

# NS82° School Newsletter

06.03.26



What a wonderful week it has been at school! I'd like to begin by offering a heartfelt **thank you to every pupil, member of staff, and family** for your hard work, enthusiasm, and support over the past few days. The energy around the school has been fantastic, and it's all down to the effort each of you puts in.

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been **World Book Day**. The creativity on display was truly inspiring—our corridors were filled with wizards, adventurers, classic characters, and heroes from stories old and new. The activities throughout the day were a joy to see, and it was wonderful to watch our pupils dive so enthusiastically into reading, storytelling, and imaginative play. A big well done to everyone involved.

We've also enjoyed some excellent trips this week. Our children showed great resilience and teamwork during **swimming**, continuing to build their confidence in the water. Meanwhile, the visit to **Blaise Castle** offered a brilliant opportunity for exploration, curiosity, and outdoor learning. Thank you to the staff who organised and supervised these experiences—they enrich our curriculum and create lasting memories for our pupils.

As we wrap up another busy and rewarding week, I'd like to wish everyone a **relaxing and enjoyable weekend**. Take time to rest, recharge, and spend time doing what you love. We look forward to seeing you all again next week.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**



## Our Mission

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



**Thank You!**

## Introducing Our New Deputy Headteacher

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Deputy Headteacher at our wonderful school. From the moment I arrived, both staff and pupils have shown me such kindness, patience, and support. It has made settling in a real joy, and I already feel very much at home. Thank you to everyone who has helped me find my way around and made me feel so welcome.

This week, I have launched an exciting opportunity for our pupils: **applications are now open for Peer Navigators.**

### What Is a Peer Navigator?

Peer Navigators are pupils who help make our school an even happier, friendlier place. Their role is all about:

- Welcoming others and helping them feel included
- Showing kindness and patience
- Being a positive role model
- Working as part of a team to support classmates

Helping to make playtimes and school life run smoothly

All Peer Navigators will receive **special training** to help them feel confident in their role and to ensure they know how to support others safely and positively.

### How to Apply

If your child would like to become a Peer Navigator, they simply need to **come and see me to collect an application form.** I'm really looking forward to hearing from enthusiastic pupils who want to make a difference.

### Rewards and Recognition

Peer Navigators who fulfil their duties responsibly will have the chance to earn **extra gems** and enjoy a special **spot on the Top Table** as a thank-you for their contribution to school life.

I can't wait to work with our new team of Peer Navigators and continue getting to know all of our wonderful pupils and families. Thank you again for such a warm welcome — I'm excited for the term ahead.





# 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

Sparrows
Kestrels
Robins
Starlings
Owls
Hawks
Kingfishers
Falcons
Eagles



# THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

## LEAGUE TABLE

Owls	↑
Kestrels	↑
Sparrows	
Falcons	
Eagles	
Starlings	
Kingfishers	
Robins	
Hawks	



# 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 have been incredibly proud of the **remarkable resilience** shown by our pupils across the school. From tackling new challenges to supporting one another through busy days, the effort and determination we've seen has been truly inspiring.

Whether pupils were taking on tricky tasks in the classroom, demonstrating teamwork during activities, or pushing themselves to try something new, they did so with positivity and perseverance. It has been wonderful to watch them grow in confidence and to see the pride they take in their progress.

We'd like to extend a huge **well done** to every pupil for the hard work they have put in—your resilience is a strength that will continue to help you shine. Keep believing in yourselves and celebrating each step forward.

We're excited to see what next week brings!

# Engagement Page

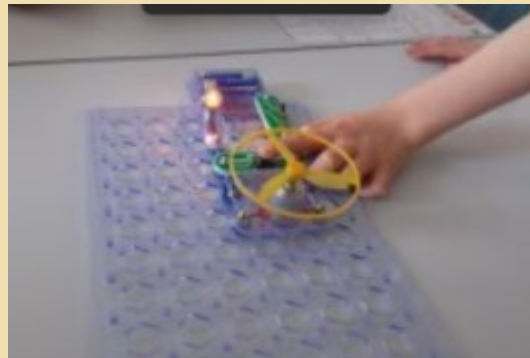
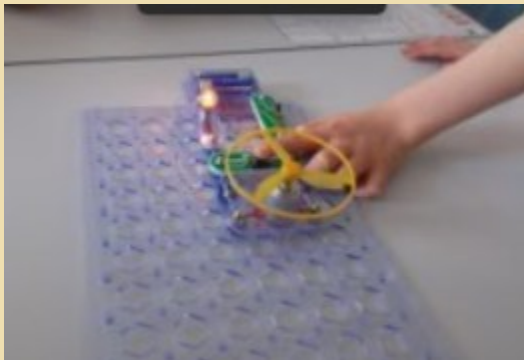


# What has been happening this week?

This week, we have been learning about factors in maths. As a class treat, we went to Blaise on Thursday and enjoyed playing in the sun with our friends. As we had filled our kindness gem jar, we also enjoyed a delicious ice cream. On Friday, we dressed up for World Book Day. In class was Cinderella, Creeper, Willy Wonker, a random Pirate, A Wally for a teacher and two dormant pen-



