

Anti-Bullying:

So many different events have taken place to explore the wide theme of Anti-Bullying and most importantly, **Friendship**. B-Tales led our KS2 children through a powerful theatre presentation called 'Jo the Dreamer'. This production tackled issues of verbal, physical and cyber bullying as well as difficult family relationships and reflecting on our own behaviour towards others. It was entirely at the children's level but gave them so much material to empower them as well as challenge. Following the production, the actors gave the children time to interview them about their character – it was clear from the children's comments that they had learnt a lot and noticed the subtle themes woven into the story. It was also an honour to have the author of the play visit Northway and sit with the children as the story unfolded. She said she really enjoyed seeing the production 'live' and experiencing the reaction of the children first hand as the story progressed.

Also read about Bully Busters inside this newsletter



This ½ term's ATTENDANCE

Reception Gruffalo	88.73%
Reception Stickman	92.50%
Year 1 Morris	96.25%
Year 1 Sharman	92%
Year 2 Churchill	98.62%
Year 2 Windsor	92.41%
Year 3 Archer	95.56%
Year 3 Roscoe	96%
Year 4 Lennon	99.20%
Year 4 McCartney	92.96%
Year 5 Hawking	97.60%
Year 5 Turing	97.69%
Year 6 Anning	93.18%
Year 6 Darwin	99.13%

98+ **Green**
95%-97% **Amber**
94% and below **Red**

Autumn 1's lates LATES

Rec Gruffalo	2
Rec Stickman	0
Y1 Morris	2
Y1 Sharman	1
Y2 Churchill	2
Y2 Windsor	1
Y3 Archer	1
Y3 Roscoe	1
Y4 Lennon	0
Y4 McCartney	0
Y5 Hawking	3
Y5 Turing	0
Y6 Anning	1
Y6 Darwin	0

This week Congratulations!

Attendance:
Lennon
Current:
96.56%

This week's HOUSE WINNER
(Not started yet)



Arrive on time FOR
ten to nine.
It's the smart-way and
the North-way to start!

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HEADTEACHER
Mr M J Hargreaves

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Safety, Remembrance and Historic invasion!



I've just been out onto the playground and it was fantastic to see so many children in the crisp autumnal/winter sunshine, enjoying time together. We have the friendliest children ever – hellos, high-fives and handshakes. Keeping in touch with our pupils each day always brightens up any task in school. **#important**

This week has been **Road Safety Week**, which together with **Anti-Bullying / Friendship Week** last week...has given a rounded PHSE experience! Northway children are hearing so many important messages, helping them to grow and flourish as individuals. It is always exciting to see outside agencies coming into school to work with children to embed important messages about keeping safe and thriving in our community.

Big headline news from today: **Vikings Invaded Northway**. The Immersive Room was transformed into a Viking and Anglo-Saxon Settlement and everywhere I went today, Vikings or Anglo-Saxons were chanting, marching or re-enacting something very exciting. What an amazing day! After learning about the Vikings in the classroom, this enrichment experience must have had such a positive impact on Year 5. Hope the Viking attitude does not affect your weekend too much!

I mentioned just before Half Term about our Northway APP ... just this morning I received an email to say it is now ready for inspection before our official launch. Watch this space for an invitation to an APP workshop near you!

Hope you have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Hargreaves
HEADTEACHER

Remembrance at Northway: On 11th November, Northway prepared for the 11am 2-minute silence with an Assembly using a great book: **Where The Poppies Now Grow** <https://www.hilaryrobinson.co.uk/book/where-the-poppies-now-grow/>.

We read the story of Ray and Ben, tracing their life from early childhood through the First World War and ending with a very special event in their lives. We were able to discuss the theme of being **'Peacemakers'** and being **the 'difference we want to see in the world'**.

When the children took part in the 2-minute silence alongside others across the country, they had a good understanding of why they were taking part. Later in the week, we went deeper into the theme and used **'Peace Lily'**, another book by the same author that introduced a new character, Lily, alongside Ray and Ben <https://www.hilaryrobinson.co.uk/book/peace-lily/>.

