



Northbourne News

15th July 2022

A reminder that school closed for the summer today. We look forward to seeing pupils moving into Y1 – Y6 at 8:30am on Tuesday 6th September.

With all of the usual end of school year events in full-flow, it is hard to remember some of the ongoing disruption which we have all faced and managed this year. Although many of the more stringent Covid restrictions did not apply at the start of this year, as a school, we have probably had more Covid related disruption this year than at any other point in the pandemic, with almost half of our pupils and many staff contracting Covid between Christmas and February half-term. Due in no large part to the flexibility and commitment of our talented and hard-working team, I am immensely proud that we avoided having to close any classes to children and that learning continued as usual. Although we are all aware that cases are rising again at the moment, I am hopeful we can look forward to a more usual school year next year, with even more of our usual events resuming.

As always, we are so proud of the achievements of all of your children this year. Our Ofsted report fully captures their excellent behaviour and strongly positive attitudes to both their learning and to our school community. It is a joy to work with such enthusiastic, reflective and fun young people. Thanks to all of our parents and carers, too; your ongoing support for, and appreciation of, our school community, including for our staff who work so hard, is really valued. I know you, in turn, will join me in thanking our remarkably talented, hard-working group of professionals who, at all times, prioritise the education and wellbeing of the children in our school. I am so grateful to everyone who makes Northbourne School such a great place to learn and work.

Northbourne Excellence awards

You will know that our school mission is to nurture excellence in all of our pupils. We encourage all our pupils to continually strive to get better and better in all curriculum areas, developing their unique talents and interests and learning more about themselves, others and the world around them. Three times a year, class teachers choose 2 pupils who have stood out during the term through their outstanding effort, motivation or achievement (and often all three!) in an area of the curriculum. These really special awards, which teachers give a lot of thought to, recognise the excellence of the pupils chosen in a range of areas. This term, effort and achievement awards have been given to...

Puffins	Alfie for making amazing progress this year, showing great interest in Phonics and really developing your reading and writing skills.	Harry for growing so much in confidence during the year and becoming a fantastic, enthusiastic learner.
Swans	Andrew for embracing our school rule to be his best. He is always excited about learning and has an amazing enthusiasm for reading.	Marnie for being such a happy and enthusiastic member of our class who shows kindness to everyone through her actions and words.
Nightingales	Lacey-Lou for being relied on to work hard and with a smile, tackling everything with enthusiasm and making great progress.	Niall for approaching every task with a smile and always showing a positive mindset, tackling everything with enthusiasm and making great progress.
Robins	Esther for growing so much in confidence, working hard in every subject and being an inspiration to her peers.	Oliver for working so hard on your reading and writing, and growing hugely in confidence as Y2 has gone on.
Wrens	Harrison for being an excellent role model, following school rules and showing your best manners to everyone. You have a great attitude to learning.	Seb for achieving highly in all subject areas due to your hard work and great learning behaviours. You show the perfect balance of having lots of fun and always following the school rules.
Owls	Owen for bringing effort and pride to all he does – this is really paying off as his knowledge and skills continue to grow.	Roman for putting his all into everything, always being conscious of the school rules and always thinking of others.
Hawks	Charlie for always working with a quiet confidence, completing every task to the best of his ability, and being a great role model to others.	Alfie for his strong desire to fully understand and improve his knowledge, and for being such a conscientious learner.
Falcons	Maria for always giving 100% in her learning, in school and at home. You consistently demonstrate our school values in everything you do.	Josh for making an exceptional effort to develop your reading and writing skills, improving by 4 years and 1 month in your comprehension ability.
Kites	Archie for being a wonderful example of someone who always tries the very best he can, always being humble and modest, and always smiling.	Emma for showing her very best qualities in Y6 – being kind, encouraging, honest, funny and reliable, and really living out our values.
Kestrels	Lois for embodying the positive attributes that make a hard-worker – working hard, listening, demonstrating genuine interest, and throwing yourself in!	Nathaniel for showing kindness, empathy and for being your best, showing determination and pride to complete pieces of work to be proud of.
Eagles	Issac for being an absolute star – giving 100% everything to everything at all times, and showing exceptional behaviour.	Alfie for epitomising the values of our school, showing kindness, respect and politeness to everyone he meets and works with.

Well done all of you on your fantastic achievements. I look forward to seeing more excellence through next school year!

Good luck Y6!

It is always sad at the end of a school year to have to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils who leave us to start the next part of their education at secondary school. For the first time since 2019, we have been able to mark the end of Y6 with a range of events, including our Leavers' Service on Tuesday and our barbecue and parent-child rounders match on Monday...a 7-7 draw, with all involved showing their competitive streak. We hope that Y6 enjoyed these events, and I know parents and children will join me in thanking their staff and our PTA for making these possible.

