

NS82° School Newsletter



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break, filled with rest, joy, and time with loved ones. As we step into this new term, I'm excited about the opportunities ahead for every member of our school community. This is a fresh start—a chance to build on last term's achievements and set new goals for success. Together, we'll make this term one of growth, learning, and memorable experiences.

There's so much to look forward to in the coming weeks: engaging lessons, exciting projects, and opportunities to showcase talents both inside and outside the classroom. Our staff have been working hard to prepare enriching activities that will challenge and inspire our pupils. I can't wait to see the creativity, resilience, and determination that make our school such a special place. Let's embrace every opportunity and celebrate the successes—big and small—that we achieve along the way.

Finally, I want to stress the importance of attendance. Every day in school counts, and being present ensures you don't miss out on valuable learning and experiences. Good attendance is key to reaching your full potential, and we're here to support you in making it a priority. Let's work together to make this term the best yet—full of progress, positivity, and success.

Warm Regards,

Mr Byrne, Headteacher



Our Mission

We **N**avigate **S**uccess **T**ogether with **A**mbition and **R**elevance



THE ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Regular school attendance is essential for your child's academic success, personal development, and building strong learning habits. When children attend consistently, they stay engaged, keep up with lessons, and develop a sense of responsibility that benefits them throughout life. Our class staff work hard to encourage attendance by creating a welcoming environment, maintaining positive communication with families, and celebrating achievements.

To make attendance fun and motivating, we've introduced **The Attendance League**—a league table that ranks classes based on their percentage of attendance throughout the term. The higher the attendance, the higher the class climbs in the league, fostering teamwork and healthy competition! Alongside the Attendance League, we also run **The Most Improved Attendance League**, which celebrates progress and effort. In this league, anonymous pupils have been selected to help raise their class attendance by setting a positive example and encouraging their peers. This initiative promotes teamwork and motivates everyone to aim higher together!





THE ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

Robins
Kingfishers
Hawks
Starlings
Eagles
Sparrows
Kestrels
Falcons
Owls



THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

Falcons	↑
Eagles	↑
Sparrows	↑
Robins	↑
Starlings	↑
Kingfishers	↑
Owls	
Hawks	
Kestrels	



SAVE THE DATE!



