



Northowram Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023



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Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

September – December 2023

Reopen: Monday 6th November

Closes: Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

January – March 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th January

Closes: Thursday 8th February

Closed: Training Day Friday 9th
February

Reopen: Monday 19th February

Closes: Friday 22nd March

Summer Term

April – July 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th April

Closed: Monday Mayday 6th May

Close: Friday 24th May

Reopen: Monday 3rd June

Close: Thursday 18th July

Closed: Disaggregated Training
Day Friday 19th July

Closed: Disaggregated Training
Day Monday 20th July

**Term Dates for
2024/2025 are now
available on the school
website**

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Year 6 Adventures!

This week we welcomed back year 6 after their week on residential in the Lake District. The residential forms an important part of our curriculum where children take part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities and also learn about geographical features, map work and, of course, team work. They have climbed mountains, canoed across Lake Ullswater, navigated waterfall climbs and held their nerve during tunnelling amongst other things! The visit is run by the Outward Bound team who work closely with our school staff to align activities and learning with our school values and vision. The feedback from the staff team and Outward Bound was that our children were exemplary in their behaviours and attitudes and really flew the flag for our school. Well done year 6 and huge thanks to the staff team who left their home family to take care of their school family for the week. What an adventure!

PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK

100% of parents at Northowram Primary School would recommend our school to another family!

96% of parents and carers say that their child is happy at school

99% of parents and carers say that their child feels safe at school

We have been busy analysing the feedback from our annual parent/family survey. The survey is now closed and we are pleased to report a very high level of participation. I will send out the full results to all parents and carers next week but wanted to share this headline as we are delighted to hear this! Our annual survey really helps us to improve and your comments and suggestions are always considered carefully. The survey was discussed in depth at our Governors meeting last night and we discussed how to improve any areas that you have highlighted. As always, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all families that if you have any questions, comments, concerns or compliments about any aspect of school then it is easy to make an appointment with members of school staff (including myself) by telephoning or calling into the school office.

Safeguarding

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or queries please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager - Jane Jennings on 01422 202704 or you can call or text 07494691167

Year 6 Residential Visit to Howtown



YEAR 6 VISIT TO HOWTOWN, CUMBRIA

Year 6 had a fantastic week in Howtown in the Lake District completing their John Muir award of discovering, exploring and conserving the natural world. The children had a week full of success further developing their resilience, confidence, communication and team work.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Listed below are the upcoming Christmas events. Please note that more information about each of these events (times and ticket sales etc) will be sent out via Parentmail next week.

Tuesday 12th December – Nursery Performance (AM)

Tuesday 12th December – Reception Performance (PM)

Wednesday 13th December – Nursery Performance (PM)

Thursday 14th December – Reception Performance (AM)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Craft Day

Monday 18th December – Carols for year 3 & 4

Tuesday 19th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (AM)

Tuesday 19th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (PM)

Wednesday 20th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (AM)

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Friday 22nd December – Christmas Class Parties (with a special visitor)



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Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Children In Need Charity. Thanks to your generosity we raised £374.30.

The children had a fun day of learning – Here are some pictures of year 4 doing their Children In Need Bearpees!



PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please may we remind parents that sensible and legal parking rules must apply even when collecting children out of normal hours. We have had several complaints about parents parking dangerously whilst collecting children from after school clubs.

We know that parking is at a premium during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Baxter Lane is closed each day from 3.15pm and re-opens as soon as the school grounds are clear. This is for the safety of all of our children during such a busy time.

Please may we remind parents that if you are parking near to school you should not block the driveways of the residents and always consider the safety of our children and the local residents when you park at these times.

Parents should also be reminded that the staff car parks are not to be used at any time.

They must not be used for walking to and from school

We continue to work with the local council and police to ensure that we keep our children as safe as possible at these busy times.

Please think carefully about the safety of your parking - it really could cost a child's life.

Many thanks to all our careful and considerate families including many who make the sensible decision to walk to and from school!