

Futsal: Have you heard of Fotsol?

We found out that Northway is actually very good at it! Futsal is played between two teams of five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. Unlimited substitutions are permitted. Unlike other forms of indoor football, the game is played on a hard court surface marked by lines and with a smaller, harder, low-bounce ball than football.



Here is our team who played yesterday, and reached the final of the competition! **What a team! Superstars!**



The year so far...
ATTENDANCE

Reception Gruffalo	85.2%
Reception Stickman	98.3%
Year 1 Morris	97.9%
Year 1 Sharman	100%
Year 2 Churchill	97%
Year 2 Windsor	96.9%
Year 3 Archer	93.9%
Year 3 Roscoe	98.5%
Year 4 Lennon	95.3%
Year 4 McCartney	96.1%
Year 5 Hawking	96.2%
Year 5 Turing	95.7%
Year 6 Anning	100%
Year 6 Darwin	99.2%

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

Comments

We have had such an improvement in attendance this week. I know certain classes are so pleased with the uplift. This time of year is always challenging with sickness... but look at the 2 100% and all the dark greens! Amazing. Thank you for the hard work!

Year so far:
Congratulations!
Attendance:

1Sharman and
6Anning

Overall week:
96.11%

This week's
HOUSE WINNER



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

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NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER
Mr M J Hargreaves

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Notes from the Headteacher's Study



The main topic of conversation in every school currently is... what is happening this Christmas? I know lots of parents are wondering whether we will be able to have live Nativity this year or not so I wanted to share some clarity on this.

LPHA and LCC have given quite a strong steer but have left it up to individual schools to make the very difficult decision.

At Northway we have had Plan A, B and C. As you will have noticed, we have invited parents to lots of different occasions this year because we really want to build that relationship once again post-lockdown. Nativity and other performances are landmark moments in a child's life so we need to ensure they have the opportunity to shine. Ideally we would love to go to Plan A which was to host live performances for all year groups. With the significant rise in the area and the potential new variant entering Britain, we have been asked to err on the side of caution. **BUT WE HAVE A PLAN! And it is a lovely one!**

All children will still perform as part of their Year Group or Key Stage Nativity / Christmas Performance. This will be recorded by school and made available for parents to download. Children will be able to watch this and be the live audience during the recording. By making it available for download, you will be able to watch this together as a family at home, see and hear everything and enjoy some Christmas treats as you do!

But as well as this... we are planning an **outdoor Christmas Bonanza Performance** where parents will be able to come onto the playground and watch a showcase presentation to celebrate Christmas. More than that, there will be mince pies and *shhhh* but there is also the possibility of some live 'festive animal' photoshoot opportunities.

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Christmas information continued:

To accommodate parents in the hall, every parent would have to agree to wear a face covering and potentially complete a Lateral Flow Test before coming to the Nativity. We realised very quickly this just would not be practical (or desirable) to many parents. The last thing we wanted was a plan that made parents feel unwelcome or feel uneasy coming into school; both sides of the debate matter. This is why Plan C came into effect, where I hope you agree, the best of each scenario is included... a Nativity, a memory to keep AND an outdoor performance Christmas Bonanza.

Other schools in the area have had the same advice but will also have planned and risk assessed in their own way. Plans made by other schools may be frustrating but the Governing Board and Senior Leadership made the decision to ensure Christmas remains as special as is possible but at the same wanted to ensure we did not give the gift of Covid to anyone ...just as we broke up for Christmas.

Dates will be re-published on Monday.

Looking forward to a very special time of the year,

Mr Hargreaves - Headteacher

LFC Training - Road Safety:

Year 5 have been so fortunate in being invited to Anfield to take part in their Pupil Training sessions. Knife Crime was the theme of the last visit and today a group of children learnt about Road Safety. This is an initiative Mr Newton has organised for the children and the more we participate... the more LFC will partner with us. I have heard of some very exciting plans for the future!



Attendance calls:

You may have noticed that we have been able to visit so many more events using our Northway 'set of wheels'. Part of the role for our new form of transport has also been to encourage great attendance. Making home visits to assist with school drop-offs has really helped our attendance and ensured every child maximises their learning potential.

