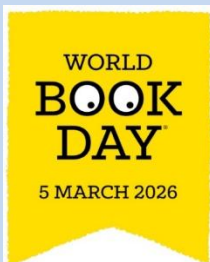


13th February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March



I am pleased to inform you that as part of our love of reading in school, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. To celebrate this day all children and staff are **invited to dress up**, should they wish to.

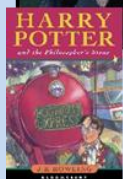
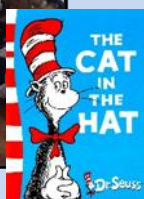
The children can be as creative as they wish, they could choose to **dress as a book character, a famous author, or anything else that links in with books** that they can think of. Alternatively the children could **wear PJs or a Onesie to celebrate reading at bedtime**.

We appreciate that whilst some pupils and parents love an opportunity to get creative and dress up, others might not be so enthusiastic. **Please do not overly worry or spend unnecessary amounts of money on costumes.** We are happy with whatever effort the children can make on the day.



As well as dressing up, we will also be celebrating our favourite books, sharing story time and handing out the £1 World Book Day vouchers for the pupils to spend in book shops. We look forward to celebrating World Book Day together on 5th March.

- **dress as a book character, a famous author, or anything else that links in with books**
- or
- **wear PJs or a Onesie to celebrate reading at bedtime**



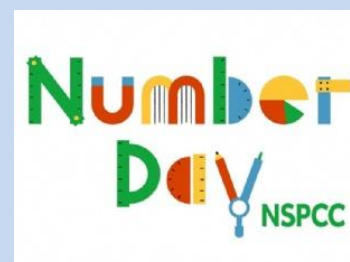
Food Bank donations – thank you!

Thank you for the brilliant response to our Food Bank collection this term. Gary from the Deal food bank came today to collect all of your donations and passed his thanks on to our families.



NSPCC Number Day Battle of the Bands

Last Friday, we had a Battle of the Bands tournament on TTRS, as part of NSPCC Number day at Northbourne. It was wonderful to see so many children taking part and getting points for their house! Special mention should go to some of our Year 2 pupils who did brilliantly in practising their times tables - well done to Teddy, Max W and Sienna!



We can now announce the overall winners:

- 3rd place to Hugo W
- 2nd place to Rex M
- 1st place to Ben T

Well done to all of you! House points have been awarded to all 4 houses and were based on the points scored during the tournament. We are very pleased that St David's were the winning house for the second year running! They were followed by St Andrew's, then St Patrick's and then St George's. Well done to everyone for taking part, gaining lots of house points and practising your multiplication and division facts in the process!

Parents Evenings – new booking system – Juniper Horizons, Parent Portal

Our next Parents Evening appointments will follow the mid-year reports, on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March.

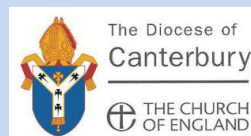
You will have received an email from Juniper Horizons, inviting you to join the Parent Portal. We will be using this portal to book parents evening appointments.

We will let you know when the booking link is live.

Please do not try to book yet.

Key Dates:

- Mid year reports sent home after February Half Term
- Parents Evenings: **Mon 16th** and **Tues 17th March**



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

Northbourne CEP School
Academic Calendar 2026/27

September 2026					October 2026					November 2026					December 2026				
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Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 13th February.

Willow
94%

Beech
88%

Maple
87%

Hazel
95%

Oak
90%

Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
95.3%

Values winners for Term 3



Congratulations to the "values winners" for Term 3. 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 – Jack
Beech – Arlo
Maple – Charlotte
Hazel – Millie
Oak – Vienna

Communicative

Willow – Hugo
Beech – Ellis
Maple – Orla
Hazel – Grace
Oak – Giana

Collaborative

Willow – Rosie
Beech – Chester
Maple – Teddy
Hazel – Masie M
Oak – Arthur

Resilient

Willow – Dougie
Beech – Tallulah
Maple – Felix D
Hazel – Louie
Oak – Lotta

Independence

Willow – Isaac
Beech – Amira
Maple – Felix F
Hazel – Rex
Oak – Elliott

Emotionally Intelligent

Willow – Millie H
Beech – Reggie
Maple – Esme
Hazel – Tommy
Oak – Sophie T

Values Trophy Winners for Term 3

EYFS / KS1 Winner – Fern L
KS2 Winner – Emily

Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 23rd February

Lunch Options: Cheese Whirl & Saute Potatoes, Vegetable Pasta Bake or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Beech Class

PE Lesson: Every class will have a PE lesson with Coach Kye

Tuesday 24th February

Lunch Options: Beef Tacos, Veggie Burritos or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Maple Class

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

Swimming Lessons: start next week

Other: Mini Police Cadets 2pm

Wednesday 25th February

Lunch Options: Roast Chicken, Vegetable & Chickpea Tart or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Hazel Class

Thursday 26th February

Lunch Options: Pork Meatballs, Meatless Meatballs or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Oak Class

Friday 27th February

Lunch Options: Fish Fingers, Cheese Pizza or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Willow Class

Lunch Clubs: Choir & Gardening Club

Written by
LottatEmilia

Dear God,

Thank you for the story we have heard today about respect. We pray you will help us to show respect to others even when we don't feel like it. Help us to know the importance of respect and show others respect just as much as we show kindness or love. Thank you for the opportunity to show respect at school - in our learning and with our friends. Thank you for the opportunity we have to share what we have with others, ~~not~~ with our friends and family, but also helping those who don't have as much as we do. We pray that we will always be willing to show respect and love to everyone.

In Jesus name

Amen

