

## End of Year Message from Mr Hopper

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year at Northstead Community Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our collective achievements and express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment.

Our school is at the heart of a vibrant community, and it is this sense of community that has propelled us to new heights. This year has been one of significant progress and transformation. We have seen vast improvements across the school in behaviour and attitudes, as well as in personal development. These strides are a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the invaluable support of our parents and carers.

One of our core values at Northstead Community Primary School is responsibility. We encourage our students to take responsibility for their learning and behaviour, and this year, they have risen to the challenge admirably. Our focus on personal development has empowered our students to set high standards for themselves and strive for excellence in all they do.

We are delighted to report a marked improvement in outcomes for our children. Many of our year groups are now achieving results that are at or above national measures, a clear indication of the high-quality education and opportunities we provide. These achievements would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff, who continually strive to inspire and support our students.

However, we must not rest on our laurels. One area where we seek your continued support is in improving our attendance record. Regular attendance is crucial for the sustained academic and personal development of our students. We urge all parents and carers to prioritise this aspect, ensuring that children attend school regularly and punctually. Together, we can provide the consistent and structured environment necessary for our students to thrive.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future and the opportunities that lie ahead. We remain committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child can achieve their full potential and always be the best that they can be. As we continue to strive for excellence, we know that the strength of our community will be our greatest asset.

Warm regards,

Shaun Hopper



# Happy Retirement

Dear Mrs Gunstone,

As you embark on this exciting new chapter of retirement, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and tireless efforts throughout the years. Your commitment to the Northstead Community has been nothing short of inspiring, leaving an indelible mark on all those fortunate enough to have crossed paths with you.

Your kindness, warmth and wisdom have shaped not only our school but also the lives of countless students, parents and colleagues. You have been a beacon of light, always ready with a smile and words of encouragement, making everyone feel valued and cherished.

While we will miss your presence dearly, we rejoice in knowing that you now have the opportunity to explore new passions, enjoy well-deserved leisure time, and create even more cherished memories with your loved ones. May this next chapter be filled with relaxation, joy and fulfilment.

Thank you, Mrs Gunstone, for your years of service and the positive impact you have had on our community. Your legacy will continue to inspire us for years to come.

With heartfelt wishes for a wonderful retirement,

The Northstead Community



Happy Retirement, Mrs Wood!

Congratulations on your retirement after 12 years of legendary service with the Northstead Community, especially at the After School Club! We've always known you were a superhero in disguise—how else could you juggle snacks, homework and endless games of tag all at once?

Your ability to wrangle the children with just a smile and a well-timed snack break has always been nothing short of magical. The After School Club will never be the same without your quick wit, infectious laughter and those secret stash of cookies you always seemed to have on hand!

As you retire, we bet you're looking forward to finally having an uninterrupted cup of tea and maybe even a snack that you don't have to share. Just remember, if you ever find yourself missing the chaos, you're always welcome back for an impromptu sing-along.

Thank you for the countless laughs, the endless patience and for making the After School Club the fun and welcoming place it has always been. Enjoy your retirement—may it be filled with all the peace, quiet and cookies you can handle!

Wishing you all the best and a lot of well-deserved relaxation,

The Northstead Community



# Happy Retirement!

Happy Retirement Mrs Graham!

After many, many years of dedicated service as one of our midday supervisors at Northstead School, the time has come to wish you a wonderful and well-earned retirement.

As you step into retirement, we hope you embrace all the wonderful new opportunities that await you. May this next chapter of your life be filled with joy, relaxation, and the chance to pursue your passions and interests to the fullest.

Thank you, Mrs Graham, for your many years of exceptional service and for being such an integral part of Northstead School. We will miss you dearly, but we are also excited for you to enjoy this new and exciting journey.

With warmest wishes for a happy retirement,

The Northstead Community



# Goodbye!

## & THANK YOU

Thank You and Goodbye, Mrs Todd!

As you move on to new adventures, we want to express our heartfelt thanks and bid you a fond farewell.

Your dedication, enthusiasm and passion for teaching have made a significant impact on your students and our community. You've inspired and supported our Year 6 students, helping them to grow, learn and achieve their best.

Although your time with us has been brief, your influence will be long-lasting. We are grateful for the energy and positivity you brought to Northstead, and we will miss you dearly.

As you embark on this new chapter, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors. May you continue to inspire and make a difference wherever you go.

Thank you once again, Mrs Todd, for all you have done. Goodbye and good luck!

With warmest regards,

The Northstead Community



We are delighted to warmly welcome two new teachers to our school this year. Mrs Hopper and Mrs Ogle. Both bring a wealth of experience and a proven track record of making a significant difference in the educational outcomes for their students.

