

NS82° School Newsletter

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It has been a pleasure to see so many positive moments across the school this week, reflecting the hard work, resilience, and kindness of our pupils and staff.

I have been especially impressed by the way pupils have approached their learning with enthusiasm and focus. Many classes have shown excellent engagement during lessons, with pupils supporting one another and taking pride in their work. It has been wonderful to see the progress being made and the confidence our pupils are developing.

There have also been many examples of positive behaviour around the school. Pupils have demonstrated respect, responsibility, and kindness towards each other, particularly during social times and transitions. These small but important moments help to create a calm and supportive environment for everyone.

Our staff continue to go above and beyond to support pupils' wellbeing and learning, working closely together to ensure that each child feels safe, valued, and encouraged to succeed. I would like to thank them for their continued dedication and commitment.

Finally, I would like to thank our families for their ongoing support. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in our pupils' success, and it is greatly appreciated.

Well done to everyone for another positive and productive week.

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

Starlings
Sparrows
Eagles
Kestrels
Robins
Hawks
Kingfishers
Owls
Falcons



THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

Eagles	↑
Falcons	↑
Sparrows	↑
Starlings	↑
Robins	
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



This week, we would like to recognise just how amazing our pupils have been in showing resilience and determination across the school. It has been a pleasure to see so many pupils actively using the strategies they have been taught to manage challenges, regulate their emotions, and remain engaged with their learning.

Many pupils have worked extremely hard to persevere when tasks felt difficult, demonstrating a growing confidence in their ability to overcome obstacles. Whether it has been taking time to calm themselves, asking for support, or trying again after a setback, these moments of resilience are something we are incredibly proud note of.

We have also seen pupils making thoughtful choices throughout the day, applying strategies independently and supporting one another during challenging moments. These positive steps, both big and small, show the progress pupils are making and the strength they are building over time.

Well done to all our pupils for their hard work and commitment this week – your efforts have not gone unnoticed. We look forward to continuing to support you as you grow in confidence and resilience.

Engagement Page



What have we been up to?

In PSHE this week, Sparrow class thought about how important it is to work together. We helped each other and worked as a team to complete this puzzle.



This week Kestrels led the school assembly about Martin Luther King Jr. We discussed lots of types of fairness and set a whole school challenge for the children to complete their thought bubbles about their hopes and dreams for a fairer future.



What have we been up to?

It has been such a very wet and windy week this week in our outdoor learning classes.....The first task this week was to build a secure den so that we have somewhere dry to go when we are outside in our forest school area. This was a bit of a task but lots of fun. During our forest school sessions this week we have been learning how to use binoculars for bird watching as it is the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH WEEKEND. Here is the link to their website - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> If you have time to do a bit of bird watching over the weekend this link allows you to send in your results for their hugely important survey of the UK of how many wild birds we have left. If you have some time this weekend to do this activity I am sure the RSPB would really appreciate it.



The Eagles have had a fantastic week of learning. We've launched our new math's topic on multiplication and division, exploring key vocabulary and building confidence with new concepts. In our wider curriculum, we've been flying high as we investigated Earth's rotation and its tilted axis, discovering how these shape day, night, and the seasons. To round off the week, the children let their imaginations soar by planning and creating their own stories. A brilliant week of curiosity, creativity, and growing independence.



In gardening we have been making new paths so that we have more ways to move around our garden without stepping on all the daffodil bulbs we planted before Christmas and have now started to poke through the earth. We have been moving mud to make new flower beds ready for March / April when we can visit the local plant nursery and start buying some new edibles to go into our garden. January is a tough month in the garden and weather has not been on our side but I can say the children's enthusiasm for gardening is really wonderful and I definitely think they deserve a big pat on the back for all the work they do. Well done everyone!



Would you like support with....

Education

Communication

Physical and Mental Health

Support with your Local Offer

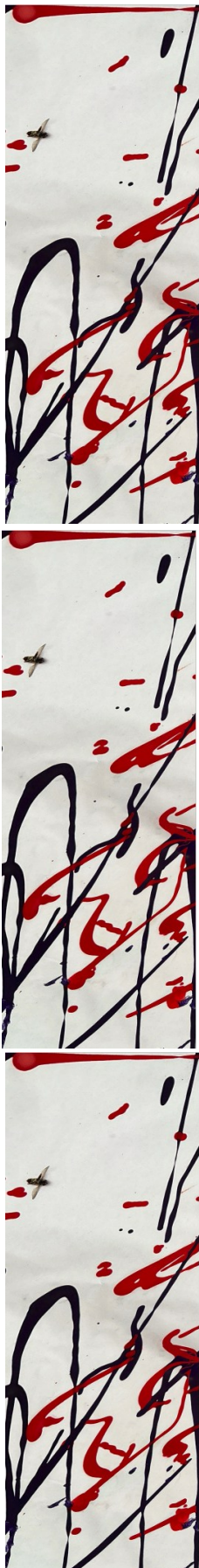


Contact LIFT



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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](#)

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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