

NS82° School Newsletter

06.03.26



Dear Students, Staff, Families and Friends,

As we come to the end of another vibrant and inspiring week at school, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in our community. Your hard work, energy, and commitment have been evident in every corridor, classroom, and learning space.

This week's highlight was undoubtedly our **Project Based Learning (PBL) Showcase**. The creativity, depth of thinking, and collaboration demonstrated by our students were truly exceptional. From innovative problem-solving displays to beautifully presented research, the quality of work on show reflected weeks of dedication and genuine passion for learning. I could not be prouder of what our students have achieved.

We were also pleased to welcome our **CEO, Mrs. Palmer-Greene**, along with several members of our **Executive Leadership Team**. They were hugely impressed by the professionalism, imagination, and confidence shown by our students, as well as the thoughtful guidance and support provided by our staff. Their visit was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strength of our school community and highlight the great progress we continue to make together.

Thank you once again to every student for your enthusiasm, every member of staff for your tireless commitment, and every parent and carer for the constant support you give. This has been a week to remember, and I look forward to many more moments of shared pride in the weeks ahead.

Warm regards,

Mr Byrne, Headteacher



Our Mission

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



Message from the Deputy Head Teacher

What a fantastic week it has been in school! I'd like to start by saying a huge **well done** to all the pupils who took part in the **Peer Navigator interviews**. We were incredibly impressed by the confidence, kindness, and maturity shown by every applicant.

During our **Celebration Assembly**, we proudly handed out certificates to the successful candidates who will now begin their journey as Peer Navigators. Congratulations to each of you—you've earned it!

The next step for our new team is **training with me**, and I'm very much looking forward to working with you all as we prepare for the important role you'll be playing around the school.

It has truly been a **wonderful week**, filled with exciting activities and plenty of reasons to celebrate. Thank you to all our pupils and staff for making our school such a supportive, joyful place to be.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Deputy Head Teacher





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
Kingfishers
Robins
Owls
Sparrows
Hawks
Falcons
Kestrels
Eagles



THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

Kingfishers	↑
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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



The Engagement Team would like to celebrate a fantastic week filled with positive behaviour, consistent strategy use, and wonderful enrichment experiences across the school. Staff have shown great commitment to supporting pupils in making positive choices, and pupils have responded brilliantly, contributing to a calm and supportive atmosphere. Highlights of the week included an excellent cinema trip, where pupils represented the school beautifully, and sunny visits to Blaise Castle, where everyone enjoyed outdoor learning and teamwork. Thank you to all staff and pupils for making this such a successful and enjoyable week.

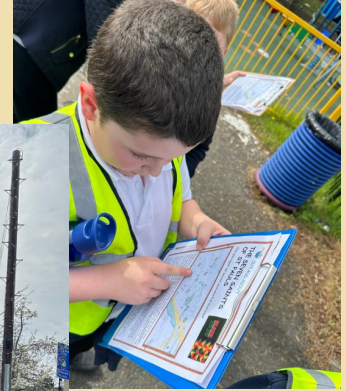
Engagement Page



What has been happening this week?

This week Sparrow class went on a trip to see the 'Seven Saints of St. Pauls' Murals'. We have spent the term learning about all of the amazing things they have done for people in Bristol. We also got to spot

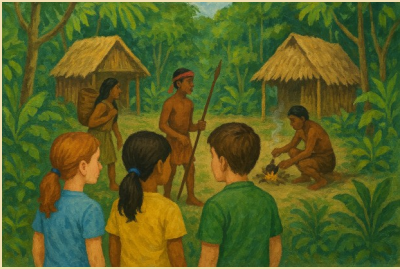
lots of different plants that we have been learning about in science and used our geographical skills to plan our route using a map.



Kestrels and the Eco Team were visited by Generation Soil today. We learnt all about the circular food cycle and composting. We added to our school compost bins and checked to see what worms were in each layer of the wormery. The highlight was listening to the sounds of the soil. We all found somewhere quiet to sit and then listened to magnified sounds of the animals in the soil through our wireless headphones. The best sound was the water and an animal with so many legs we thought it must be a beetle as we could hear its foot-steps in the ground beneath us!



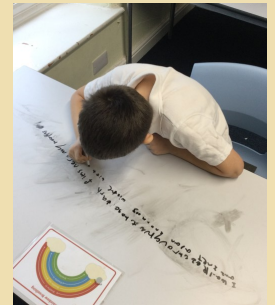
What has been happening this week?



Robins have enjoyed learning about the people and settlements of the rainforest. They have learned about their traditional way of life and how it differs from the way they live their lives.



This week, Hawks have been creating expanded sentences through fun games. Hawks also enjoyed their trip to the cinema.



With three new starters in Kingfisher class this term, we have been working really hard on being kind and getting to know each other. The children have all been playing beautifully together and have collaborated on tasks such as building zoo's out of small world toys and making healthy snacks for each other in PSHE. On top of this I have noticed a huge improvement in everyone's handwriting! We celebrated the end of this week with a trip to Blaise park!