School Term Dates

Term 1: 2 September 2025 to 24 October 2025

Term 2: 3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025

Term 3: 5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026

Term 4: 23 February 2026 to 2 April 2026

Term 5: 20 April 2026 to 22 May 2026

Term 6: 1 June 2026 to 22 July 2026

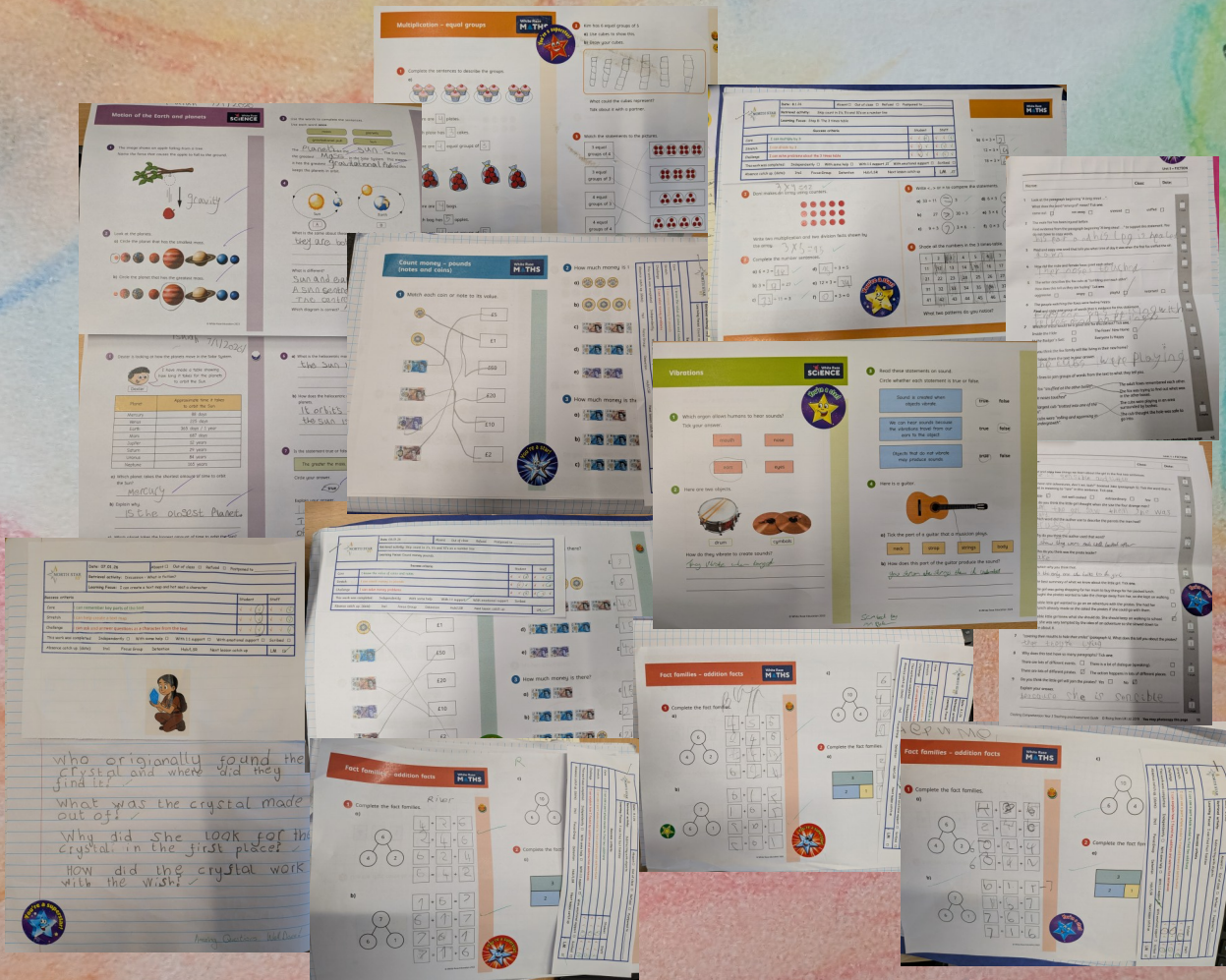


It's great to see everyone back after the break. We have had the pleasure to hear so many amazing stories about the children's Christmas break, new year's activities and everything in between. As a team we are really impressed by the resilience that children have shown since returning, we have seen record amounts of work, improved positive attitudes to learning, and we have seen some really positive behaviour displayed. Great first week back and we look forward to progressing this term and seeing even more improvement.

Engagement Page



Well Done to Starlings
class this week for being
our Gold Book Winners!!
Your attitude to learning
has been incredible which
can be seen in your Maths
work. Well done Starlings!

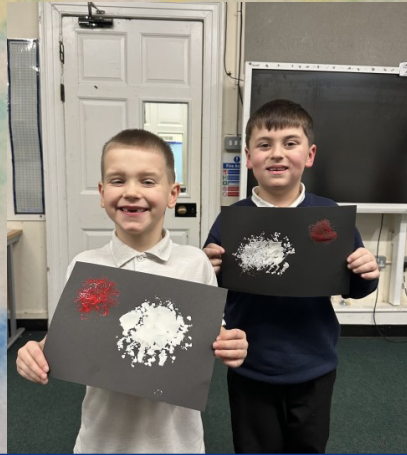


The Gold Book

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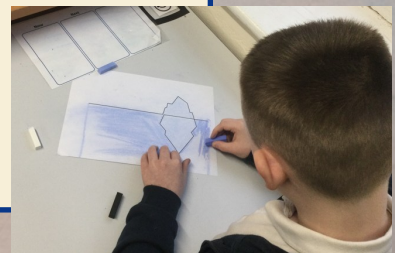
What have we been up to?



Sparrow class had a brilliant first week back after the Christmas break. We started our new topic learning about explorers. We created our own space artwork inspired by Neil Armstrong.



In Kestrels we have started looking at our big question for the term. We chose an extreme environment to draw in our art lessons using pastels to create different effects. In Science we have been exploring vibrations. We struck the cymbal and then used our hands to stop the vibration and the noise stopped at the same time proving that the vibration and noise are linked.



