

12th December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas Events

Thank you for supporting Elf Day on Wednesday last week, our Christmas Fair on Friday and our Nativity performances this week. It is a busy time of year for everyone and we really appreciate your continued support.

A message from the Friends of Northbourne

"A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Christmas Fair, donated raffle prizes and came along and supported the event

The total raised this year was £1365, so it was a great success."

Next week we have our final Christmas Events:

- Tue 16th Dec **Christmas Singing 2pm** – Join us on Tuesday afternoon in the hall at 2pm. The whole school will be singing through the Christmas songs that they have learnt this year with Miss Cooper. Everybody welcome for mince pies and hot drinks.
- Wed 17th Dec **Christmas lunch / Christmas jumper day (Save The Children)** – Whole School Meals Christmas lunch day, wear a Christmas Jumper for Save The Children, voluntary contributions will be made via Teachers2Parents app. Please note, this is not a non-uniform day, ***please wear normal school uniform, just swap your school jumper for a Christmas jumper.***
- Thurs 18th Dec **Christingle 10am** – Pupils in **Year 3 to Year 6**. Parents welcome to join us in the school hall at 10am for our Christingle assembly.
Please note: We cannot use the church for Christingle due to building works, and Father Andrew is unable to join us at school, therefore this will be a school Christingle assembly rather than our usual service at church.
- Fri 19th Dec **Last day of Term 2** – On the last day of Term 2 we offer early collection, anytime from 1.00pm. Please note, school remains open until normal pick up time for those who cannot, or would rather not, be collected early.
- Tue 6th Jan **Start of Term 3**

Lost Property

We will place all lost property clothing on display outside of the school entrance during the last week of term. Please do look through this for any lost items.



Hazel Class and Oak Class - Road to RIAT STEM day

On Wednesday last week, Hazel and Oak classes spent the day learning about being Aerospace engineers!

The SmallPeice Trust, sponsored by the RAF, delivered a live learning programme, full of creativity and discovery, all about Space. The pupils learnt about rockets and how they are designed and work in Space and then they worked in small groups to design their own rockets. They then built their rockets, based on the designs they had made earlier and finally they tested them - launching them in the hall (not quite into Space...) to see how far they could fly.



It was definitely a fun-filled, creative day! There were some amazing rocket designs - one managed to be launched and travelled just over 4m! It was a super day, which encouraged everyone in their STEM learning and we were very impressed with the engagement of all the pupils - and the outcome of the rockets!

Northbourne Choir singing with Northbourne Park for Classic FM



On Thursday, our school choir went to Northbourne Park School to sing 'Walking in the Air' with the pupils there as part of the Big Christmas Chorus, marking the 40th Anniversary of the release of the song. This was

organised by Classic FM as a musical celebration - and a way to raise money for their official charity, Make Some Noise.

Choir have spent a lot of time practising the song and this paid off - they sang wonderfully! It was a super opportunity to take part in a musical activity with Northbourne Park, and our pupils were congratulated on how well-behaved they were and how they represented our school so well - and for singing brilliantly!

The recording will now be shared with Classic FM, who will put all the recordings together from the other schools who participated in the event to produce one 'Big Christmas Chorus'. We will let you know more details when we have them!



Well done to everyone in our school choir!

Values winners for Term 2



Congratulations to the "values winners" for Term 2. We love celebrating how our school values have been shown across the past weeks, and we are always proud to be able to present certificates and badges to those pupils who have consistently shown those values in all that they do at Northbourne.

Inquisitive

Willow – Cohen
Beech – Eddie
Maple – Kaylen
Hazel – Ophelia
Oak – Pennie

Communicative

Willow – Chiara
Beech – Max V
Maple – Lachlan
Hazel – Charlie
Oak – Lotta

Collaborative

Willow – Rose
Beech – Roman
Maple – Fred L
Hazel – Jake
Oak – George M

Resilient

Willow – Arthur
Beech – Louis
Maple – Felix F
Hazel – Harry S
Oak – Giana

Independence

Willow – Fern L
Beech – Max W
Maple – Maisie S
Hazel – Archie H
Oak – Dylan

Emotionally Intelligent

Willow – Maisie
Beech – Darcie
Maple – Orla
Hazel – Ben
Oak – Emily

Values Trophy Winners for Term 2

EYFS / KS1 Winner - Teddy
KS2 Winner – Peter

Attendance Update

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

Willow
91%

Beech
99%

Maple
95%

Hazel
93%

Oak
94%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
96%**

Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 15th December

Lunch Options: *Cheese Pizza*

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

Tuesday 16th December

Lunch Options: *Breaded Chicken Steak or Veggie Nuggets*

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

Wednesday 17th December

Lunch Options: *Christmas Lunch. Please pre-book this with the school office.*

Christmas Jumper Day: *Christmas Jumpers can be worn over uniform in place of School jumpers*

Thursday 18th December

Lunch Options: *Pork or Quorn Sausages*

Friday 19th December

Lunch Options: *Fish Fingers or Veggie Nuggets*

Optional early Finish: *Children can be collected from 1pm. School will remain open as usual until 3pm*

Important Dates For Christmas

Friday 14th November:

Children In Need Non-Uniform Day. Wear something Spotty! Donations can be made on the Teacehrs2Parents App.

Friday 28th November

Non-Uniform Day for the Christmas Fair. Please donate a bottle and/or chocolate for the Christmas Fair.

Wednesday 3rd December

Elf Day in support of the Alzheimer's Society. Dress up in your snazziest Christmas Costume! Donations can be made on the Teacehrs2Parents App.

Friday 5th December 2pm - 4pm:

Friends of Northbourne Christmas Fair. Please collect your child from class and once you have looked around the fair, you are free to leave. Pre-paid cards will be available on the Teachers2Parents App.

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December 2pm - 3pm:

Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance. Tickets must be booked in advance. Due to space constraints we can only allow 2 adults per child to attend.

Thursday 11th December:

School Panto: Aladdin . The Friends of Northbourne have generously agreed to help us cover the costs of a professional Panto company to visit our school. This event is for pupils only, parents do not need to attend.

Tuesday 16th December 2pm - 3pm:

Christmas Sing-Along. Taking place in the School Hall. Parents are welcome to join us for Christmas songs, minced pies and hot drinks.

Wednesday 17th December 12pm - 1pm:

School Christmas Lunch and wear a Christmas Jumper Day- This needs to be booked in advance with reception (an email will be sent closer to the time) . The cost will be £2.75 and will be charged through the Parentmail app. If your child is in Key Stage 1 or is in receipt of Free School Meals the Christmas Lunch is free.

Thursday 18th December 10am - 11am:

KS2 Christingle Service at St Augustine's Church. Parents are invited to join us for the service.

Friday 19th December 1pm onwards:

Final day of Term 2. Children can be collected from 1pm. School will remain open until 3pm as normal.