

NS82° School Newsletter

13.02.26



As we come to the end of another wonderful term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our school community. It has been a truly amazing few months, filled with learning, growth, and countless moments of pride. The positive atmosphere across the school has been inspiring, and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to such a successful term.

Our pupils have been working exceptionally hard, and it has been a joy to see the incredible work being produced across all year groups. From creative writing and thoughtful problem-solving to brilliant artwork and impressive teamwork, their enthusiasm for learning continues to shine through. The quality of work observed in classrooms has been outstanding, reflecting both their commitment and their growing confidence.

I am also delighted to celebrate the excellent attendance this term. So many pupils have shown real dedication by coming to school each day ready to learn, and this consistency makes a significant difference to their progress and wellbeing. Thank you to all families for supporting strong attendance—
together, we really are helping our pupils thrive.

A special thank you must go to all parents and carers for your continued support. Whether it's helping with attendance, attending events, or simply offering encouragement at home, your partnership is invaluable. We truly appreciate everything you do to help make our school the warm, positive, and successful community it is.

And finally, to our wonderful pupils, thank you. Your positivity, resilience, curiosity, and kindness make our school a fantastic place to be. We are proud of each and every one of you for the effort you have shown throughout the term.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and happy half term.

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
Hawks
Owls
Starlings
Kingfishers
Kestrels
Sparrows
Eagles
Falcons



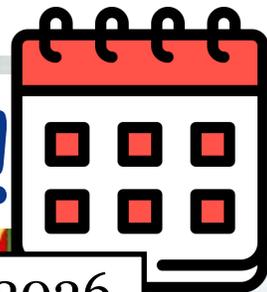
THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

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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

World Book Day 2026
World Book Day will be held in Term 4 Week 2.

More information to follow!

WORLD
BOOK
DAY



As we reach the end of this term, the Engagement Team would like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible efforts of all our pupils. It has been a term filled with determination, positive choices, and impressive personal growth, and we could not be prouder of the progress we have seen across the school.



Throughout the term, pupils have shown remarkable behaviour and resilience. Whether navigating challenges in class, working through tricky tasks, or supporting one another, they have consistently demonstrated maturity and perseverance. Their ability to stay focused, regulate their emotions, and bounce back from setbacks has been truly inspiring to witness.

We also want to recognise the thoughtful and confident way so many pupils have made use of their trusted adults and the strategies they have been developing. It has been wonderful to see them reaching out for support when needed, practising grounding techniques, and using problem-solving approaches to keep themselves calm, safe, and ready to learn. These are skills that will benefit them not only in school but throughout their lives, and their progress is something to be genuinely proud of.

To every pupil: thank you. Thank you for your effort, your honesty, your hard work, and your willingness to keep growing. You are an amazing community of young people, and it is a privilege to support you.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, filled with rest and fun. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for a new term ahead.

Engagement Page



What has been happening this week?



This week is mental health awareness week. On Monday, we had an assembly with Ryan from the community children's health partnership. We spoke about what mental health means, where we belong and feel safe and ways to



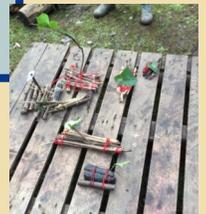
Hawks class have been learning about measuring using rulers, measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres. We have also been practicing for our assembly showcase.



Robins have been writing non-chronological go reports this week on the mischievous creature called a Squiggle; that lives in Children's classrooms!



This week we have been building rafts and floated them on our pond. We have had some fires and cooked some delicious marshmallows and apples dipped in sugar. We have been making a cold frame for our garden ready to start our seeds off early. We can see at least 6 daffodils that are flowered in our garden so far with hundreds more to come up over the half term. There has been a lot of den building with children using their planning skills, resources and fine and gross motor skills to reach their design goals. The mud pies are coming along very nicely as well..



What has been happening this week?



This week in PE, pupils in Upper KS2 completed their Term 3 Focus Sport learning in Handball. The unit explored the principles of attack and defence with a particular focus passing and moving, building on their tactical awareness and teamwork skills.

