

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling."

Edna Ferber

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely week so far.

As usual, the final week in school is always a busy one!

Children from years 1-6 performed their Christmas carols in our local church which was a lovely way to end the term. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed the performances. I want to apologise for the mis communication with timings for KS2, we will endeavour to ensure this does not happen again. I know this can be really frustrating as a parent.

Year 3 went on their trip to the Science Museum which linked in with their topic this term. The children had a great time which was evident to see on the posts on our social media platforms. As a school, we have continued to work so hard on ensuring our children are able to have experiences outside of school as we believe this is so important for their development in understanding the world around them.

We had our Headteacher's awards today, well done to all those who achieved this. Wear your badges with pride! The children also received their class Christmas present which the PTFA bought for them. Thank you to the PTFA for the lovely presents.

We say goodbye today to Miss Milbourne who is leaving us, we want to thank her for her commitment to the children and we wish her well for the future. In January, we welcome Mrs Elhossainy, who is an experienced teacher and will be teaching Elm Class. I am sure you will all make her feel welcome. We will also be welcoming Ms O'Reilly who will be joining us for two days a week to add further capacity to support the quality of education for our children until we are able to appoint an Assistant Headteacher.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th January 2025. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Indresano and the NHP Team!



Early
Years



In Reception we have been enjoying our book corner, trying to use our phonics knowledge to segment and blend.

Year 1 put a Christmas twist on their learning this week by sorting Christmas objects by shape. We found cubes, cuboids, spheres, cylinders and cones and had festive fun.



Year
One

Year
Two



Year 2 embraced teamwork and creativity as they worked in small groups to design and construct 3D animals using tin foil. The activity encouraged students to share ideas, discuss their designs with their teammates, and collaborate effectively to bring their vision to life. It was wonderful to see their imaginations shine and their teamwork skills grow as they transformed simple materials into unique animal creations!

This term, Year 3 have been learning all about electricity in science, from understanding circuits to identifying electrical conductors and insulators. To bring their learning to life, the children visited the Science Museum and explored the exciting Wonderlab. The Wonderlab is a hands-on, interactive space filled with exciting activities and experiments designed to spark curiosity and wonder. The children took part in interactive activities about electricity, showcasing their knowledge and enthusiasm for the topic. It was a fun and inspiring trip for the children that sparked their curiosity and deepened their understanding of science!



Year
Three

Year
Four



In Year 4 the children have been trying to understand the concept of religion in religious education by recognising the difference between religious festivals and other types of celebrations. We spoke about Christianity during the Christmas period!

Year Five



Pine class have completed some collaborative "Christmas Elf" maths problem solving activities today using iPads. We wondered which naughty elf went missing. We had to use all of our Year 5 maths skills to find out.

Year Six



This term, Year 6 have been thinking about how we see during our science sessions. Elder class have cut shapes and objects from black paper to create shadows for their friends to try and guess what their creations are.

ATTENDANCE

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
N Bluebells	90.7%
R Catkin	90.3%
R Saplings	95.3%
1 Aspen	84.6%
1 Hawthorn	90.2%
2 Elm	94.6%
2 Nettle	87.8%
3 London Plane	97.1%
3 Mountain Ash	95.5%
3 Silver Birch	93.5%
4 Maple	93.4%
4 Spruce	94.1%
4 Whitebeam	96.1%
5 Beech	90.8%
5 Linden	95.4%
5 Pine	96.8%
6 Cedar	96.4%
6 Elder	87.5%
6 Oak	85.7%

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

Class	Effort	Achievement
Bluebells AM	Zeynep	Harley
Bluebells PM	Aisha	Abela
Catkin	Isla-Rose	Harper-Ivie
Saplings	Jade	Zion
Aspen	Lacey	Amaya
Hawthorn	Daisy	Thomas
Elm	Harry	Ilayda
Nettle	Anika	Grayson
London Plane	Mithran	Lilly
Silver Birch	Alexus	Sumayya
Mountain Ash	Tise	Alex
Maple	Ela	Lucas
Spruce	Ronnie M	Nishaye
Whitebeam	Nieve	Darron
Pine	Artem	Sophia
Beech	Darsheel	Victoria
Linden	Sukhi	Sai
Oak	Abigail	Anmol
Cedar	Victor	Ravreet
Elder	Joshua	Rowan

SAFEGUARDING

As we approach the festive season, we are reminded of the joy and excitement that Christmas brings to many of us. It's a wonderful time to celebrate, create memories, and cherish moments with loved ones. However, we also recognize that this time of year can bring additional pressures for families, whether financial, emotional, or logistical. The following agencies are available if you need support over the festive seasons. Thank you for being a part of our school community. We wish you and your family a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

The National Domestic Abuse helpline is open 24 hours a day and can be contacted on 0808 2000 247.

If you're in an emergency situation you should call 999.

The Samaritans is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can be contacted on 116 123 or by email.

Switchboard is a helpline for LGBT+ people and is open 10am until 10pm everyday.



You can call them on 0800 0119 100 or use their online chat.

Shout 85258 is a 24 hours a day text service which offers mental health support. You can contact them by texting SHOUT to 85258.

NSPCC Helpline – if you're worried about a child. Call 0808 800 5000 Open Mon – Fri 10am to 8pm

Childline 0800 1111

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

 ay, Nahkeil, Adea, Tomiwa, George, April, Ruby, Henry, Archie, Jasmine, Abdulrahmon, Ammy, Louise, Frankie, Oluwademilade, Dillion, Sophia, Mia. 

Please check back each week for updates. Also look on our social media pages & Arbor app.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th First day of term	7th	8th New intake reception open day	9th	10th
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13th -Nursery Admissions open this week -Y6 Imperial War Museum -R&6 Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing	14th Kittle catch up R&6 Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing	15th New intake reception open day	16th Spring School Census Day	17th
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th Young Voices
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27th	28th	29th	30th	31st

WEEKLY EVENTS (Clubs finish at 4.10pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year One - PE Year Five - PE Year Six - PE Choir Club	Year Three - PE Year Four - PE	Swimming - London Plane Year Two - PE Year Four - PE	Swimming - Silver Birch & Mountain Ash Year Six - PE Year Five - PE	Year R - PE Year One - PE Year Two - PE