Joy
Maple – Fred L
Hazel – Jake
Oak – Harvey
Head Girl's Award – Darcie
Head Boy's Award – Fern L
Attendance Ted – Willow class
Punctuality Pup – Willow and Maple class



Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 12th January

Lunch Options: *Mixed Bean Wrap or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Beech Class*

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

Tuesday 13th January

Lunch Options: *Chicken Tacos, Sweet Potato Spinach Dhal 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 14th January

Lunch Options: *Roast Pork, Veggie Meatloaf or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Hazel Class*

Thursday 15th January

Lunch Options: *Beef Bolognese, Veggie Bolognese or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Oak Class*

Friday 16th January

Lunch Options: *Fish Bites, Veggie Nuggets or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Willow Class*

Lunch Clubs: *Choir & Gardening Club*