

20th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day, Friday 20th March



Thank you to everybody who wore something red today in support of Comic Relief! The children all looked great with their splashes of red colour amongst the blue of our school uniform. All money raised will go directly to Comic Relief to help towards the important projects they are working on.

Thank you all for your support.



Cross-Country Running Competition - Northbourne Park School

Congratulations to our cross-country running team, who took part in the annual competition at Northbourne Park School. Each competitor had to run a leg of the 5km race, which took them over fields, through woodland and up and down hills.

Well done to Dylan, Hugo, Lotta, Vienna, Sophie and Inigo for finishing a very respectable 17th out of 32 teams.



Last day of term – Thursday 2nd April – Pick up from 1.00pm

We will again be offering early pick up on the last day of term. This is something we offer at Christmas, Easter and Summer. You are welcome to collect your child any time from 1.00pm. Please wait outside the hall and we will bring your child out to you.

School does not shut early, we remain open until the end of the school day, for those parents who cannot, or would rather not, pick up early.

The minibus will run as normal, but there will be no collection from the drop off point for Year 5/6 at the end of the day.

Year 5 and 6 Cornet Players

Our cornet players in Years 5 and 6 were treated to not one, but two visits from Phil White this week! Phil is a trombonist for the Philharmonia Orchestra, based at the Royal Festival Hall in London. He comes to Northbourne 3 or 4 times a year to work with our cornet players, preparing them for concerts and encouraging their musical ability.

This week, he was particularly working on preparing the children for the concert many of them are taking part in at St George's Church in Deal, next week. He always includes singing and actions in his time with us, as well as rhythm and having fun! We are looking forward to seeing and hearing our budding musicians at the concert next week - well done to Years 5 and 6 for playing so well and being enthusiastic about music!



Beech Class – Great Fire of London demonstration

This week, Beech Class took their paper Tudor houses out to Forest School, where Mr Chidwick used the fire pit to demonstrate how quickly the fire would have spread from house to house in London in 1666.

The children showed their amazing Forest School safety knowledge by standing outside of the fire circle and observing as Mr Chidwick lit the paper houses for the demonstration. It was very exciting and a great way to visualise how the Great Fire of London would have spread.



Willow Class – Having a “soup-er” time at Forest School!



This morning Willow Class became incredible bushcraft chefs at Forest School. The children learnt how to carefully peel and chop carrots and potatoes, using the Forest School peelers and chopping knives. They then added some peas and some vegetable stock and created their own soup.

Mr Chidwick carefully warmed the soup over the campfire and then everyone enjoyed a warming mug of homemade soup, seated around the fire circle. Well done Willow Class!

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 20th March.

Willow
99%

Beech
94%

Maple
94%

Hazel
99%

Oak
94%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year
95.4%**



Vision Champions
Week ending Friday 20th March

Willow – Rosie
Beech – Louis
Maple – Orla
Hazel – Maisie
Oak – Theo
Head Girl's Award – Esme
Head Boy's Award – Emily
Attendance Ted –
Punctuality Pup –



Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 23rd March

Lunch Options: *Cheese Pizza, Mixed Bean Wrap or Jacket Potato*

Forest School: *Beech Class*

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

Tuesday 24th March

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 3 Swimming*

Other: *Bold as Concert, Year 5 & 6 Cornets @ St Georges Church Deal*

Wednesday 25th March

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

Forest School: *Hazel Class*

Beech & Willow class Church Visit

Thursday 26th March

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

Forest School: *Oak Class*

Friday 27th March

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

Forest School: *Willow Class*

Lunch Clubs: *Choir & Gardening Club*

Oak class Victorian Day



Dear God Today we are
celebrating Red Nose
day by making something
red. Help us to be
generous with our time and
money. Please help those
who need food, shelter
and care. Help us to make
a difference. Amen