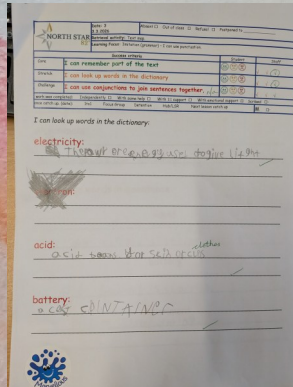
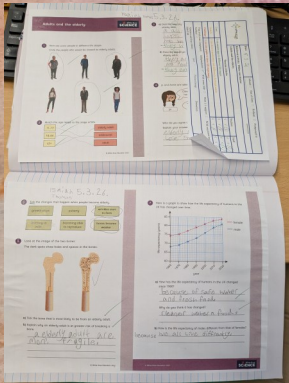
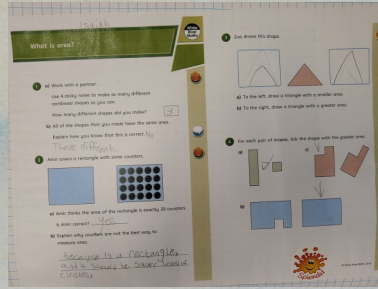
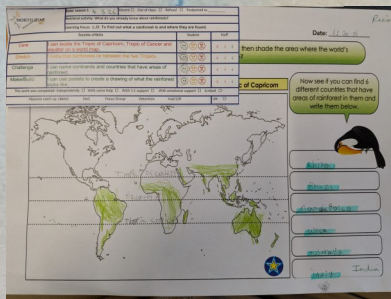
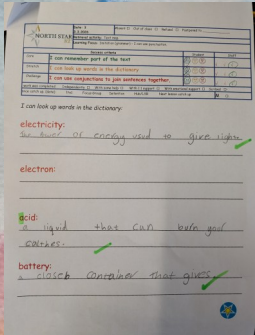
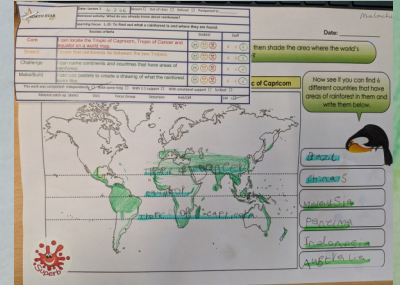
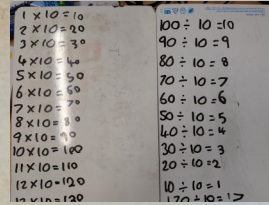
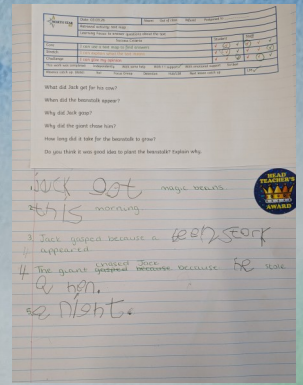
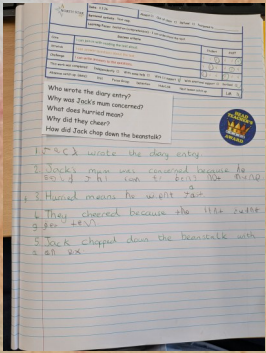
In Kestrels we have been designing our own electrical circuits and learning from our mistakes when they haven't worked! We especially liked the circuit that either lit the light bulb or turned a spinner depending on which way a switch was set.



Sparrow class had a visit from Bear the therapy dog this week. We loved reading to him, playing fetch and loved learning how to get him to do different tricks.



Well Done to Robin's Class,  
Rosco and Isaiah 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**

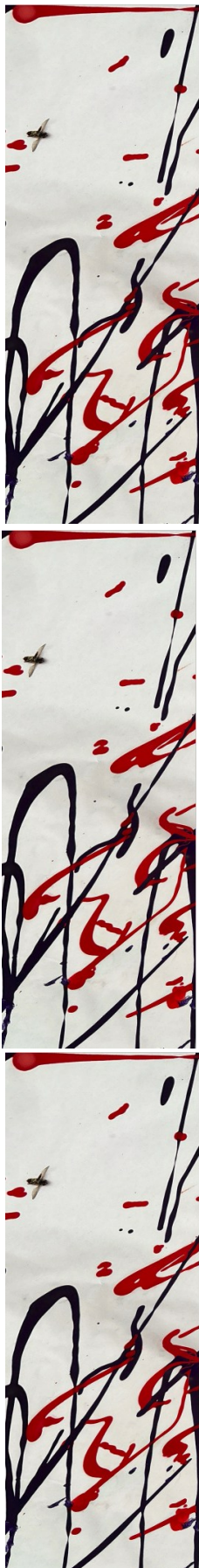


**Contact LIFT**



**07352743648**

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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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