Attendance Calls, although really useful, are not a long term solution and can only be used when needed. If non-emergency issues persist, other strategies will be deployed, as this is a 'First Response' strategy. Attendance is still the responsibility of the parent but at Northway we like to live by our motto that: Together, we can achieve anything.

Key dates: Autumn and Spring Term

Thursday 2nd December	Class 5 Hawkin's Class Assembly	
Tuesday 14 th December	EYFS Nativity (2pm)	
Wednesday 15 th December	KS1 Nativity (9.30am)	
Wednesday 15 th December	Y3-Y4 Nativity (2pm)	To be confirmed Monday
Thursday 16 th December	EYFS Nativity (9.30am)	
Thursday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity (2pm)	
Friday 17 th December	Y5-Y6 Nativity	
w/b 20 th December	Class Christmas Parties	
22 nd December	School Christmas Around The Tree (~11am)	
		Happy New Year!
Thursday 20 th January 2022	Class 4 McCartney Class Assembly	
Thursday 27 th January 2022	Coffee and Chat Café (9am-9.40am)	
Thursday 3 rd February 2022	Class 2 Churchill Class Assembly	
w/b 14 th February 2022	Parents' Evening (School Cloud or Face to Face)	
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Coffee and Chat Café (9am-9.40am)	
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Class 1 Sharman Class Assembly	
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Class 4 Lennon Class Assembly	
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Coffee and Chat Café (9am-9.40am)	
w/b 28 th March	Assessment Week	
w/b 4 th April	Experience Easter	
Thursday 7 th April 2022	Class 1 Morris Class Assembly	

KS2 Science Assembly:

We were visited by Birds of Prey yesterday. It was an opportunity that came to us at the very last minute but one the children will remember for a long time! An amazing Falcon, Owl and Eagle showed themselves off to the children and their 'Birdman' spoke about their adaptations and 'special features'. They were so majestic and had the children captivated. **Thank you Mr Taylor for organising the event so quickly.**



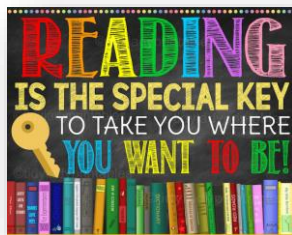
Governing Board:

Our Full Board of Governors met this week. Last week the Curriculum Committee met and next week we have Staffing and Finance. It is lovely having the Board together in one place – it really helped with discussions. Welcome was given to Mrs Al-Malik, our new Parent Governor.

Books

If you have any good quality pre-loved books that you would like to donate to our School Library we would love to receive them (Fiction and Non-fiction). Our children love reading so we aim to increase the range of books available to them and extend our Library area ... which still looks amazing.

#ReadingLawn #TreeHouse



The Scouts' Christmas float is back



The 26th Picton Scouts are back collecting for local charities

Santa and his musical tree will fly down your street again this Christmas, but with only a small number of children collecting cash, so this year we ask that you please donate by text if you can

You can donate by text from today

To donate £1, text SCOUTS to 70201
To donate £3, text SCOUTS to 70331
To donate £5, text SCOUTS to 70970
To donate £10, text SCOUTS to 70191

(Usual SMS text costs apply)

Be prepared! Santa will be with you...

Monday 6th December	Northway School area
Tuesday 7th December	Rudston Road School area
Wednesday 8th December	Taggart Avenue area
Thursday 9th December	Mosspsits School area
Friday 10th December	Rocky Lane area

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We wish you a merry Xmas and thank you for your generous support over the last 30 years

26th Picton Scout Group needs to raise funds for this and for other charitable purposes

Fundraising, payments and donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149800), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.nationalscheme.org

Ever thought about joining Scouts? Ages 6 to 18, adult helpers, email 26picton@gmail.com

Children In Need donations:

Our school council have done a fantastic job raising money for Children in Need. They raised an amazing total of **£514!!** Thank you all for your very generous donations and for getting involved. Here are the lucky raffle ticket winners!

