

# NS82° School Newsletter

08.05.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic and uplifting week it has been across our school! It has been one of those weeks where the energy, enthusiasm and curiosity of our pupils have truly shone, both inside and outside the classroom. I am delighted to share and celebrate just some of the highlights with you.

First and foremost, I would like to commend all of our pupils for their continued positive attitudes to learning. Classrooms have been buzzing with purposeful activity, thoughtful discussions and excellent effort. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see children challenging themselves, supporting each other, and taking pride in their work.

A particular highlight of the week has been our series of **educational trips**, which have provided memorable, hands-on learning opportunities. Our visit to **Crealy Adventure Park** was a huge success. Pupils had an exciting day exploring a range of attractions while also developing important social skills such as teamwork, independence and resilience. The smiles on their faces said it all! Experiences like this not only reward positive behaviour but also help children to build confidence beyond the classroom.

Meanwhile, another group enjoyed a wonderful trip to **Canford Park**, making the most of the fresh air and outdoor environment. The day was filled with exploration, physical activity, and opportunities to learn about nature and the local area. It was particularly pleasing to see how engaged and respectful the children were, representing the school brilliantly at all times.

Back in school, we have also seen excellent progress in lessons, with pupils demonstrating resilience and a willingness to challenge themselves. From creative writing and problem-solving in maths to collaborative group work, there has been much to celebrate. Our staff continue to work tirelessly to provide engaging and inspiring learning opportunities every day.

I would also like to thank you, our families, for your ongoing support. Whether it is ensuring children arrive ready to learn, encouraging them at home, or supporting school events, your partnership makes a real difference.

Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our school community.

Mr Byrne, Headteacher



## Our Mission

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



## **Deputy Headteacher's Update**

It has been a joy to walk around school this week and see so much amazing learning taking place. Across the school, pupils have been highly engaged, motivated, and proud of their achievements.

Extended writing has been nothing short of spectacular. The children have shown real creativity and flair in their story writing, developing ideas with confidence and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see them experimenting with language and taking pride in crafting their work.

In particular, we have been impressed by the use of beautiful extended noun phrases and well-chosen fronted adverbials, which have added depth, detail, and excitement to their writing. These skills are not only enhancing the quality of their stories but also showing how far they have come in developing their writing stamina and independence.

Well done to all our pupils for their hard work and perseverance, and thank you to our dedicated staff for continuing to inspire and support such fantastic learning every day. We are incredibly proud of what has been 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

Sparrows
Kingfishers
Robins
Starlings
Fledglings
Hawks
Owls
Kestrels
Falcons



# THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

## LEAGUE TABLE

Kingfishers	↑
Robins	↑
Sparrows	↑
Falcons	
Owls	
Fledglings	
Kestrels	
Starlings	
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



Another really nice week in school this week. We have seen children working hard to promote and improve positive behaviours. We were lucky this week to run a positive rewards trip for 15 students that have been going above and beyond really trying hard with their behaviour. After a long Journey due to an accident, we made it to Crealty where the children spent the day playing on the rides, it was great fun and a lovely reward for them. We are planning more trips to reward more pupils who are showing determination in their work and positive attitudes in the classroom.



# Engagement Page



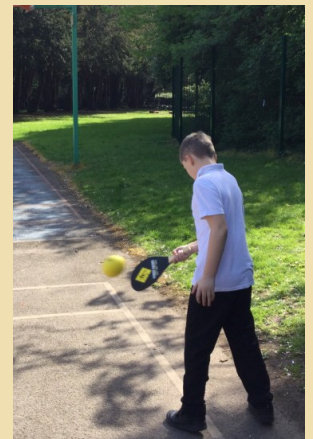
# What has been happening this week?

Sparrow class has been learning about money in maths this week. We built our own shop to practice our skills in recognising and counting money.



This week in PE was our last week of Tennis; pupils have been developing their tennis skills with a strong focus on control and decision-making. We worked on understanding why controlling the ball is important when playing a shot, helping pupils improve accuracy and consistency.

The children also explored when and where and how to use a forehand shot. Through fun, game-based activities, they practised choosing the right shot at the right time, developing both their technique and tactical awareness.

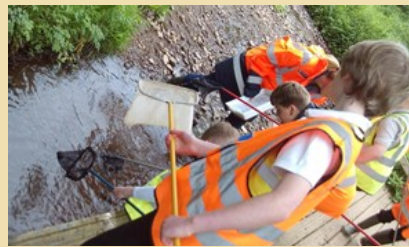


On Wednesday Kestrels and Robins travelled to the Wessex Water Education Centre

We first went round the reservoir being nature detectives. We found an empty duck egg, feathers from swans and the entrance to a badger sett. We then came across a Swan on her nest and were really quiet as we watched her turn her 8 eggs.

We identified man made features like the reservoir itself as well as the bank around it. There were also lots of natural features like the river and the way it curved around the trees and the hills.

After lunch we went pond dipping and found dragonfly larvae as well as water boatmen. We finished off the day with a water fight in the stream where we all got very, very wet, especially the teachers!





# 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](mailto:tom.marsh@northstar-academy.co.uk)  
or contact your class teacher via Class Dojo



Dear Families,

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**

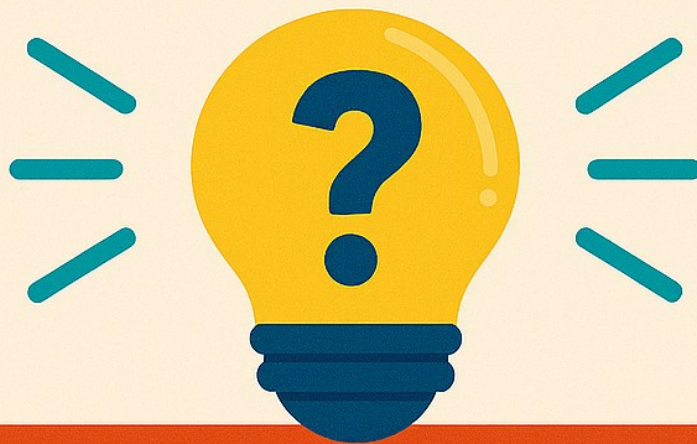
**PARENTS, CARERS, GUARDIANS  
AND FAMILIES**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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
- ◇ 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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