



NORTHBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Living and learning with "fellowship...kindness and compassion." – Philippians 2:1

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19th June 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

INSET Day – this coming Monday 22nd June

Please remember that this coming Monday is the final INSET day of the year at Northbourne. School is closed to pupils in order for the teachers to complete essential school planning for the new academic year. We will see you all back at school on Tuesday 23rd June.



Summer Fair – Friday 3rd July 2pm-4pm

Our Summer Fair will be taking place on Friday 3rd July. Just like our Christmas Fair, the fair will start at 2pm in the afternoon and run until 4pm. We hope by holding the fair on a school day it will enable more of our families to be able to attend.

- **Sign Up list in school office**

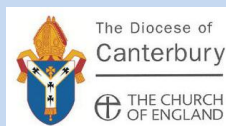
If you are able to help in any way with the Summer Fair, **there is a sign up list in the school office**. Please do help if you can. Either pop into the office to see the list or email / phone Mrs Thomas and she will be able to add you to the list.

- **Non-Uniform day Fri 26th June**

Please note that Friday 26th June will be a non-uniform day. Please can we ask our families to send into school **a bottle for the raffle stall**. Any type of bottle, drink, smellies, etc. Thank you!

- **Uniform donations**

If you have any spare uniform at home that your child has grown out of, please do consider donating it to the Friends of Northbourne, to help with our second hand uniform service for our families. We particularly need items with the school logo on (jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, fleeces) Any donations welcome, thank you.



Sports Day & Family Picnic – Wednesday 1st July

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 1st July. As in previous years, parents are invited to come onto the school field directly after morning drop off and find a spot on one of our benches or the grass. The children will then come out after registration to compete in Sports Day.



Following the action the pupils will be able to join you for a family picnic. All pupils will be able to order a grab bag lunch from the school kitchen or you are free to bring picnic food for them to enjoy.

After the picnic lunch parents are welcome to take their children home a little early, to save returning at 3pm. However, school does not close early, so if you cannot attend the picnic or are not able to take your child home early, or if your child is due to attend Wrap Around, then pupils will remain in school with staff until the normal end of the school day.

Pupil-led worship at St Augustine's Church, Northbourne Sunday 14th June

The service was led by Mel and the theme was sitting down with Jesus. This was linked to Jesus and the calling of Matthew. The Bible reading was from Matthew 9:9-13. Mel talked about Jesus sitting down with people and eating with them and why Jesus did that.

The pupils then led a game of musical chairs – to the music of James 'Sit Down'. Three children started and chairs were added each time to ensure there was always space for everyone to sit down. More volunteers joined in the game. Harvey then asked everyone what was different about that game and the congregation responded. Harvey then explained that the game shows us what Jesus' love is like: no one is ever 'out'. There is always more room for someone else to sit down next to him.



Well done to Harvey, Hugo, Ivy, Chloe and Arthur for leading the service so well.

Small School's sports morning – getting ready for secondary school!



On Thursday, the three small schools in DEALT - Northbourne, Sholden and Worth schools - held a Year 6 activity morning on Worth Playing Field. This was a chance for all the Year 6 pupils in the three schools to get together and meet each other before going to secondary school. Activities such as these help them to have the chance to recognise a friendly face when they get to secondary school in September.

The children enjoyed parachute games and played rounders and ate plenty of biscuits as they chatted in groups. Our Year 6 children were amazing and really impressed us with their willingness to push themselves out of their comfort zones to meet new people and make new friends. It was a lovely morning, and our pupils represented Northbourne wonderfully - well done Year 6.

Summer Term - Dates for your diary

- Mon 22nd June – INSET Day, school closed to pupils
- Tue 23rd June – Maple Class to The Beaney, Canterbury
- Tue 23rd to 26th June – Year 5 Project Week
- Tue 23rd to 26th June – Year 6 Activity Week
- Wed 24th June – Willow and Beech Class to Wingham Wildlife Park
- Mon 29th June – Whole School Photos
- Wed 1st July – Sports Day (morning, followed by family picnic lunch)
- Fri 3rd July – Summer Fair (afternoon 2pm – 4pm)
- Fri 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Tue 21st July – Year 6 and siblings Leavers Church Service
- Tue 21st July – End of Term 6 (pick up anytime from 1.00pm)



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 19th June

Willow
96%

Beech
95%

Maple
97%

Hazel
96%

Oak
91%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
95.7%**



Vision Champions Week ending Friday 19th June

Willow – Bowen

Beech – Sienna

Maple – Elias

Hazel – Tommy

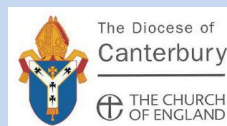
Oak – Jasper

Head Girl's Award – Ben

Head Boy's Award – Roman

Attendance Ted – Maple Class

Punctuality Pup – Maple Class



Pupil-led DEALT prayer

This prayer was written by a team of pupils from across our Church of England schools.

The prayer offers thanks for all that we do together and asks God to strengthen us as we strive to help each other, show kindness and forgiveness and make a difference to those around us.



Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that we are
part of a unique group of schools,

Enable us to celebrate our differences, working
together to help each other.

As your agents of change, help us to be
courageous and make a difference.

Let us be kind and forgiving in everything we do.

Thank you that we are all part of a loving, caring
and supportive community in DEALT.

Amen

