

27th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Beech Class & Willow Class visit St Augustine's Church

This week Willow and Maple Class enjoyed a trip down to St Augustine's Church in Northbourne village. The children walked down the footpath, across the fields, and into the village to meet Mr Semple at the entrance to the church. Mr Semple is a warden of the church and also one of our school Governors.

The children explored the church, looking for signs of how Christians celebrate Easter. Mr Semple answered the children's questions and then let them have a play on the church organ. It was very exciting!

The children then walked back up the hill to school in time for lunch. It was a lovely trip out. Thank you to Mr Semple for his time and expertise.



Oak Class – Victorian Day

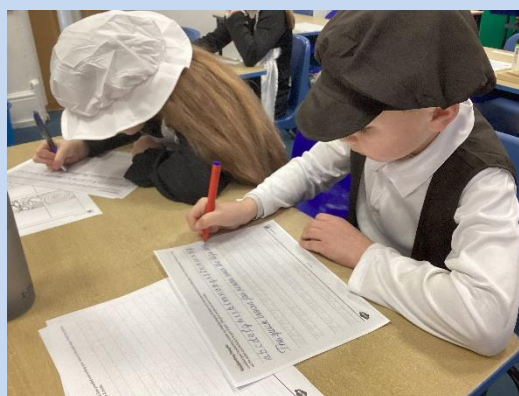


Today, Oak Class have attended Victorian school all day!

They started the day with handwriting practice and were then treated to some gruel for breakfast. They have learnt about William Morris and created their own designs based on his work.

They have had to spend the whole day following Victorian school rules, the classroom was therefore very quiet, the children had to speak only when they were spoken to and everyone stood up when an adult entered the room. Unfortunately, the 'Dunce's Cap' had to be used for some children, but they learnt from their mistakes and it did not have to be used often.

The children entered into the spirit of Victorian Day wonderfully, they looked amazing in all their costumes and took on board all the rules and what was expected of them admirably! Miss Cooper rewarded them with some Victoria Sponge Cake - and a promise that school will return to normal on Monday!



Cornet Concert: Years 5 and 6

On Tuesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 cornet players went to St George's Church in Deal to take part in a concert run by Deal Music and Arts and Bold As. Our pupils were joined by pupils from Warden House and Eastry as well as a brass ensemble from Trinity Laban College in London!

Phil White led the rehearsal and concert and the children showcased some of the music they have been learning this year. The brass ensemble played a number of pieces - including an amazing rendition of Bob Marley's Three Little Birds and Penny Lane by the Beatles. It was wonderful to see the children respond to positively to listening to the music - and to join in with the music themselves.

The finale was the children playing YMCA, supported by the brass ensemble - and they were brilliant! They played it once on their cornets and then sang it through, with the brass ensemble accompanying them. It was so good, they got a standing ovation! Our pupils represented the school brilliantly and it was fantastic to see their enthusiasm for music. Well done to: Giana, Peter, Archie D, Lotta, Grace, Emily, Elliott, Pennie, Sophie W, Harvey, Arthur, Ronnie, Murdo, Dylan and Hugo.



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 27th March.

Willow
97%

Beech
99%

Maple
95%

Hazel
98%

Oak
92%

Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
95.4%

Values winners for Term 4



Congratulations to the "values winners" for Term 4. 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 – Bowen
Beech – Florence
Maple – James
Hazel – Archie H
Oak – Lotta

Communicative

Willow – Oscar
Beech – Ernest
Maple – Hugo
Hazel – Peter
Oak – Arthur

Collaborative

Willow – Ferne D
Beech – Eli
Maple – Esme
Hazel – Harry T
Oak – Brooks

Resilient

Willow – Toby
Beech – Sienna
Maple – Maisie S
Hazel – Charlotte
Oak – Reggie

Independence

Willow – Otilie
Beech – Eva
Maple – Arthur
Hazel – Marnie
Oak – Ronnie

Emotionally Intelligent

Willow – Otis
Beech – Ella
Maple – Elias
Hazel – Jude
Oak – Vienna

Values Trophy Winners for Term 3

EYFS / KS1 Winner – Chiara
KS2 Winner – Sophie T

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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10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16		Bank Holiday			
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Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 30th March

Lunch Options: Mac'n'Cheese, Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato
Forest School: No Forest School this week
PE Lesson: Every class will have a PE lesson with Coach Kye

Tuesday 31st March

Lunch Options: Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake, Veggie Tacos or Jacket Potato
Forest School: No Forest School this week
Swimming Lessons: Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 1st April

Lunch Options: Sausages, Quorn Sausages, or Jacket Potato
Forest School: No Forest School this week

Thursday 2nd April— Last Day of Term

Lunch Options: Fish Fingers, Cheese Pizza Or Jacket Potato
Forest School: No Forest School this week
OPTIONAL EARLY FINISH: You can collect your child from 1pm if you wish, school will remain open as normal

Friday 3rd April

BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED