

In memory of:

A 'very special visitor' came to Northway this time last year to help our children celebrate Christmas. He met each child and heard what they *hoped for* Christmas. He took time to bring joy and magic to School. **Richie Tucker** was one of Father Christmas' official volunteers and was one of his very best.

Sadly Richie passed away during the summer but he will always be remembered, both by his own family and our Northway family. What a great way to be remembered, bringing Christmas joy to so many people. We want to pass on our love and thanks to Richie's family so they know we will be thinking of them on this first Christmas without him.



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HEADTEACHER
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Notes from the Headteacher's Study

Immersive learning



Today has been 'Christmas Jumper Day' in School. Wow! There have been some amazing Christmas Jumpers and it really did brighten up School! Thank you to each family who donated to our Christmas Appeal. We will let you know where the money went in our next Newsletter. Any further donations can go via ParentPay or the School Office.

It seems quite surreal that next week is our final week before Christmas. What an amazing (an unprecedented!) term it has been. You may have heard in the news that the DfE *allowed* Schools to re-organise their INSET days to break up a day earlier on Thursday 17th December ... **Northway is still breaking up on Friday 18th December at 1pm.** Unfortunately the advice came very late and changing an INSET day would have caused more issues further into the school year. The idea was muted on a local level several weeks ago because any pupil or adult who becomes 'a contact' with someone testing positive on the 18th December would have to remain in self-isolation on Christmas Day and therefore not be able to have Christmas with their wider family. By breaking up on the 17th it would have reduced that risk. Until Monday we were instructed not to change school dates...then suddenly the message changed!

Next week should be a lovely week and we hope to host all our Christmas plans but also to keep our Bubbles intact. By doing so, the children will not miss out on Christmas Education and will be able to enjoy their Christmas break at home with their family.

I hope you have a great weekend and look forward to sharing lots of news about our final week with you.

Mr Hargreaves
HEADTEACHER



Aut 2 Week 6 ATTENDANCE

Reception Gruffalo	94.1%
Reception Stickman	99.2%
Year 1 Morris	97.1%
Year 1 Sharman	96.6%
Year 2 Churchill	94.7%
Year 2 Windsor	95.6%
Year 3 Roscoe	98.9%
Year 3 Archer	95%
Year 4 Lennon	94.8%
Year 4 McCartney	96.9%
Year 5 Hawking	93.3%
Year 5 Turing	97.4%
Year 6 Anning	99.1%
Year 6 Darwin	96.4%

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

Aut 2 Week 6 LATES

Rec Gruffalo	0
Rec Stickman	0
Y1 Morris	0
Y1 Sharman	1
Y2 Churchill	4
Y2 Windsor	0
Y3 Archer	0
Y3 Roscoe	0
Y4 Lennon	1
Y4 McCartney	2
Y5 Hawking	1
Y5 Turing	1
Y6 Anning	1
Y6 Darwin	0

This week Congratulations!

Attendance:
**RStickman and
6Anning**
Total: **96.4%**

This week's
HOUSE WINNER
Walliams



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

It's (nearly) Christmassssssssss:

On Friday 18th December we break up for Christmas at 1pm. Children will have an early lunch as well as a lovely Christmas morning. Please remember the earlier finish. This will allow us to get school ready for the big clean post-Autumn Term.

What is happening next week? So much!

Week of 14 th December	Christmas Art Christmas ERIC (Reading) Maths at The Movies
Tuesday 15 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16 th December	Zoom Talent Show
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Zoom Assembly 1pm Break up for Christmas

It's (nearly) Christmassssssssss:

Children performed SO WELL last Monday as they created Northway's very own Christmas DVD. The professional film maker complimented the children and actually got the 'job done' in record timing. It was lovely to see them perform and give it some 'Northway style'. I hope you are as excited as us to see the final product!

For RGruffalo:

After Christmas, Mrs Kent will be changing her role at Northway. She will still be working within our EYFS department but leading on our Communication and Oracy Intervention. Mrs Delaney will continue to teach RGruffalo alongside our great team: Ms Gadawaine, Miss Biesiadzinski and Miss Tatlow. You will receive further communication regarding modification this from our EYFS Lead, Mrs Delaney.

From the Government: Self-Isolation change

We have just received this communication.

This change will apply in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland from 00:01am on Monday 14 December. It already applies in Wales.

Self-isolation is essential to reducing the spread of COVID as it breaks the chains of transmission. After reviewing the evidence, we are now confident that we can reduce the number of days that contacts self-isolate from 14 days to 10 days.

People who return from countries which are not on the travel corridor list should also self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days.

People who test positive should continue to self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms or 10 days from point of taking a positive test if asymptomatic.

We urge everyone to self-isolate when appropriate, it will save lives.