This week Owls class have had a good start after returning from the Christmas break. We welcome a new member of staff, Mr. Ryder who has formed excellent relationships with pupils. Mr. Wilson's team building games were a particular hit, and a new variety of social games were enjoyed by all. Owls class seem to be enjoying the school lunches by our new catering team on site. Highlights of Forest School included how to use cutting tools in a safe and proficient manner.



Would you like support with....

Education

Communication

Physical and Mental Health

Support with your Local Offer

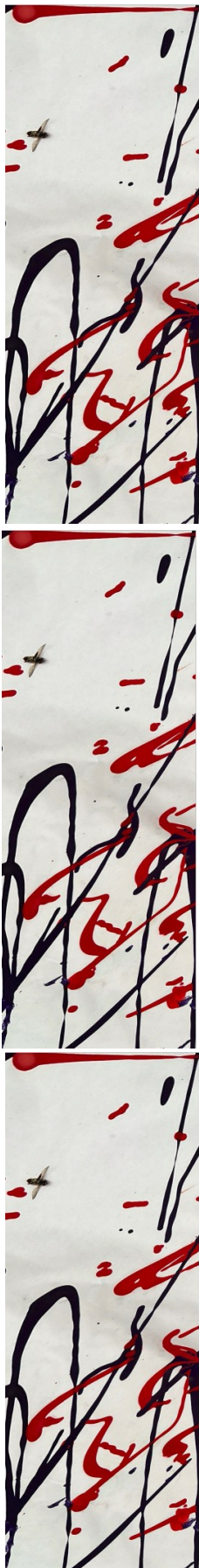


Contact LIFT



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Dear Families,

We are delighted to announce the launch of **LIFT**, our new outreach service designed to support pupils, families, and the wider community. LIFT stands for **Learning, Inclusion, Families, Together**.

What is LIFT?

LIFT is a holistic provision that brings together educational, emotional, and practical support for families. Our aim is simple: to empower every pupil and family to thrive, both in school and beyond.

How will LIFT help you?

- **Attendance Support**— Helping to break down the barriers to attendance.
- **Communication Support** – Help with emails, applications, healthcare access, and more.
- **Health & Wellbeing** – Nutritional advice, emotional regulation, and stress management.
- **Daily Guidance** – SEN activities, childcare support, and local offer navigation.
- **Education** – SEND support, transition planning, and educational advice.

We are proud to introduce **Matt Lee**, our dedicated LIFT Mentor, who will work closely with families to provide tailored support and guidance.

Why LIFT?

Progress is stronger when we rise together. LIFT is here to ensure that every pupil, family, and community member feels supported, connected, and empowered.

Warm regards,

Mr Marsh, Assistant Head Teacher



Primary

Boys

- ◇ Black tailored trousers
- ◇ White school or plain shirt (with collar)
- ◇ Navy school jumper logo
- ◇ Black, plain, sensible
- ◇ Hijab – Navy Blue or



Girls

- ◇ Black school skirt
- ◇ Sensible black tights to be worn with school skirt
- ◇ Black tailored trousers polo
- ◇ White school or plain polo shirt (with collar) with
- ◇ Navy jumper
- ◇ Black, plain, sensible shoes (open-toed or backless sandals are not appropriate) shoes Black
- ◇ For safety reasons, high heels are not acceptable

Free school Meals/Pupil premium: Your child could be entitled to receive free school meals as well as pupil premium funding for the school. Please read this important letter for more information about how to claim. You can apply to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals here:

[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals)

If you are not entitled to free school meals a hot meal can be purchased for £2.90. Payments can be made over the phone or by sending in cash or cheque, payable to North Star Academy Trust and via Arbor app. Payments for meals are needed in advance.

Our new supplier Aspens will be taking over the catering in our school In term 2. We will keep you updated with any menu changes in due course.

A message from the office;

In the event your child is ill please contact the school office on **01173772175**.

Choosing option 2 to report the absence.

If you need to update any information we hold for your child such as contact numbers or address changes you are now able to do this via the Arbor app. If you have yet to log in please visit <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.

Breakfast Club!

We are excited to introduce our new Breakfast Club, available every morning for all children. This is a great way for pupils to start the day with a nutritious breakfast and a positive, calm environment before lessons begin. We look forward to welcoming everyone—no need to book, just come along and join us!

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