This series of books is great to help children understand the themes of remembrance. I've included the link as you may like to explore them further.

Staff training (Twilight): Staff met for a twilight training course after school this week, led by the **ADHD Foundation**. It was great to have further training to develop our approach to meet the needs of **all our learners**. Once again, being trained by experts 'in their field' is inspiring and I know there was a real buzz after Wednesday's training.

SEND Café: Thank you to the parents who came to our **ASD Café Workshop** last Tuesday with Tracey Williamson. We are very keen to provide lots of informal occasions for parents to meet, to ask questions and be empowered **together**, discussing key issue and finding strategies to allow all children to thrive. Look out for more events in the future!

Nativity: Have you received your letter about Nativity 2019? I look forward to experiencing my first Northway Christmas. Letters have gone out to request tickets to come and share in another landmark event. We also hope that our brand new stage (thank you PTFA) will be here in time for the children to perform on.

Rock Steady Music:

Wow! Thursday's Assembly was epic! Rock Steady came into School, along with their electronic drums, keyboard, microphones, pa and vocals – the children (and staff) loved the rocking beats that resonated across the school. The singing was amazing to... **so much fun** AND a deep music lesson thrown into the mix!

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/primary/>

Bully Busters:

Bully Busters visited School and spoke with KS1 and KS2 to continue the strong messages of **Friendship** and **Anti-Bullying**. I hope all our children know how to be a great friend, how to respond when people are not being kind and most importantly, how to seek out the right help when intervention is needed – each workshop set out to reinforce these important messages and empower our children.

Moel Famau:

Walking up Moel Famau is an experience that many Liverpool parents talk about ... a definite rite of passage if you attended a Liverpool School! In preparation for the Spring, Miss Downes, Mr Dougherty and Mr Hargreaves were invited to take part in a Mountain Leadership Course to assess their competency when taking a group of children on Moel Famau. The day involved orientation, map reading, taking bearings, compass work, pacing, weather signs, assessing dangers, Mountain Leader kit, First Aid and emergency response. It also involved an 8 mile (16 000 step) walk criss-crossing the Moel Famau landscape! Not that we counted every step...honestly!!!

At the end of the training, there were three tests: First Aid response, a spoken test and a written test. It was a far more intense day than any of us had planned for but a lot of fun too! I am very pleased to say...the results of the competency assessment came to school this morning. We all passed! The great news now for Year 4, is that we are therefore able to begin our residential at Colomendy with a session on Moel Famau, which will extend our first day and make yet more Northway memories.
Congratulations to Miss Downes and Mr Dougherty.



So many events already ... so many more to come!

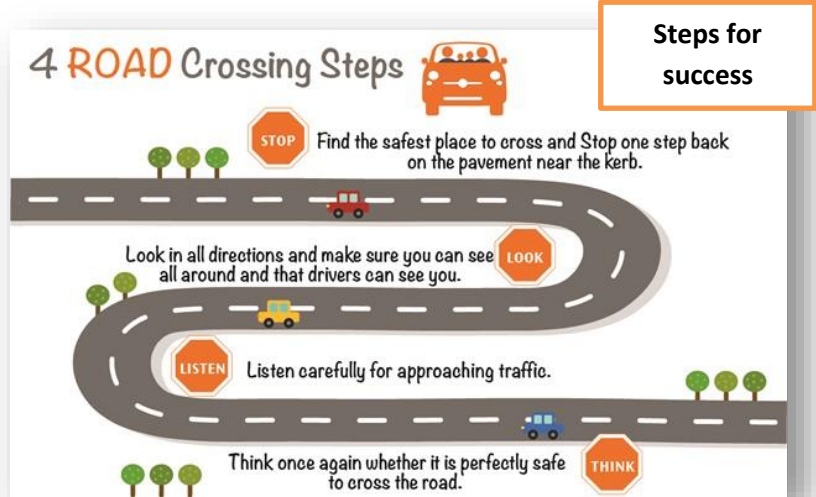
Key dates for this half term:

Monday 25th November	Years 1-6 Flu Vaccinations in School
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Governors Business Meeting
Friday 6 th December	Baby Book Club (9.45am) Choir Singing at Edge Lane Retail Park (1.45pm) PTA Christmas Grotto (3.30pm)
Monday 9 th December	Book Club arrives (1 week) Reception Parent's Christmas Cookery Workshop KS1 Nativity (1.45pm) Year 4 Scrooge Performance at the Anglican Cathedral (7pm)
Tuesday 10 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert (1.45pm)
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity (1.45pm)
Thursday 12 th December	Children and Staff Christmas Lunch Rec/KS1 Parents intro to RWInc (3.30pm)
Friday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas in Immersive KS2 Christmas Disco
Monday 16 th December	LKS2 Christmas in Immersive KS1 Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 17 th December	LKS2 Christmas Party Day
Wednesday 18 th December	LKS2 Christmas in Immersive EYFS Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19 th December	Talent Show UKS2 Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th Dec	School breaks up for Christmas (2pm)
Monday 6 th January 2020	Spring 1 starts

Consent forms: Thank you to each family who have already returned their 'Forms pack'. It is really appreciated as by completing the pack, we have all your updated consents all in one place.

Road Safety: We were so pleased to be visited by Jude Lennon, the author of Super Bob and Super Bob S.T.O.P. who shared her storybooks with our children to teach important road safety messages. The children really engaged with her and together with other safety activities should be far more road aware. We can all do our bit to help keep our children safe when it comes to road safety.

1. Where do you choose to **park** your car? Does it endanger children or adults walking to school? Do you keep away from the 'zigzags'?
2. Do you ensure children wear their **seatbelts** and sit in the correct booster seat when in a car?
3. Do you practice '**Stop, Look Listen and Think**' each time you cross a road together?



Shakespeare Project: **Do you know the name of the Shakespeare play Miranda and Prospero appear in?** Ask a Year 5 or Year 6 pupil! SeeSaw is full of fantastic drama moments captured on Ipad from Wednesday's Shakespeare Day led by **Liverpool John Moore's University** and **The Everyman Theatre**. The parts I saw were wonderful. **Chat to someone about their day – it was brilliant!**



Speaking to School: Engagement between parents and school is a key part of growing together as a school community. If you want to speak about anything to do with your child, the first port of call is the **class teacher**. Following this, there are key members of staff with responsibility for different areas of school.

- **EYFS: Mrs Delaney**
- **KS1: Miss Daws**
- **KS2: Mrs McNeil**

Mrs Lightfoot or **Mr Hargreaves** are also available to speak to after the initial route or if a further conversation is required.

If you have a **Safeguarding** concern, Mrs Lightfoot is our Designated Safeguarding Officer and Mrs Delaney the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer. Mr Hargreaves also has oversight of Safeguarding at Northway.

If you wish to speak about a **Special Educational Need**, Mr Vandewiele is our SENDCo.

Any questions regarding **Attendance**, Miss Sultan is able to answer it and other **after-school enrichment clubs or dates/events**, Mrs Clay.

Beginning with the class teacher or the specific teacher related to your question will ensure you get the answer you need in the quickest time possible. If you need further assistance, there is then a route you can progress along.



"We did a lot of very good activities as Vikings and Anglo-Saxons as well as epic battles!" CMack

Northway PTA

1, 2, 3, 4, WE DECLARE A
C O I N W A R

ending December 13

Each class has its own jar for collecting spare coins

EVERY FRIDAY
Each class reports
their running total to
the office

EVERY MONDAY
Rankings are
announced at school,
via newsletter and on
Facebook and Twitter

The class that collects the most at the end of war wins a...

PIZZA PARTY!