Chief Medical Officer for England, Professor Chris Whitty

- On Monday 14 December, the change to the isolation period for contacts will apply to all those who are currently self-isolating including those who commenced self-isolation before Monday.
- Self-isolation periods will begin on the day after exposure, a test or the start of symptoms.
- The NHS Test and Trace service will tell people to self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days from Monday.
- The passenger locator form will be updated from Monday.
- Due to the time taken to test technical changes and release updates through the app store, the NHS COVID-19 app will tell close contacts to isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days from Thursday 17 December.
- In England, if you receive a notification from the NHS COVID-19 app before 17 December to isolate because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive:
 - if you have also been contacted by NHS Test and Trace you must follow isolation guidance provided by contact tracers
 - if you have been advised to isolate by the app (and not by NHS Test and Trace) then you can leave isolation when your isolation countdown timer says 3 days

Our School Website and APP:

Have you accessed our School website recently? We have had a very big upgrade to our website and APP. Lots more information has now been uploaded to our site and all the photographs have also been replaced. It looks amazing! It shows the lively place that is Northway Primary and Nursery School! **Thank you Miss Sultan for a work of extreme hard work!**

Please also refresh your Northway APP. If your APP is open, swipe it up to close it, then re-open the App. This will allow any updates to be pushed across. The 'events' section is now fully working, where school events can be added to your phone calendar. All the other features under the 'more' menu should also now be working too. We will be adding lots more events over the next couple of weeks.

How to access our website: <https://www.northway.liverpool.sch.uk/>

You can also access the website through our APP, just click the website link. You are also able to view our Twitter accounts via the App too. Very useful!

Our website will continue to be updated and is therefore a work in progress. Keep your eye on the website and APP for lots of new information.

Lateral Flow Testing update:

Lateral Flow Tests (the 20 minute result tests) are still available in Liverpool. There are currently 5 permanent sites and many other 'pop up' Testing Stations.

How to find your nearest test centre:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/how-to-get-tested/symptom-free-testing/>



Santa Dash:

Children today completed their Santa Dash in Christmas Jumpers! There was also an Active Elf Workout set up in the hall for when it was far too wet to be outdoors. What a great way to celebrate Christmas and keep active! Thank you Mr Bayliss.

Free School Meals Vouchers:

Liverpool City Council **will be** providing Free School Meals Vouchers over the Christmas holiday. Parents will receive a voucher per entitled child from School, before the end of the term. **We are still awaiting the vouchers to arrive but once they do, you will be notified.**

Vouchers are for pupils already registered for 'Free School Meals' (not Universal Infant Free School Meals which every KS1 pupil is entitled to).

From Public Health England: Vitamin D

Please see statement from PHE and NICE below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vitamin-d-supplementation-during-winter-phe-and-nice-statement/statement-from-phe-and-nice-on-vitamin-d-supplementation-during-winter>

With many of us staying indoors it's important we're getting enough Vitamin D to help keep our bones and muscles healthy. Vitamin D is found in foods including eggs, red meat and oily fish but mainly comes from the sun. PHE advise that people not getting enough Vitamin D take a supplement of 10 micrograms (400IU) per day from October to March. For more information go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vitamins-and-minerals/vitamin-d/>

'Together we can achieve anything'

All learners, all valued, all achieving, all the time

Together involves everyone...which makes it all the more exciting!

Message from Mr Bayliss:

Dear Families,

Mr Bayliss here. I wanted to say a great big Northway HELLO to all families, tell you about my current role and introduce my new focus for this year ahead. As some of you may already know, I teach Year 5 and coordinate PE and School Sport at Northway. This year I am really looking forward to the challenge of continuing this area of our offer. It is our goal to be getting involved in as many of the competitions and festivals on offer across the city as we can, along with a comprehensive range of events in our intra-school competition calendar (all whilst maintaining the necessary safeguards and precautions set out in the school risk assessments for COVID-Compliance) so keep an eye out for updates!

Also, this year I am undertaking the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination (NASENCO) through Liverpool John Moores University. I will be taking an active role as SENDCO Deputy as I complete my training, aiding in the development of the following strands of School SEND Support; Communication and interaction, developing visual communication for non-verbal children and as an aid for developing early communication skills in the EYFS; High Needs and EHCP 1:1 support, providing CPD for staff and working closely with LSA's to develop our offer for High Needs Children in the first instance and enhance curriculum support for all learners in the main.

I'm really looking forward to getting stuck into the role and I am keen to use my experience to best support and develop our SEND offer across school.

Speak soon, Mr Bayliss

Remote Learning assistance:

Hello! This week's video is about **Mathletics** which is a new platform to Northway this year. We are very excited about it complementing our wide range of platforms on offer, and the children are already loving using it in school. Usernames and passwords have been sent home already but if you need a new one please speak to your child's class teacher. Reception will be introduced to Mathletics in January.

Thanks for all your support, Miss Grace.

<https://youtu.be/qfUgn0sCHA8>






TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC



MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
Permitted with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	LARGE EVENTS 
Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature + A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:

gov.uk/coronavirus

