

# Northstead News

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Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a restful and rejuvenating holiday. As we step into the spring term, I am thrilled to welcome everyone back to school. Our community is the heart of everything we do, and it's wonderful to see it buzzing with energy and enthusiasm once again.

This term, we are excited to bring a rich and varied curriculum that promises to inspire, challenge and engage every student. There will be opportunities for everyone to grow, learn and excel. Excellence is not just a goal but a habit, and I encourage every member of our community to embrace it wholeheartedly.

As we transition back into the school routine, I must emphasise the importance of staying safe, especially when travelling to and from school. The darker mornings and evenings require us to be extra vigilant. Please remind your children to use well-lit routes, wear reflective clothing if possible and avoid distractions like mobile phones while crossing roads. This is a responsibility we all share to ensure everyone's safety.

This spring term, let us continue to build a community where kindness, collaboration and respect thrive. Let us seize every opportunity to learn and grow while upholding our shared values. Together, we can make this term a time of achievement and joy for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a successful and inspiring term ahead!

Warm Regards,  
Shaun Hopper  
Headteacher

# WELCOME

## TO OUR NEW STAFF!

A big, warm welcome to Mrs Lucy Trousdale who will join our teaching team after February Half Term. Mrs Trousdale comes with a wealth of experience and we are excited to have her joining the Northstead Community. She will work on a part-time basis alongside Miss Doolin in class 16.



**Northstead** *Seek to Learn*  
Community Primary School



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

Applications are open from

12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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

Our Open Day visits are taking place:

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024** 9:15am-10am or 10:30am-11:15am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024** 9:30am-10:15am or 1:30pm-2:15pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk)



**Community – Opportunities – Responsibility - Excellence**

### 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](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

## We Need Your Help!

We need to build up our spare clothes in school, mainly with socks, tights and underwear. If you have any of these items that you can spare and donate to school then we would be very grateful.

Many Thanks



## Census Day—Thursday 16th January

If you have a child in the infants, please, please, please encourage them to stay for a school dinner this Thursday 16th January. We receive funding based on the amount of infant meals served.

The menu choice for this day is:

Chicken Pie / V Cheese & Bean Pasty

Jacket with Tuna / Beans

Cheese / Egg / Tuna sandwich

Syrup Sponge & Custard



Many Thanks



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.



## Prizes to be won in School



<b>CORE Bronze award - 100 dojos</b>
Children will receive a certificate and will choose a reward from the bronze prize box.
<b>CORE Silver award – 200 dojos</b>
Children will receive a certificate and will choose a reward from the silver prize box.
<b>CORE gold award – 300 dojos</b>
Children will receive a certificate and will earn a gold badge which they can wear on their school tie.
<b>CORE Superstar award – 500 dojos</b>
Children will receive a certificate and be taken on a special trip at the end of the year to celebrate their amazing achievement. Children will also get their name on the Superstar awards winner board which will be displayed in school.



### Attendance Raffle - Spring Term

#### Prizes



- 2 tickets to Flamingo Land
- Everyone active - 5 free family swims
  - 1 x one for all voucher
  - 1 x Amazon Voucher

**A REMINDER TO:**

**PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING**

IT HELPS US REUNITE LOST PROPERTY WITH THE OWNER

### NO NUTS

### NO SESAME SEEDS



Packed lunches must not contain items which have nuts or nut based items in as children in school have severe allergies towards these. We also now have children in school with specific allergens to sesame seeds. So, we kindly ask for no sesame seed buns to be used in packed lunches. Nuts and/or seeds for some children in our community can cause a severe allergic reaction resulting in an anaphylactic shock.

## Read, Read, Read

At Northstead, reading threads throughout every aspect of our learning. Our goal is for every child to be a reader! Working together, we would like to remind parents and carers that your child will learn more quickly if they read aloud to an adult as often as possible at home. Please listen to your child read at home and enjoy the power of reading together.

Thank you



## Warm Clothing

As we continue through the winter months, all our children spend their 15 minute playtime and 60 minute lunch time outside on the playgrounds. Children will not stay inside due to cold weather - please ensure your child has a warm winter coat, hat, gloves and scarf to keep them warm outside.



## 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



## Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 13th January

EYFS Open Day for September Starters

Monday 3rd—Friday 7th February

Childrens' Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February

Y2 Victorian Day

Thursday 13th February

Y2 Victorian Day