

NS82° School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week at North Star Academy, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support and partnership.

This week has been full of hard work, creativity, and positivity from our pupils, and that doesn't happen without the encouragement they receive at home. We've seen children showing resilience, kindness, and a real enthusiasm for learning — qualities that grow strongest when school and families work together.

I also want to thank you for the small but important things you do each day: helping your child get ready for school, supporting routines, attending meetings, and communicating with staff. These moments make a real difference to your child's confidence and success.

We are incredibly proud of our school community — pupils, staff, and families alike. Your support helps us create a nurturing, ambitious environment where every child can thrive.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend with your families.

Warm regards,

Mr Byrne, Headteacher



Our Mission

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



A Week of Growth and Great Achievements

This week has been full of energy, ambition, and impressive effort across the school community. One of the standout highlights has been the Peer Navigator application process, which officially closed with an incredible response from students eager to take on leadership roles.

Over the past few days, interviews have been underway, and it's been inspiring to see so many pupils step forward with confidence, enthusiasm, and a genuine desire to support their peers. Each interview has showcased unique strengths, thoughtful ideas, and a real commitment to making our school an even more welcoming and supportive place.

A huge well done to everyone who has taken part in an interview this week. Whether you're successful or not, putting yourself forward is an achievement in itself, and you should be proud of the courage and effort you've shown.

The selection process is now in its final stages, and we know there's a lot of excitement (and maybe a few nerves) in the air. Successful candidates will be officially announced on **Friday**, and we can't wait to celebrate the new team of Peer Navigators who will help shape the school community in the months ahead.

Stay tuned — and once again, congratulations to all who took part. Your hard work has truly made this week one to remember.





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
Hawks
Owls
Kestrels
Sparrows
Kingfishers
Falcons
Robins
Eagles



THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

Owls	↑
Starlings	↑
Falcons	
Hawks	
Eagles	
Kestrels	
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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



It's been a brilliant week here at North Star 82, and we wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their hard work and positivity.

Our pupils have had an especially exciting week, with **two fantastic trips to the cinema** that were a real highlight. The students represented the school beautifully and had a great time together. We're also looking forward to **another exciting trip next week**, which we know the pupils are already buzzing about.

We'd also like to recognise our staff for their ongoing dedication and teamwork. Your efforts create the supportive, warm environment that allows our pupils to thrive.

Thank you all for contributing to such a successful week. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful weekend.

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What has been happening this week?

This week we've launched our new math's topic of measurement, exploring how and when to use millimeter's, centimeter's, meters and kilometer's. The children have enjoyed comparing lengths and getting hands-on with practical activities.

In English, we've begun learning about Japanese culture, using a new journey text that takes us through the vibrant, bustling cities of Japan. The class has been fascinated by the contrast between traditions and modern life.



Our science lessons have focused on human growth, looking at how children develop into adolescence and the changes that happen