### **Mrs Hopper—Year 1 Teacher**

Mrs Hopper joins us as the new Year 1 teacher, bringing with her a rich background from working in early years and key stage one from another local school. A dedicated and talented teacher, Mrs Hopper has already visited school a number of times to meet parents and the children going into her class in September.

### **Mrs Ogle—Year 6 Teacher**

Joining us as the new Year 6 teacher, Mrs Ogle comes with extensive experience in preparing students for the crucial transition to secondary school. Her dedication to academic excellence has consistently led to outstanding results. Mrs Ogle is committed to helping each child reach their full potential, ensuring they leave Northstead with confidence and a love for learning.

Both Mrs Hopper and Mrs Ogle have a deep passion for education and a shared commitment to making a positive impact in our school community. We are thrilled to have them on board and look forward to the exciting contributions they will bring to Northstead School.

Please join us in giving Mrs Hopper and Mrs Ogle a warm welcome as they embark on this new journey with us. We are confident that their expertise and enthusiasm will greatly benefit our students and enhance the overall learning experience at Northstead.





## Physical Education lessons and expectations on 2024-2025

### PE Uniform—Years 1 to 6

Children will be taking part in two PE lessons per week during 2024-2025. This will be an indoor slot and an outdoor slot. All children are expected to wear the correct PE uniform to school on both these days. (You will be informed of these days for your child's class asap). This means that the amount of normal school uniform needed will be less as they will only wear normal school uniform for 3 days a week.

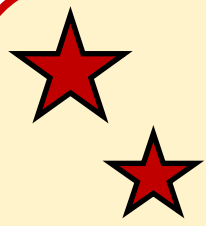
### PE Uniform Expectations

- White polo shirt or t-shirt (non-branded where possible please)
- Navy blue or black shorts
- Navy blue round neck sweatshirt (not a hoodie)
- Navy blue or black joggers
- Trainers suitable for indoor / outdoor use (Any colour)
- Socks
- (No football tops or shorts please)

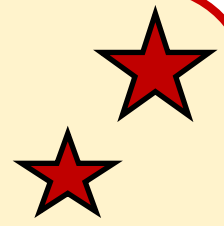
### Jewellery

- For reasons of health and safety we ask parents / carers to ensure their children do not wear jewellery whilst in school.
- The exception to this rule is that children with pierced ears may wear ear studs, one per ear and these **MUST** be removed for any physical activity in school or whilst on a school excursion.
- If getting your child's ear or ears pierced please do so at the start of the summer holidays.
- It is permissible to cover earrings with tape but this must be done at home and only as a last resort. This is not a replacement for removing earrings. Removal is the 1st option.
- If children are unable to take ear studs out independently they should be left at home.
- School staff are not allowed to remove or replace earrings or place tape over earrings.
- Children who arrive into school on PE days with earrings in and who cannot independently remove them, will miss out on important physical education lessons as they will be unable to take part.

Thanks for helping us to keep your child safe and ensuring they are actively involved in all PE learning sessions. Sessions which will improve their physical, social and emotional development.



# Year 6 Leavers



Well done to our fabulous Year Six Leavers this week. We have really enjoyed working with, and getting to know, our current Year Six children over the past seven years. They have grown in to a very caring, kind and hardworking group who are now more than ready to start their new adventures at Secondary school and beyond. We wish them all every success and happiness for whatever the future brings.



You may have noticed Northstead Community Primary School can now be voted for in local Tesco stores. When buying your shopping, please support our school by voting with the blue tokens to help with our Early Years gardens.

The most votes win:

1st Prize -£1500

2nd Prize £1000

3rd Prize £500

Thank You





# FREE CHILDREN'S LUNCHES



Available to collect  
during school holidays  
between 11-1pm

## 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





This summer's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers, starts on 13 July.

Children aged 4 to 11 can visit any of our libraries to register for this free challenge. Children taking part will explore a whole range of creative arts and enjoy free materials from North Yorkshire libraries and online via the [Challenge website](#). The Marvellous Makers characters have been brought to life by children's illustrator Natelle Quek.

Children who are not currently members of the library can join for free.

Good luck with the challenge!



The National Literacy Trust are running a variety of free events in Scarborough this summer for children aged 7-11. There will be arts, crafts, stories, and poems all summer long at Scarborough library. Events range from poetry open mics to joke-book workshops, silly (and noisy!) draw-a-longs to VIP author visits. You can find the full schedule of events at <https://literacytrust.org.uk/communities/yorkshire-coast/storycraft-summer/>

Loved your first event? Keep on coming! Every three events you join over the summer, you will win an Amazon gift card.

Please also see the attachment with this newsletter for further information on Storycraft activities.

