

NS82° School Newsletter

22.05.26



As we reach the end of another wonderfully productive and inspiring term, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the many achievements, experiences and successes that have made this such a memorable period for our school community.

First and foremost, I am incredibly proud of the fantastic learning that has taken place across the school. Our continued commitment to **project-based learning (PBL)** is truly bringing the curriculum to life. Classrooms have been filled with curiosity, creativity and purposeful collaboration, as pupils have explored rich, real-world questions and developed their knowledge in meaningful and engaging ways.

This week's **PBL Showcase** was a particular highlight. It was a joy to see our pupils confidently sharing their work, explaining their learning journeys and demonstrating the depth of understanding they have developed. The pride they showed in their projects was evident, and it was wonderful to welcome families into school to experience first-hand the high-quality outcomes being achieved.

Alongside this, our programme of **educational visits** has been exceptional this term. These experiences are such an important part of enriching the curriculum, and our pupils have approached each visit with enthusiasm, curiosity and exemplary behaviour. Whether out in the local community or further afield, they have represented the school with pride, earning praise from members of the public and partner organisations alike. These moments not only deepen learning but also help build confidence, independence and lasting memories.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our **children, parents, carers and families**. Your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership make an enormous difference. The hard work and commitment shown at home and in school are key to ensuring that every child continues to thrive and succeed.

Finally, a reminder to all families that **Monday 1st June is an INSET day**, and the school will be closed to pupils as staff undertake further professional development.


Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you all a restful break and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Mr Byrne, Headteacher



Our Mission

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



A Message from the Deputy Head Teacher – North Star Academy 82

What a truly wonderful week it has been here at North Star Academy! It has been filled with creativity, curiosity, and so many moments that made us incredibly proud of our pupils and staff.

One of the highlights of the week was our highly successful **Numeracy Day**. It was fantastic to see mathematical thinking brought to life in such engaging and imaginative ways. I had the pleasure of visiting **Sparrows Class**, where I was able to purchase some delightful goodies thoughtfully prepared by the children. Their enthusiasm and understanding of number in a real-world context were evident, and it was lovely to see their confidence shining through.

In **Falcons Class**, I was amazed to watch pupils take on the engineering challenge of building towers using spaghetti and marshmallows. The creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork on display were simply outstanding. Each group approached the task with determination, refining their designs and learning through trial and error—exactly the kind of resilience we encourage.

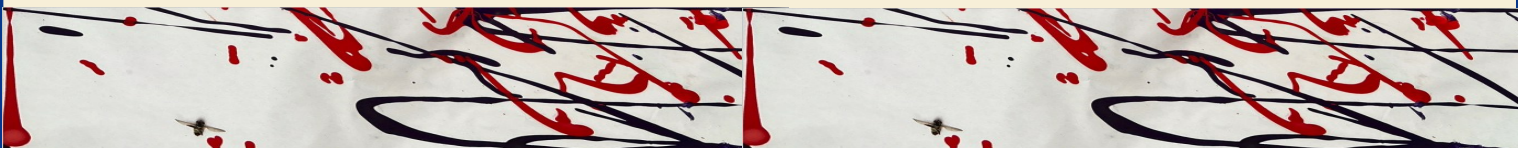
Meanwhile, our youngest learners in **Fledglings Class** enjoyed a wonderful outdoor experience, heading out on a hunt for wildflowers. Not only did they show great excitement in exploring nature, but the detailed drawings they produced afterwards were truly impressive. Their observations and attention to detail reflected careful thinking and a growing appreciation of the natural world.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome members of our **Executive Leadership Team (ELT)** into school for our **Project-Based Learning (PBL) Showcase**. The showcase was nothing short of outstanding. Visitors were blown away by the creativity, confidence, and depth of understanding demonstrated by our pupils. It was particularly inspiring to see learning brought to life through **kinesthetic approaches**, with children actively engaging, creating, and presenting their work in dynamic ways.

