



**NORTHBOURNE
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

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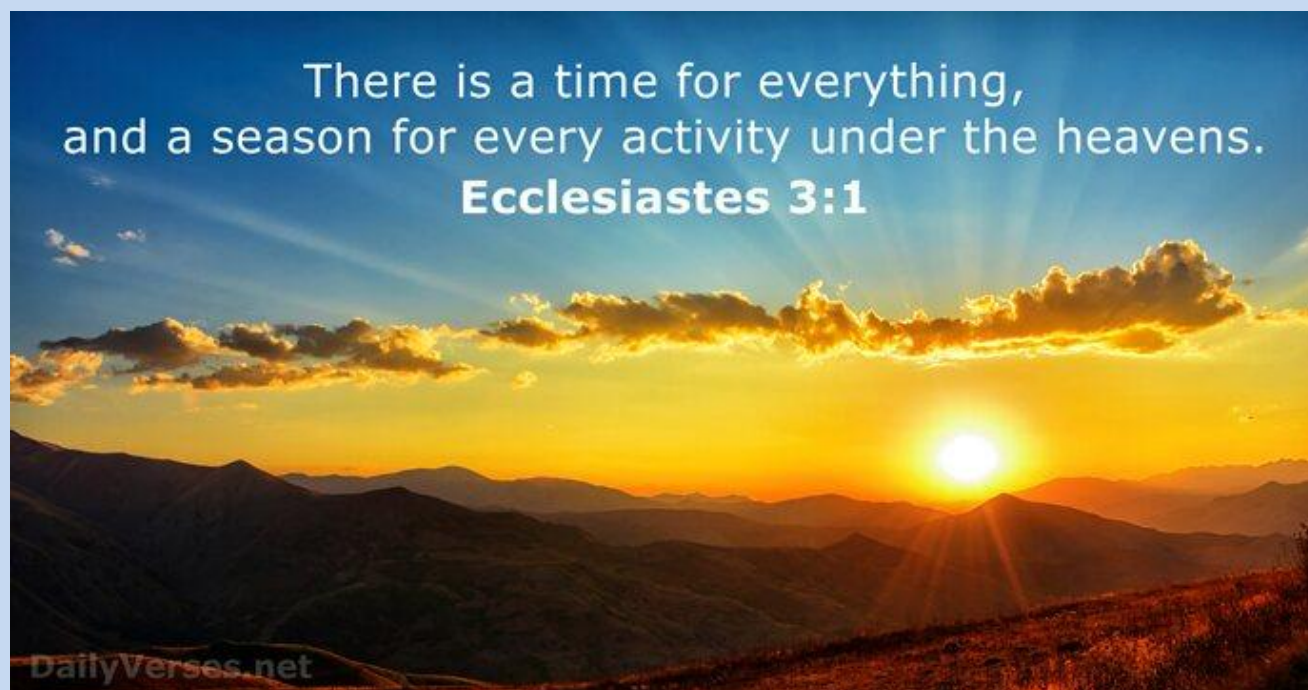
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Friday 21st July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wishing our wonderful school community a restful summer holiday.



Next Term at Northbourne

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Northbourne in September.

- Term 1 will start on Wednesday 2nd September for all pupils
- Term 1 ends on Wednesday 21st October
- INSET Days for next year are:
 - Tuesday 1st September
 - Thursday 22nd October
 - Friday 23rd October
 - Monday 4th January
 - Monday 21st June
- Parents Evenings - Monday 19th October & Tuesday 20th October



Summer Reading Challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge is back in Kent Libraries! It's running between Saturday 4th July to Saturday 5th September in Kent. It's free and open to all children aged 4 to 11.

This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading.

Children can sign up and take part at [any library](#) or [mobile library](#) in Kent. They must be library members to join and get extra rewards.



They'll get a sticker booklet to track their reading. Children who take part will receive rewards as they reach each goal milestone. As they progress through the Challenge, they can collect:

- after 2 goals - a bookmark
- after 4 goals - a key ring
- after 6 goals - a certificate and a medal.

Each reward marks a step in their reading journey and celebrates their progress.

[Summer Reading Challenge - Kent County Council](#)

Welcome to our new staff members

A very warm welcome to our new staff, ahead of their September starts.

Following on from her visit on Transition Day, Miss Oakes has been in school over the past fortnight, getting to know the pupils and staff and preparing Hazel Classroom for September. We are very excited to welcome Miss Oakes to our school community, we are sure she will enjoy life at Northbourne and I know you will all join me in giving her a very warm welcome.

In September we will also be joined by another teacher, Mr Cullen. As part of our Trust strategy to ensure DEALT retains and fosters experienced and strong practitioners, we will be welcoming Mr Cullen to Northbourne for the coming year. Mr Cullen has just finished a maternity cover post at Sholden Primary and will be joining us in September to work in a flexible role, with pupils across the school. We are thrilled to be able to add another experienced teacher to our team and look forward to seeing the impact he has supporting across all of our classes.

And finally, we welcome Mr Martin to his new role as Sports Coach. I know that Mr Martin is very excited to be taking up this new post and we can't wait to get stuck in to sporting competitions, achievements and teamwork next year.

Year 6 Leavers Service

Our Year 6 pupils attended their Leavers Service at St Augustine's church this morning. It was lovely to have Rev. Andrew lead the service and to send our pupils on their way with a blessing and their own copies of the Good News Bible.

Thank you to our Choir and Collective Worship team who sang beautifully and prayed for our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next stage of their learning journey.