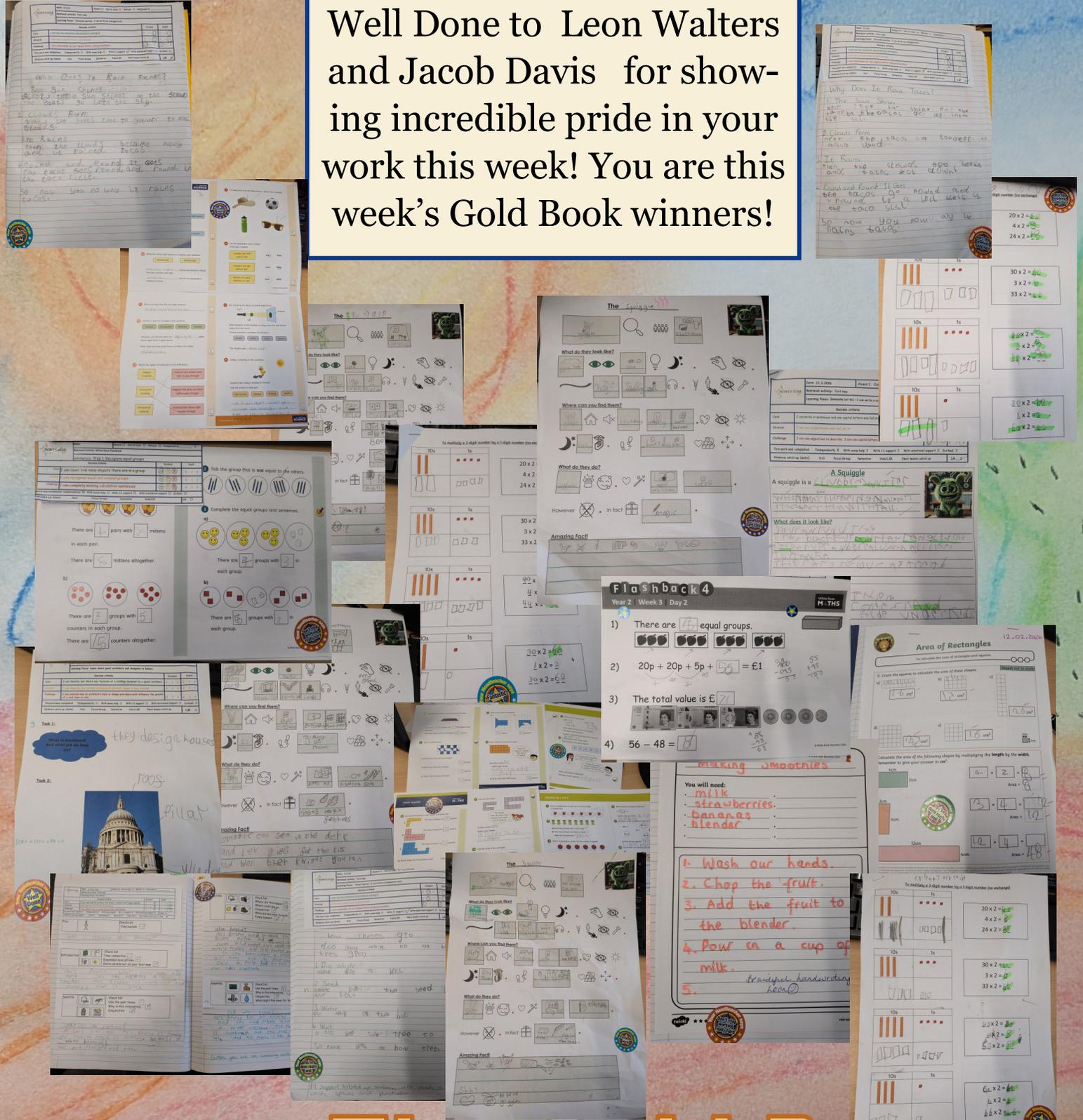
The KS1 and Lower KS2 pupils also successfully completed their Term 3 unit of learning too, which was focusing on consolidating their ability to accurately roll, catch, throw and control a ball when taking part in team games.



In Owls this week, we have made smoothies with fruit and as a treat we added Oreo cookies! We also used the smoothie mixture and made ice cubes which we enjoyed during our choosing time. In our English, we wrote instructions around how we made our smoothies and chose interesting imperative verbs to begin each instruction.



Well Done to Leon Walters and Jacob Davis for showing incredible pride in your work this week! You are this week's Gold Book winners!



The Gold Book

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We Navigate Success Together with Ambition and Relevance



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
- ◇ 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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