# School Meals

UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) cease at the end of Year 2 and must be paid for from Year 3 unless your child is eligible for FSM (Free School Meals - have to apply for and meet criteria - link below).

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Please note that following the increase in charges for our catering from NYC, we are increasing the cost of a pupil school dinner from September to £3.20 **per meal**. This is after a small subsidy by school, to keep the charge as low as possible for parents. Payments should be made in advance via ParentPay, our online secure payment system. If you have not yet set up a parentpay account, please contact the school office.



**ParentPay**

Please ensure that any monies owed for breakfast club, after school club, dinner money or any other items are fully paid for on Parentpay **immediately** so that your balance is clear for the start of the new academic year.

Many Thanks

## Policies

Please follow the links for updated versions of the following documents:

Charging and remissions policy

School Meals Debt Policy

The Primary PE & Sport Premium document

[Click here](#)

[Click here](#)



## Assessment Information

Following the release of the SATS data for July 2024, I have pleasure in sharing the below information. A marked improvement in two years in every measure. Still below national averages for KS2 measures, however the progress made is a result of the hard work and dedication of everyone.

The KS2 data below goes alongside other measures in school. All of which are likely to be at or above national averages.

- EYFS Good level of development = 72%
- Y1 Phonics = 82%
- End of y2 phonics = 95% of children moving into Y3 having passed the Phonics Screening Check
- Multiplication Tables Check (Y4) Average score 21.1
- Scoring 25/25 on the multiplication tables check = 41%

KS2 SATS Subject	Northstead Working at the expected level	Northstead Working at the higher level	Northstead Total working at expected or above	National averages at expected or above
Reading	50%	16%	66%	74%
Maths	43%	19%	62%	73%
Writing	39%	14%	53%	72%
RWM Combined	31%	12%	43%	61%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	40%	24%	64%	72%

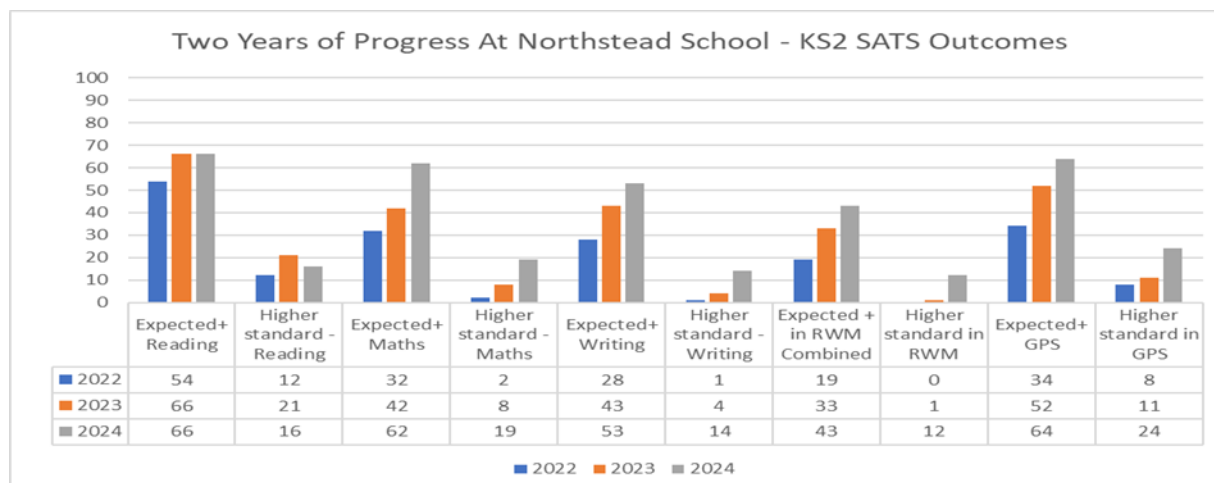
This set of data presents a vast improvement from July 2022 and further improvement in most areas from July 2023.

Since June 2022 at the expected level and above (Scaled score above 100)

- Writing at the expected level has improved by 25%
- Grammar etc at the expected level has improved by 30%
- Maths at the expected level has improved by 30%
- Reading at the expected level has improved by 12%
- RWM combined has improved by 24%

Since June 2022 at the higher level (Scaled score above 110)

- Reading improved by 4%
- Maths improved by 17%
- Writing improved by 13%
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling improved by 18%
- Reading, writing and maths combined improved 12%



## *Inset Days 2024/25 - Children Not in School*

*Monday 2nd September 2024*

*Tuesday 3rd September 2024*

*Monday 6th January 2025*

*Monday 21st July 2025*

*Tuesday 22nd July 2025*

### **Summer Holidays are Here!**

Have a wonderful time with your families and we will see you when the new term begins on Wednesday 4th September.

