

Northstead News

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A warm welcome back to Autumn Term 2. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break. We look forward to an exciting and eventful half term.

Friday 15th November

On this day we will be taking part in lots of fun activities at school and it will be a non-uniform day with the option for children to be 'spotacular'.

Children can bring up to £3.00 in a named envelope to spend on the day at the Y5/6 stalls.

Please do not send any money into school for donations. These can be made by clicking the following link:

[Children in need](#)





Northstead *Seek to Learn* Community Primary School



Is your child due to start Primary School in September 2025?

Applications are open from

12th October 2024 until 15th January 2025.

Come and take a look at **Northstead School Early Years**

Our Open Day visits are taking place:

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 9:15am-10am or 10:30am-11:15am

Tuesday 19th November 2024 9:30am-10:15am or 1:30pm-2:15pm

Monday 13th January 2025 9:15am-10am or 1:30pm-2:15pm

Please contact the school to book a place

Tel: 01723 362249

Email: admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk



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Children due to start Primary School in September 2025

Parents can apply for a primary school place from 12th October 2024 and the deadline to apply is **15th January 2025**.

National offer day is 16th April 2025

Please apply online www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

**LOST
PROPERTY**

There are lost property boxes in all the cloakrooms in school. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please ask them to check in all the lost property boxes as these are filling up with jumpers, cardigans, water bottles, etc.

We will display all leftover items on the playgrounds before the end of term for you to check.

Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

Mrs Emma Swales will be leaving Northstead at the end of this term. We thank Mrs Swales for her contribution to our community as a teaching assistant and more recently as a teacher. We wish her well with her young family and with her new venture into running her own business.

Class 12

Miss Johnson will be leaving Northstead on Friday 15th November to commence her maternity leave. Mrs Dyson, who has already been taking the class on a Monday will become the full-time teacher in class 12 from Monday 18th November.

Don't Forget
SEND Review
Meeting
Evening

Wednesday 13th November 3:20pm—6:00pm

Hello Everyone,

Just a reminder that our SEND Review Meeting is next week. You will have received invites with a time slot, to meet with your teacher.

If for any reason you have forgotten, or misplaced the letter please contact Mrs Greenway on sendadmin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk.

The inclusion team will be available all evening and can be found at the main entrance, should you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you

Mrs Viney

Assistant Headteacher Inclusion

Mrs Helm

SENCo

Afterschool club

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. We wanted to inform you that our after school club is currently at full capacity and a waiting list is in place. Due to the limited space available, we are unable to accept additional children at this time.

We understand that this may be disappointing for families who were hoping to use this service, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. However, we must prioritise the safety and quality of care for all students, which means we can only offer a limited number of spaces.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to provide a safe, enjoyable environment for all our students.



Join the Northstead School Governing Body: Make a Difference in Our School Community!

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in the life and success of our school. As a governor, you'll have a voice in key decisions, contribute your unique perspective, and help shape the future of Northstead for our students, families and staff.

Why Become a School Governor? Being a governor is a rewarding role that offers you the chance to:

- Influence school policies and priorities.
- Ensure the school is meeting the needs of all children.
- Work closely with our dedicated staff and leadership team.
- Support Northstead in creating a positive, inclusive and successful learning environment.

Who can apply? No prior experience is needed—just a genuine interest in our school and community! Training and support are provided, and the role can be adapted to fit around work and family commitments.

Interested? If you're interested in learning more, please make an appointment to speak to Mr Hopper (Headteacher) who can talk you through the role and answer any questions you may have.



Christmas Dinner is on Friday 13th December and the cost is £3.20. If you have not already ordered and wish to stay, please inform the office of the chosen option asap. The only options on this day are Christmas Dinner or Vegetarian Christmas Dinner.

As nights are now a lot darker at 4pm, we kindly ask that all children attending an after school club run by school, including those in Years 5 and 6, must be picked up by an adult.

Children will **NOT** be allowed to walk home alone .



ParentPay[®]

Can we please request that all payments for school dinners / clubs / trips are paid for **in advance** using parentpay where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Contact Details

Please could you make sure that school are kept up to date with any changes in address / phone number / e-mail so we have your current details on our system.

Many Thanks





Parent Survey Outcome

Prior to half term, I sent a survey to parents / carers about the option to collect your child(ren) early on the last day of term.

As the majority of parents indicated that they would like the option to collect their children at 1:10pm on the last day of term, we will be offering two pick up times. These will be 1:10pm and 3:10pm.

1:10pm pick up time will take place on the school yard as normal with gates closing at 1:20pm.

Children not being picked up between 1:10pm and 1:20pm will remain in their classroom or other area of school until 3:10pm.

Please do not turn up between 1:20pm and 3:10pm to collect your children from main reception.

No other pick up times will be available unless a medical appointment is in place for your child or they are unwell and need collecting.

A letter will be sent home soon where you will need to send the reply slip back to indicate whether your child will be collected at 1:10pm or 3:10pm.

Mr Hopper

Top 2%

As a school, we take part in a national writing assessment process called 'No More Marking.' As part of this, around 10,000 children in year three complete a piece of writing which is then judged by teachers from schools in all different areas of the country.

The results of this have just come back to us and I am pleased to offer my congratulations to Yaroslav P and Matilda J in year three who have been placed in the top 2% in the country. This is an amazing achievement and one we are very proud to celebrate.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th November	SEND Review Evening
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Thursday 21st November	School Photo Day
Tuesday 3rd December	Y5/6 Christmas Story at Northstead Methodist Church
Thursday 5th December	Y6 at Stephen Joseph Theatre
Monday 9th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (time tbc)
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS Christmas Performance (time tbc)
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (time tbc)
Thursday 12th December	FONS Christmas Fayre
Friday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 16th December	Y1/2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December	EYFS Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December	Y3/4 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December	Y5/6 Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	Christmas Celebration and Christmas Jumper Day (No donation)