



Northowram Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 26th October 2023



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Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

September – December 2023

Closes: Thursday 26th October
Closed: Training Day Friday 27th
October

Reopen: Monday 6th November
Closes: Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

January – March 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th January
Closes: Thursday 8th February
Closed: Training Day Friday 9th
February

Reopen: Monday 19th February
Closes: Friday 22nd March

Summer Term

April – July 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th April
Closed: Monday Mayday 6th May
Close: Friday 24th May
Reopen: Monday 3rd June
Close: Thursday 18th July
Closed: Disaggregated Training
Day Friday 19th July
Closed: Disaggregated Training
Day Monday 20th July

**Term Dates for
2024/2025 are now
available on the school
website**

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It's been a long half term and we're all certainly ready for a short break!

It was a real pleasure to see you all at parents' evenings this week - I hope that you found the discussions useful. Thank you to everyone who completed our annual parent/carer feedback survey - I'll share any highlights of these with you when these have been collated. If I missed you at parents' evening (apologies!), there are paper copies of the survey available at the Main Entrance to complete until Friday 10th November.

As we head into November, there is a great deal to look forward to in the weeks leading up to our Christmas events. We start with Children in Need (Friday 17th November) and National Anti-Bullying week (week beginning 13th November) where we have workshops for years 3-6 and special assemblies to make sure that all our children are really clear about how to spot the signs of bullying and what to do if they or any of their peers ever have any concerns regarding bullying.

I wish everyone a happy half term break and look forward to seeing us all back together on Monday 6th November.



The **Poppy Appeal** is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance.

Poppies will be on sale in school every afternoon starting on Monday 6th November. Also, on sale will be "snap bands" £2.00, wrist bands £1.00, and clip on Poppies £1.00.

A group of year 6 pupils will visit each class daily with the goods on sale.

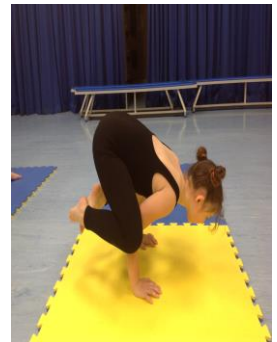


Safeguarding

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or queries please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager - Jane Jennings on 01422 202704 or you can call or text 07494691167

GYMNASTICS CLUB

This half term in gymnastics club the children have been working on lots of different balances such as Y balances, arabesques, handstands, headstands and frog balances. Here are some photos of some of the balances they have been practicing.



YEAR 4 – DT LESSONS

The children in year 4 have been making slingshot cars during their DT lessons.

The children designed, made and tested in a race their cars. They made the slingshot mechanism themselves, using hot glue guns and tape to securely attach the body to the chassis. Amazing!



Vacancies in school

We currently have vacancies in school for a Class Teacher (Maternity Cover), a Senior Midday Supervisor, a Midday Supervisor and a Cleaner. Please see the school website for more information.

HEADS OF HOUSES

Congratulations to the Heads of Houses who were democratically elected by our pupils. We know you will be great ambassadors for our school.

Diamonds Heads:

Thomas
Grace
Eliza
Hudson

Emeralds:

Juno
Isabelle
Ollie
Tyler

Sapphires:

Finn
Martin
Phoebe
Henry

Rubies:

Max
Violet
Sophie
Noah

Halloween Colouring Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the Halloween Colouring Competition. We had some fantastic entries and managed to raise £45.50 for our charity of the year – RSPCA.

WELL DONE!

PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please may we remind parents that sensible and legal parking rules must apply even when collecting children out of normal hours. We have had several complaints about parents parking dangerously whilst collecting children from after school clubs.

We know that parking is at a premium during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Baxter Lane is closed each day from 3.15pm and re-opens as soon as the school grounds are clear. This is for the safety of all of our children during such a busy time.

Please may we remind parents that if you are parking near to school you should not block the driveways of the residents and always consider the safety of our children and the local residents when you park at these times.

Parents should also be reminded that the staff car parks are not to be used at any time.

They must not be used for walking to and from school

We continue to work with the local council and police to ensure that we keep our children as safe as possible at these busy times.

Please think carefully about the safety of your parking - it really could cost a child's life.

Many thanks to all our careful and considerate families including many who make the sensible decision to walk to and from school!