Every year a number of awards are presented to Y6 pupils to recognise some exceptional achievements. This year, the Stephen Scarfe award, presented to school by his parents and dedicated to his memory, is awarded to **Ned**. This award is voted for by Y6 pupils and recognises the achievements of a pupil who embodies the values of Northbourne through their ongoing effort, behaviour and approach to school. Ned is a very deserving winner; he is unfailingly hard-working, polite, committed to his learning and a real role-model for the rest of Y6 and the whole school. Well done Ned – keep up all of your hard work.

The Dawn Evans Memorial Cup, again donated by her parents, is given to the pupil who has achieved the highest levels of sporting success. This year, this is awarded to **Emily**. Emily's commitment to her dancing and acro is legendary – she has competed all over the country, including in the Dance World Cup, and yet is so modest about her achievements. Mrs. Alleway and Mrs. Jones will really miss Emily taking part in the Oxfordshire Schools Dance Festival – she has always given so freely of her expertise to support the younger members of the group, and will be really missed.

We also present our Shooting Star award, which is voted for by members of staff. This is given in memory of Molly Giles, who we always remember for her friendly, happy and helpful personality, and was this year presented to **Jessica**. Jessica is a wonderful presence – endlessly kind, polite, a hard worker, a reflective learner and a calming, friendly, mature presence in school. Jessica has shown constant commitment to being her best in all aspects of her time in school – very, very well done Jessica. We will miss you very much.

These awards only recognise a very small number of all of the achievements made by every pupil in Y6 whilst they have been with us. We would like to wish all of you lots of luck as you leave us, and we look forward to hearing about all of your achievements during your time in your next school. Well done on all you have achieved here, and keep up all of your hard work.

Reading Updates...

- We would be really grateful if you could please scour bedrooms and bookcases for any **school library books** over the summer...please hand any you have back to class teachers or the office on the return to school so our class libraries and reading scheme books can be replenished.
- This year's **Summer Reading Challenge** is now live! This runs until 10th September, and all children across Oxfordshire are invited to take part. This year the Challenge is based around the Gadgeteers and their amazing inventions. As in previous years, children who take part are challenged to set themselves a reading goal – typically 6 books over 3 visits – and receive a medal and certificate, as well as entry into a prize draw to win science kits and book vouchers. Under 4s can sign up for a special Mini challenge with their own collector's folder and stickers, too – so Penguins can join us in this challenge. More information is available on the Gadgeteers' website (<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>) or the website for Oxfordshire Libraries (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge>), so have a look and get involved. We always love to give out any medals in celebration assembly, so please send them into school on our return and we can show off all of your achievements.
- Once again, thank you for all of your help in us smashing our reading target of 40,000 reads this year. As your child's first teacher, you play such an important role in introducing your child to stories and books; research clearly shows the link between a love of reading and a child's attainment in all curriculum areas, and we continue to appreciate your support in our work to ensure all of our pupils are confident and fluent readers who take pleasure in books and stories.



Breakfast Club bookings

Shortly before the September term starts you will be sent a booking form for our Breakfast Club. If you would like to book a place, please complete the form when this is received. If you currently use Breakfast Club and have a regular booking set up, you do not need to complete the form; will continue with your regular booking unless we hear otherwise. If you do not need any spaces, please ignore this form. We are pleased to say that the price per session will remain unchanged at £4.50 and £4 for each sibling for next year, which includes breakfast and a range of activities, available from 7:30pm, to help your child get their day off to a good start.

Further information about Breakfast Club can be found on our website, or please speak to Mrs. Gennery or I for more information.

Outstanding payments

A polite request to please clear any outstanding payments owed to school over the holiday, including those related to dinner money, Breakfast Club and Nursery Lunch Club.

The Oxfordshire Museum

Summer at The Oxfordshire Museum is packed with fun for all the family. There's so much going on: fun activities, a new I-Spy trail and a Crazy Trail for those who like more of a challenge! Join them for fun packed activities on Art Tuesdays, Wicked Wednesdays and Art Thursdays. The activities and admission to the museum are free.

Week commencing:

- 25 July - there's Roman games and crafting
- 1 August - you can experience how the Victorians had fun
- 8 August - it's music madness and story time
- 15 August - explore Anglo-Saxon life
- 22 August - have a roaring time with dinosaurs
- 29 August - celebrate nature and the countryside

View the activities calendar and opening hours www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/museumchildrensactivities

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.