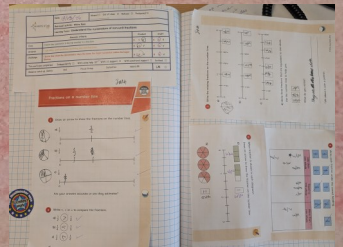
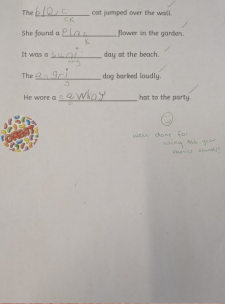
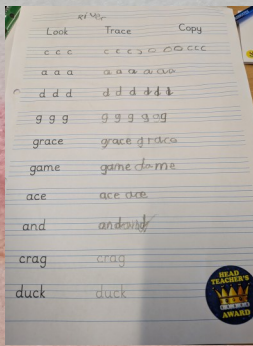
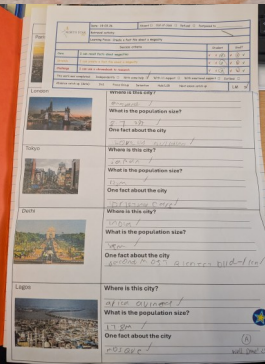
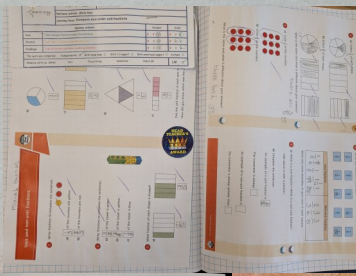
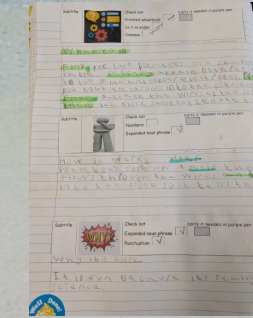
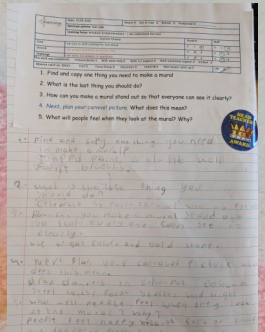
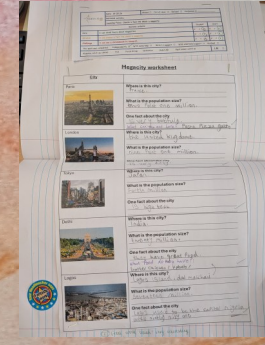
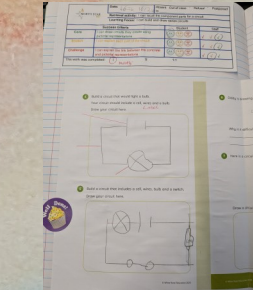
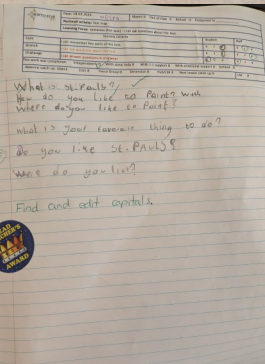
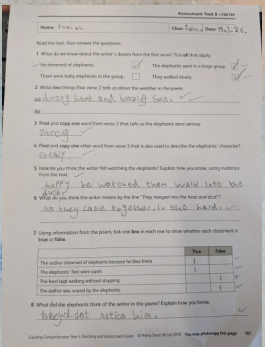
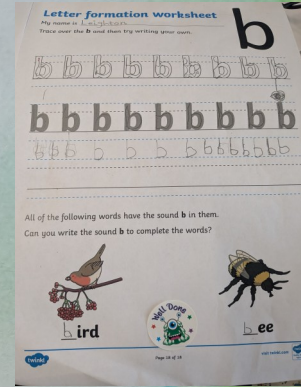
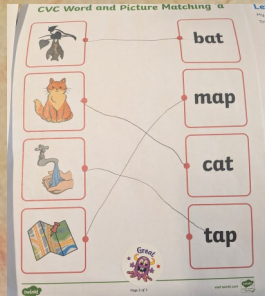
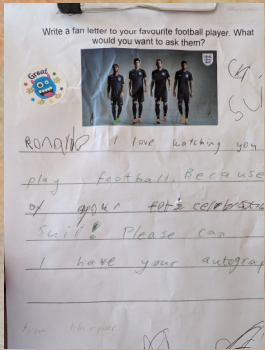
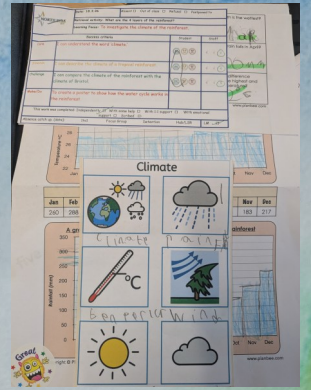
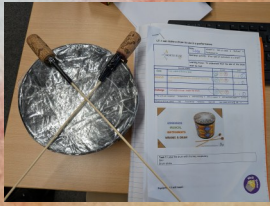


Robins have enjoyed starting their new journey story unit for English. We have written some imaginative stories about a journey through the rainforest, using a map to help us plan our route. This morning we had lots of fun working as a team to cross a swamp in our classroom- without being eaten by the hungry crocodiles!

Everyone in Sparrow class managed to have a perfect point week! This means that they were kind, listened to others and tried their best all week. They were rewarded with a trip to the cinema.



Well Done Nolen 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

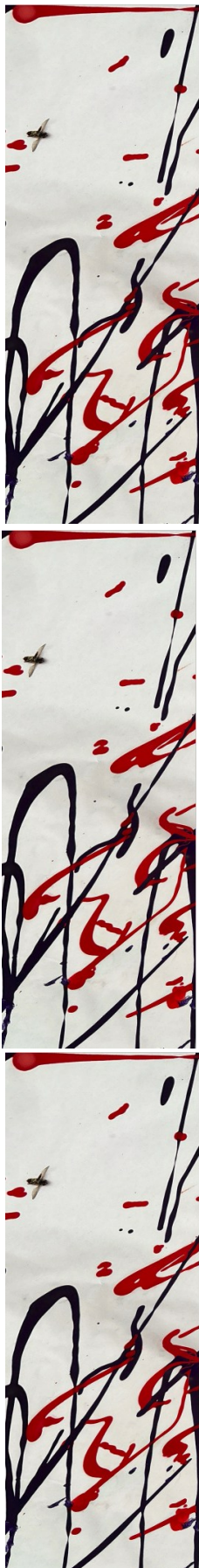


Contact LIFT



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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

**WE NEED
YOU!**



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS

**PARENTS, CARERS, GUARDIANS
AND FAMILIES**

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

**WHAT EVENTS WOULD
YOU LIKE OUR
SCHOOL TO RUN?**

**PLEASE CONTACT [TOM.MARSH@
NORTHSTAR-ACADEMY.CO.UK](mailto:TOM.MARSH@NORTHSTAR-ACADEMY.CO.UK) WITH
ANY SUGGESTIONS**

NORTH STAR 82°



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT

**BINGO
NIGHT!**

MONDAY 27TH APRIL

**STARTING 5PM
FREE OF CHARGE**

PRIZES TO BE WON!

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE!



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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