

NS82° School Newsletter

17.07.26



As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to congratulate all of our pupils for the fantastic resilience they have shown during the recent hot weather. Despite the challenging temperatures, children have continued to approach their learning and activities with enthusiasm, positivity and determination. We have been incredibly proud of how well they have adapted, supported one another and maintained our high standards both in and out of the classroom.

This week has also provided many exciting opportunities for our children. Pupils have taken part in a range of enriching experiences, including gymnastics sessions, horse therapy activities and educational visits to Blaise Castle. It has been wonderful to see children developing new skills, building confidence and creating lasting memories through these experiences. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have helped make these opportunities possible.

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to remind parents and carers that children will break up for the summer holidays on **Wednesday 22nd July at 12:30pm**. Please ensure that arrangements are in place for collection at this earlier finish time. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year, and I wish all of our families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Mr. Byrne, Headteacher

Our Mission

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





What a wonderfully warm week it has been at North Star 82! While the high temperatures have certainly challenged us, I have been incredibly proud of the resilience and positivity shown by both our children and staff.

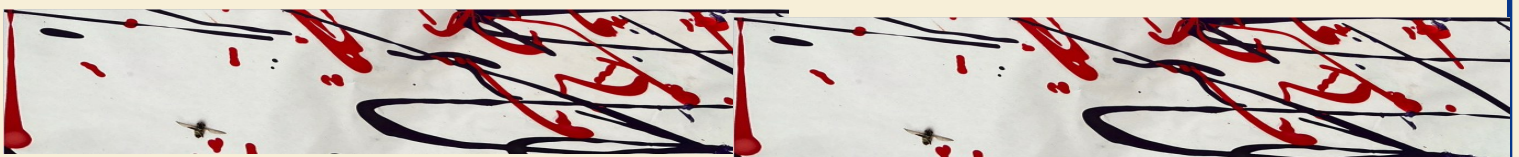
Across the school, everyone has worked creatively to make the most of the outdoor opportunities while staying safe and comfortable in the heat. From finding cool spots in the shade to adapting activities throughout the day, it has been lovely to see such teamwork and flexibility. A particular highlight was our visit to Blaise Park, where the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring nature and cooling off by walking through the streams.

I have also been delighted to spend time reading the fantastic poems created by our Key Stage 1 children. They have been exploring similes and alliteration, and I have been so impressed by their imagination, creativity and growing confidence as writers. Their work has brought many smiles and demonstrated just how much progress they have made this year.

Thank you to our families for your continued support during this hot weather. As we head into the weekend, I hope everyone has the opportunity to relax, enjoy some time outdoors safely, and most importantly, stay cool!

Have a wonderful weekend.

With warmest wishes,
Deputy Headteacher





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
Starlings
Kestrels
Robins
Kingfishers
Fledglings
Falcons
Hawks
Owls



THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

Kestrels	↑
Robins	↑
Starlings	↑
Sparrows	↑
Falcons	↑
Owls	↑
Fledglings	↑
Hawks	↑
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

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

School will be finishing at
12.30pm.

All taxis have been informed.

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Monday 7th September — Sparrows, Kestrels,
Kingfishers and Starlings.

Tuesday 8th September— Kites, Eagles, Robins,
Hawks and Falcons

Wednesday 9th September— All Classes

Well Done Poppie and Malachi! For showing incredible pride in your work this week! You are this week's Gold Book winners!

1 Complete the number track.

5 10 15 20 25 30

2 What time will it be when the minute hand is pointing to each number?

5 minutes past
10 minutes past
15 minutes past
20 minutes past
25 minutes past
30 minutes past

What is the same? What is different?

Using Capital Letters

Read the words below. Which words need a capital letter? If the word needs a capital, write the word in the box.

table	upside	fruit
dog	million	humpty dumpty
rust chips	australia	horse
flowers	december	earth
crayons	lunch	mrs hogg

Living things and their habitats

Here are two different habitats.

a) Which is the most suitable habitat for a fox?

b) Why is this habitat the most suitable?

c) Which is the most suitable habitat for a frog?

d) Why is this habitat the most suitable?

Malachi

1 The owl has long legs for support.

2 I think a rabbit needs to eat food to survive.

3 I think a plant needs to eat food to survive.

4 A rabbit lives in a field, woodland habitat.

5 Explain how a woodland meets the rabbit's needs for survival.

Star Rating

Introduction

Conclusion

Thursday 16th July 2026

red flag

stripe

shell

Brilliant work, Leighton! Well done!

Trip Advisor Review of Lawrence Weston Farm

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1 How many straws are there?

2 Complete the sentences.

3 Draw base 10 to show each number.

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Feeding July

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Step 2: Plan

Step 3: Plan

Step 4: Plan

Kingston

2026

Thursday 16th July

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The Gold Book

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Engagement Page



This week, the Engagement Team has been immensely proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitudes shown by pupils across the school despite the challenges of the hot weather. Through a range of supportive strategies, including regular wellbeing check-ins, adapted activities, movement breaks and consistent positive encouragement, staff have helped pupils remain engaged and successful throughout the week. Children have embraced exciting opportunities such as gymnastics, horse therapy and visits to Blaise Castle, showing confidence, perseverance and a willingness to challenge themselves in new environments. These experiences have highlighted the fantastic progress our pupils continue to make, and we would like to thank them for their outstanding efforts and commitment.



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 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**

Primary

Boys

- ◇ Black tailored trousers
- ◇ White school or plain polo shirt (with collar)
- ◇ Navy school jumper with logo
- ◇ Black, plain, sensible shoes
- ◇ Hijab – Navy Blue or Black



Girls

- ◇ Black school skirt
- ◇ Sensible black tights to be worn with school skirt
- ◇ Black tailored trousers
- ◇ White school or plain polo shirt (with collar)
- ◇ Navy jumper
- ◇ Black, plain, sensible shoes (open-toed or backless sandals are not appropriate)
- ◇ 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](https://www.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

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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NS82 ONLINE SAFETY



Think before you share

Talk to your child about what they should and shouldn't share online, such as their personal information or location.



Strong passwords

Help your child create strong, unique passwords that cannot be easily guessed.



Spotting scams

Teach them how to recognize online scams, such as fake emails and messages.



Screen time balance

Set rules and guidance around your child's screen time, ensuring a healthy balance.

**STAY SAFE • STAY SMART • STAY
RESPECTFUL**

For more information, please visit: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safety/



There is no barrier too
big or too small. We are
here to support you!

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents' legal responsibility

Parents and carers must ensure their child gets a full-time education. Children should attend school every day unless they are too unwell or the school has given permission for absence in advance.

Potential consequences of poor attendance



Warning letter

Families may be issued a 'Notice to Improve.'



Penalty Notice (fine)

- £80 per parent, per child
- £160 for a second fine within 3 years



Court action and prosecution

- Fines of up to £2,500
- May lead to a criminal record



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Having L.I.F.T is a very useful resource in taking away some of the pressures of accessing education for my child. There is very open communication between myself and the L.I.F.T team. I feel very supported by them in a way that should I need to I can speak to them about anything. They are very understanding and try their best to help on any way possible. My child is enjoying accessing service through L.I.F.T and they make adjustments where possible to accommodate her or myself. I am very thankful to them for everything they have done, continue to do and will do in the future.
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