

NS82° School Newsletter

01.05.26



This week has been a truly memorable one for our school community, highlighted by the incredible success of our whole-school trip to *We The Curious*.

The visit provided our pupils with a rich and engaging learning experience, sparking curiosity, creativity, and a deeper understanding of the world around them. From hands-on exhibits to exciting moments of exploration, it was wonderful to see our children so fully immersed in their learning beyond the classroom.

I would like to extend a huge well done to all of our pupils, who represented the school so brilliantly throughout the trip. Their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour, and willingness to engage made us all incredibly proud. I would also like to thank the parents and carers who joined us — your support and involvement helped make the day even more special.

A very special thank you must go to Mrs Bourne for organising such an incredible experience. The time, effort and care that went into planning this trip ensured that it ran smoothly and provided lasting memories for everyone involved.

We are passionate about providing meaningful opportunities for our pupils, and this trip truly demonstrated the value of learning beyond the classroom. We are already looking forward to creating more exciting trips and enriching experiences in the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Byrne, Headteacher

Our Mission

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





This week has been a fantastic one across the school, with so many examples of excellent learning, effort, and positivity from our pupils.

A particular highlight has been our trip to *We The Curious*. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, inquisitive, and enthusiastic as they explored and learned in such an exciting environment. They were a real credit to the school, demonstrating curiosity, respect, and a genuine love of learning throughout the day.

Well done to every pupil for their hard work this week — both in and out of the classroom. Thank you also to our staff and families for your continued support in making these experiences possible.

We are incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved this week and look forward to building on this success in the weeks ahead.

Kay Evans - Bentley
Deputy Head Teacher





We would like to invite you to join the **North Star 82 Parents' Forum** – a welcoming space where parents and carers can come together to share views, ask questions, and support our school community.

What is the Parents' Forum?

The Parents' Forum is a group that brings parents, carers, and the school together. It provides an opportunity to:

- Share ideas and feedback in a constructive way
- Work collaboratively with the school
- Support events, initiatives, and positive change

Strengthen communication between home and school

The forum is not about complaints or decision-making, but about **working together**, listening to different perspectives, and helping the school community thrive.

What can the Parents' Forum support?

The forum may support and contribute to discussions around:

- School community events and activities
- Parental engagement and communication
- Fundraising ideas and social events
- Enrichment opportunities for pupils
- Wellbeing and inclusion initiatives
- Transitions and changes within the school

Gathering parent voice to inform future planning

All parents and carers are welcome — whether you can attend regularly or contribute occasionally. Every voice matters, and involvement can be as small or as big as you choose.

Further information about meetings and how to get involved will be shared soon. If you are interested in joining the Parents' Forum or would like to find out more, please keep an eye on upcoming communications.

Thank you for your continued support of North Star 82. We look forward to working together.



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

Owls
Starlings
Sparrows
Fledglings
Falcons
Robins
Hawks
Kestrels
Kingfishers



THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

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Sparrows	



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



Yesterday we had such an amazing time at we the curious, it was fantastic seeing the children have so much fun and show some amazing behavior whilst offsite. As a team we are looking at booking future trip for the whole school/ larger groups where we would love to see more parents join and have some great interactive fun out of the school site. We are looking forward to the nicer weather and looking ahead at more plans for outdoor activities, experiences and rewards for those putting in huge amounts of effort and showing positive improvements in behaviour.

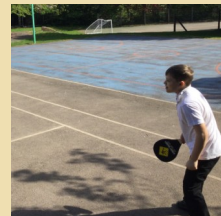
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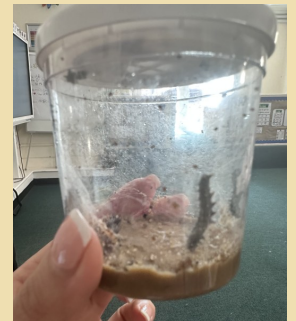
What has been happening this week?

This week in PE, pupils have greatly enjoyed our new focus sport: tennis. Pupils in Lower KS1 and KS2 continued to develop and apply their accuracy skills when hitting a ball in a range of competitive situations. They also began to consider the application of power as they worked to hit targets at varying distances.

In Upper KS3, students continued to explore what it takes to win a game of tennis, thinking carefully about where and why they place the ball on the court. Pupils were also introduced to the idea of thinking one shot ahead in order to create space and set up winning shots.



This term Sparrow class has some class pets, some caterpillars. We are learning about the life cycles of animals in science and are lucky enough to watch this happen in real life!



This week in Starling class, we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning. In science, we explored plants by cutting up flowers and identifying their different parts, including the stem, root, leaf and flower. We also enjoyed an exciting trip to *We The Curious* in Bristol, where we discovered lots of fascinating science activities. In maths, we have been learning about fractions by cutting fruit into halves and quarters to help us understand sharing and equal



Hawks class have had a great week visiting *We The Curious* and learning all about science in a super fun way.

Well Done Colton N and Jaxen B for showing incredible pride in your work this week! You are this week's Gold Book winners!

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4. Why did the lion get so hot?
5. What did Anna feel during?