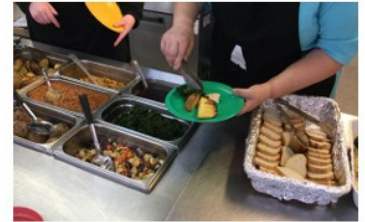
In connection with our Journey Text English focus, Eagles class have been using online tools to research Japan, and even tried sushi! We found out that Japan has over 6,000 islands, some of the fastest trains in the world, and traditionally KFC for Christmas dinner. Some pupils also found out that wasabi is VERY spicy!



What has been happening this week?



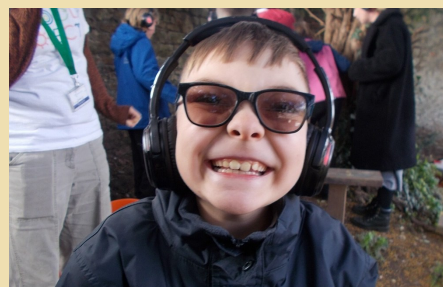
We planted some kale in October 2025 and have been watching it grow over the last 4–5 months. This week, we finally got to pick it and gave it to the kitchen so we could have it with our roast dinner. The children were keen to try it. There was lots of positive feedback, and they enjoyed it very much. Conversations about not wasting food, where our food comes from, and why we need to help our planet by reducing waste were some of the topics discussed at dinnertime this week.



**North Star 82°
gardening
projects
'Plant to Plate'**



Generation Soil





Would you like support with....

Education

Communication

Physical and Mental Health

Support with your Local Offer



Contact LIFT



07352743648

lift@northstar-academy.co.uk

Dear Families,

Over the past few weeks, we have been truly overwhelmed by the positive response to the launch of LIFT—our new outreach service designed to support pupils, families, and the wider community. It has been uplifting to see so many of you engaging with the service, reaching out for advice, and taking those important steps toward building stronger, more connected support networks. The early impact has already been incredibly encouraging, with families sharing how LIFT has helped remove barriers, reduce stress, and create clearer pathways for pupils to thrive both in school and at home.

LIFT—**Learning, Inclusion, Families, Together**—was created with one purpose: to ensure our entire school community feels understood, supported, and empowered. Whether it's help navigating healthcare appointments, guidance with communication and applications, support around attendance, or advice on wellbeing and emotional regulation, LIFT is here to walk alongside families every step of the way. We are proud to offer a service that is holistic, compassionate, and tailored to the needs of each individual.

Our LIFT Mentor, **Matt Lee**, has been working closely with pupils and parents to provide personalised support, and it has been fantastic to see the trust and positive relationships developing already. Many families have shared that a simple conversation, a bit of guidance, or help with organising day-to-day tasks has made a real difference—reminding us just how powerful community support can be.

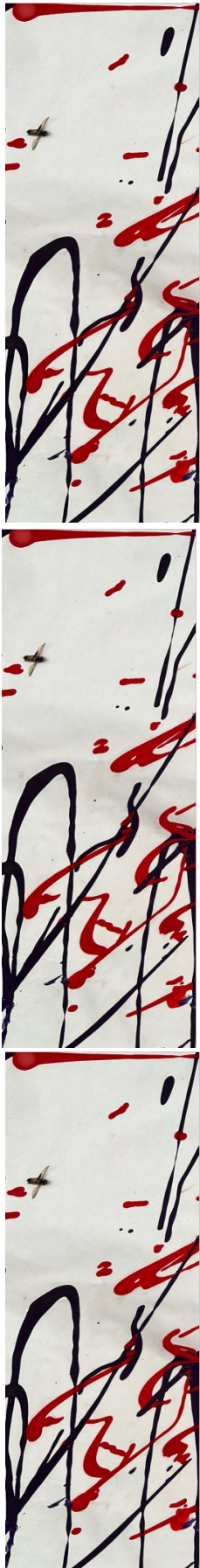
As we move forward, we want to reassure every family that LIFT is here for *all* members of our school community. You do not need to wait for an issue to become overwhelming, and no concern is too small. LIFT can offer:

- **Attendance support** to help overcome practical or emotional barriers
- **Communication help**, including forms, emails, and accessing services
- **Health and wellbeing guidance**, from nutrition to stress management
- **Daily life support**, such as navigating SEN processes or local offers
- **Educational guidance**, including SEND support and transition planning

Our message is simple: please reach out. LIFT exists to make sure families never feel alone in facing challenges. By working together and supporting one another, we can continue to create a school community built on inclusion, understanding, and shared progress.

Thank you once again for your enthusiasm, trust, and engagement. We look forward to continuing this journey together and celebrating the growing impact of LIFT across our school.

Warm regards,
Mr Marsh



**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**

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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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