I would like to say a huge well done to all our pupils and staff for another successful term. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment continue to make our school such a special place.

As we reach the end of the term, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable **bank holiday break**. Thank you for your continued support, and I very much look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be a fantastic **Term 6**.

Warm regards,
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

Fledglings
Kingfishers
Sparrows
Falcons
Robins
Kestrels
Owls
Starlings
Hawks



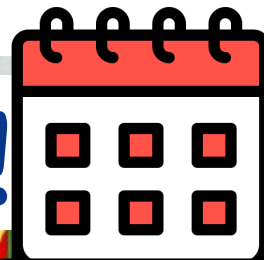
THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

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Falcons	↑
Fledglings	↑
Kingfishers	↑
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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

Inset

Monday 1st June 2026



The Engagement Team would like to celebrate the fantastic effort pupils are making in managing their behaviour and striving to make positive choices across the school community. It has been encouraging to see students using strategies such as self-regulation, reflection, and goal-setting, as well as showing responsibility, respect, and support for one another. Staff and families continue to play a vital role in guiding and reinforcing these successes. A particular highlight has been the well-deserved reward trip to Crealy, where students proudly celebrated their achievements and enjoyed a memorable day together. We are incredibly proud of everyone's progress and look forward to celebrating even more successes in Term 6—keep up the great work!



Engagement Page



What has been happening this week?

Kingfisher class loved National Numeracy Day this week. We started the day with a bootcamp where the children counted their reps in 5! The children did press ups, squats, lunges, star jumps and more up to 30 reps. We then moved onto a standing long jump and standing high jump and measured in metres and centimetres. Finally, we entered the National Numeracy Day drawing competition. On Thursday



Kingfisher class went bouldering and enjoyed learning techniques to climb more effectively.

Today for Number Day we had lots of fun while using our maths skills. We made cupcakes by carefully measuring the ingredients, then decorated them after measuring out the water and icing sugar. We also completed our fraction wall, which helped us to understand fractions and compare different amounts. We used this knowledge to decide how much lemonade, apple juice and blackcurrant juice we needed for our drinks. We also enjoyed a music activity using Boomwhackers, and our favourite song to play was the *Ghostbusters* theme tune! To finish our day, we played fraction bingo, which helped us practise recognising and understanding fractions in a fun and exciting way. It was a



This week Sparrow classes butterflies emerged from their cocoons, and we were able to release them. We also had the arrival of our button quail eggs which our in the incubator ready to hatch next term!



What has been happening this week?

This week has been full of exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, we focused on writing our creative “Finding a Tale” text, exploring our imagination and storytelling skills. We enjoyed a fantastic day of active maths, where we gathered real-life data by tallying cars in our local area and then applied our measuring skills while baking delicious rice Crispie cakes. In science, we have been carefully measuring our blossoming sunflowers and comparing our results to our original predictions to see how accurate we were.



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,

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

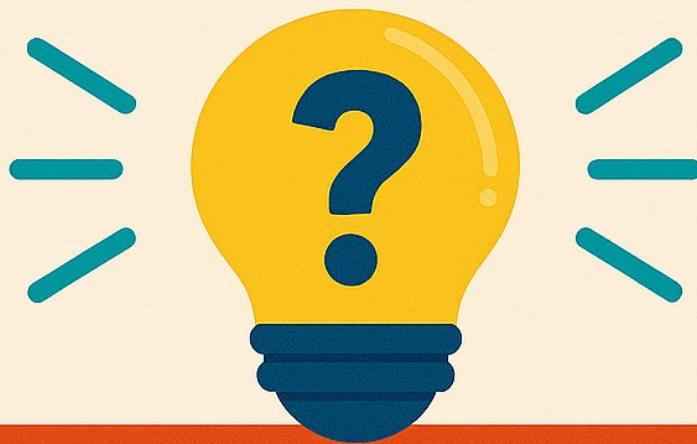
**PARENTS, CARERS, GUARDIANS
AND FAMILIES**

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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