

NS82° School Newsletter

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What a wonderful few weeks it has been in school! I continue to be incredibly proud of our pupils, who are showing *fantastic attitudes to learning* in every classroom. Whether it's the quiet determination during independent tasks, the lively enthusiasm during group activities, or the thoughtful questions being asked during lessons, it has been a joy to see such positive energy and engagement across the school. Every class is buzzing with learning, and it is always a highlight of my week to walk through the corridors and witness the wonderful

things happening in each room.

One of the standout moments recently was our *Science Day*. We were thrilled to welcome **The Explorer Dome** into school, and the experience certainly didn't disappoint! The children were captivated from the moment they stepped inside the dome. They explored fascinating scientific ideas, discovered exciting facts, and came away with a renewed sense of curiosity about the world around them. It was fantastic to see their faces light up as they experienced science in such a dynamic and memorable way.

I would also like to take a moment to celebrate an *incredible attendance week*. Our attendance has been outstanding, and this is a direct result of the commitment and support of our parents and carers. Thank you for everything you do to ensure your children arrive each day ready to learn. Your partnership with us truly makes a difference, and we are so grateful.

As always, thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life. Together, we are helping our pupils grow, thrive, and enjoy every moment of their learning journey.

Warmest wishes,



Our Mission

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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

Hawks
Starlings
Kestrels
Sparrows
Owls
Robins
Kingfishers
Eagles
Falcons



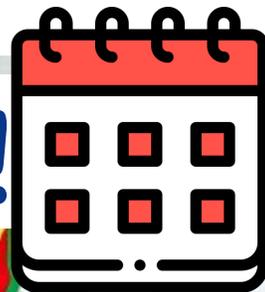
THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

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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 has been an incredibly uplifting one for the Engagement Team, and we wanted to take a moment to celebrate all the amazing things we have seen happening across the school.



From the moment we stepped into classrooms, corridors, and shared spaces, we were struck by how confidently children have been using their strategies to manage challenges, stay focused, and make positive choices. It has been wonderful to see pupils drawing on the tools they've been taught—whether that's using calming techniques, taking brain breaks, asking for support at the right moment, or using problem-solving strategies with real independence. These are skills that take time and practice to master, and we are so proud of the progress the children continue to make.

We have also been deeply impressed by the strong, trusting relationships between pupils and their trusted adults. The communication, encouragement, and teamwork we observed this week have been exceptional. Whether it was a quiet conversation to help a child regulate, a shared celebration of a small success, or a moment of reflection that helped a child reset and move forward, it was clear just how important these relationships are in helping our learners feel safe, understood, and ready to engage.

A huge well done to all of our pupils, and a heartfelt thank you to the staff who support them so tirelessly every day. Together, you are making a real difference, and we are excited to see even more progress in the weeks ahead.

Engagement Page



Well Done to Neo Magic and Aidan-Lee Letts for showing incredible pride in your work this week! You are this week's Gold Book winners!



The Gold Book

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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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