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The weather was hot.
The lion was hungry.
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Ultimate Times Table Challenge

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The Gold Book

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PARENTS' FORUM

NORTH STAR 82

Everyone welcome – come and join us!



We invite you to join our friendly Parents' Forum.
A space to share ideas, ask questions and support our school community.

What is it?

- Share feedback positively
- Work together with the school
- Support events and initiatives

Topics include:

- Events & fundraising
- Communication & engagement
- Pupil wellbeing & inclusion
- School transitions

Join as much or as little as you like.

Every voice matters!

Interested in joining?

Email: tom.marsh@northstar-academy.co.uk
or contact your class teacher via Class Dojo



Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see our school community come together in such a positive and welcoming way this week, as we hosted our very first parent event — our *Bingo Night*.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who attended. Your support, enthusiasm, and willingness to take part made the evening such an enjoyable success. Events like this are so important in strengthening the connections between home and school, and it was fantastic to see so many families coming together, sharing laughter, and building relationships within our community.

We are excited to build on this success and are already looking ahead to our next event. We are delighted to invite you to join us for **The Big School Quiz of the Year**, taking place on **Friday 5th June at 1pm**. We hope this will be another fantastic opportunity for families to get involved, enjoy some friendly competition, and continue to grow our vibrant school community.

Alongside these events, we are also proud to be introducing our **Parent Forum**. The Parent Forum is designed to provide a supportive and constructive space where parents and carers can share ideas, contribute to discussions, and work collaboratively with the school. It is not about complaints or decision-making, but about creating opportunities to listen to different perspectives, strengthen communication, and support initiatives that benefit all members of our school community.

We believe that strong partnerships with our families are key to the success and wellbeing of our pupils, and we are excited about the opportunities the Parent Forum will bring.

Thank you once again for your continued support — we look forward to welcoming many of you to our upcoming quiz event and to working together through the Parent Forum.

Mr Marsh, Assistant Headteacher



**WE NEED
YOU!**



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS

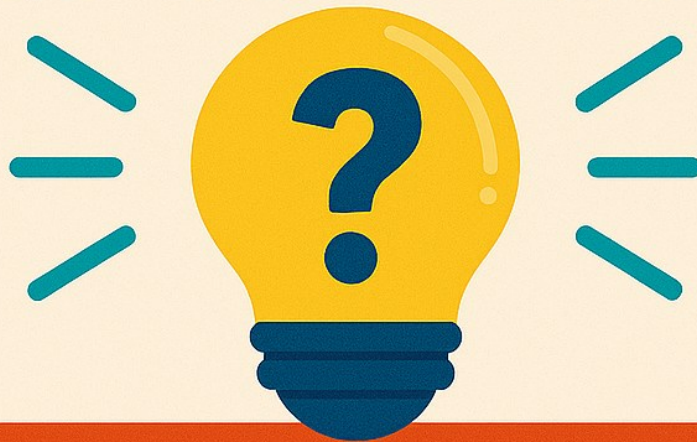
**PARENTS, CARERS, GUARDIANS
AND FAMILIES**

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**

**THE BIG
SCHOOL
QUIZ
OF THE YEAR**



FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

1PM

INTERESTED IN JOINING:

Email: tom.marsh@northstar.academy
or contact your class teacher.co.uk



PRIZES YOU CAN
WIN!



10 tips to stay safe online

Pass our pointers on to your child to help keep them safe online. You can read through these with your child, or give them this sheet, depending on their age and what you think would be most helpful.

Be careful talking to people you don't know and trust in real life – anyone can pretend to be a child online. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't tell them your personal information – such as your name, age, what street you live on, your school's name, or your location. If they ask for images or videos of yourself, say no, stop talking to them and report this to a trusted adult

You need to be 13 years old to use most social media apps. If you do use them, keep your profiles private, to limit what others can see. Think carefully about what you share and with who – once you've shared an image, you can't control what the other person does with it. Remember, it's against the law to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s

Use AI chatbots carefully – not everything they generate is real. They may also tell you to do things that could harm you or someone else. Don't give them your personal information or photos – they could be used to make fake images, or to bully or blackmail you

Keep in mind that what you post online now could be seen by people in the future, like when you're trying to get a job when you're older

If you see something upsetting, or you're bullied online, tell an adult you trust. Ask them to report it by following the instructions on the website, game or app – they'll probably need to select the 3 dots next to a post or comment

When you read, listen to or watch the news online, think about where the information comes from, and if it could be made up or a hoax

Look out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're meant to forward on or ones that ask you for payment details or your password

Be wary of schemes promising easy cash for receiving and transferring money – they're almost definitely criminal activity

Watch out for loot boxes or other parts of games where you pay money to take a chance on getting a reward – you can end up spending lots of money on them

Remember, people make their lives look more exciting and interesting online. People often edit their photos to make them look better, or make fake images with AI tools, so don't believe everything you see. This includes gang lifestyles – they're not as glamorous as they look

Don't feel confident talking to your child about online safety?

Read this [advice from the NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety): <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety>



Would you like support with....

Education

Communication

Physical and Mental Health

Support with your Local Offer



Contact LIFT



07352743648

lift@northstar-academy.co.uk

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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