

Northstead News

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Northstead Community,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and involvement in school life.

A special mention must go to our incredible Year 6 children, who have shown such determination, resilience, and maturity during their SATs week. We are all so proud of the way they approached the tests—with focus, positivity and a brilliant attitude. Well done, Year 6!

Looking ahead to next half term, we have a fantastic range of events and activities planned that we're all excited about. From Sports Days and our much-anticipated trips to Wykeham Lakes for Years 3-6, to Beach Days, the Summer Fair, and our vibrant Colour Run—it promises to be a joyful and memorable few weeks.

We're also looking forward to our "Adventures in Wonderland" performances, Bikeability sessions, and important transition activities as children prepare for new classes—and, for Year 6, their next big adventure in secondary school.

To top it all off, we're thrilled to be welcoming Speedkix for some high-energy sports fun across EYFS to Year 2!

Wishing you all a restful and sunny half term break. We can't wait to see everyone back, ready for an action packed final term of the year!

Warm regards,

Mr Hopper



Happy Retirement

After many years of exceptional service, it's time to bid farewell to someone who has truly kept the wheels turning at Northstead Community Primary School—our much loved Business Manager, Mrs Mainprize, who will leave us at the end of the academic year.

Mrs Mainprize has been the quiet powerhouse behind the scenes, the guardian of the spreadsheets, the wrangler of invoices and the person who somehow managed to make school finances look...almost fun. She has tackled every challenge with efficiency, determination and just the right amount of dry humour—not to mention a mysterious ability to find and produce yellow folders out of thin air!

Her contribution to the smooth running of the school cannot be overstated. Whether negotiating contracts, sorting site issues before the first bell rang or patiently answering *just one more question* from staff (or several), she has done it all with professionalism.

While we will deeply miss her presence, we know she's more than earned a break from budgets, BACS runs and budget forecasting. We hope your days ahead are filled with fewer emails and much longer lunches.

Thank you for your years of service, your dedication and the countless ways you've supported our school community. Northstead simply wouldn't have been the same without you.



HAPPY *Retirement!*

A Fond Farewell to Mrs Murphy

After an incredible 22 years of dedicated service, we say a warm farewell to our long-serving colleague, Mrs Murphy, as she begins her well-earned retirement at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Murphy's contribution has extended far beyond the classroom—running our after school provision for many years.

As she steps into retirement, we wish her nothing but the best for this next chapter—filled, we hope, with relaxing mornings, time with family and friends and perhaps the occasional reminder that she is always welcome back for a visit (and a cup of tea)!

Thank you, Mrs Murphy, for 22 wonderful years.



Happy Retirement!

Farewell and Thank You to Mr Trousdale

We would like to share the bittersweet news that Mr Trousdale, one of our longest serving teaching assistants , will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

For over fourteen years, Mr Trousdale has been a dedicated and caring presence in our school community. Whether supporting in the classroom or working as an HLTA, Mr Trousdale has been a quiet Computing superhero of our school.

As Mr Trousdale begins this well-deserved next chapter, we know you will join us in expressing heartfelt thanks for his years of service and wishing him every happiness in his retirement.

Thanks for everything you have done for the Northstead Community Mr Trousdale.



Thank you!
AND FAREWELL

Farewell to Mrs Young

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Mrs Young will be stepping away from her teaching role at our school to focus on her health. Mrs Young has been battling liver disease for quite some time and is currently awaiting a liver transplant.

While we are saddened by her departure at the end of this academic year, our hearts are full of gratitude for her dedication, compassion and excellence she has brought to our community for the past 13 and a half years.

Mrs Young has made a lasting impact on children, their families and colleagues alike—not just through lessons taught in the classroom, but through the warmth, encouragement and integrity with which she lives each day.

We send Mrs Young our love, strength and unwavering support knowing she will always be part of the Northstead Community.



Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

Mrs Pearson—Year 5 Teacher

A heartfelt thank you to Rhiannon Pearson for her many successful years of dedication and excellence at Northstead. You've made a lasting impact as a teacher and a colleague, and while we're sad to see you go, we're absolutely thrilled to see you take on the exciting new role of Assistant Headteacher at Hunmanby Primary School. Well done and best of luck—they're lucky to have you! Mrs Pearson will be with us until the end of the school year.



Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

Mr Welburn—Year 5 Teacher

A big thanks to Mr Welburn who will also leave Northstead at the end of the academic year having secured a permanent position as a teacher at Hunmanby Primary School. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his dedication and commitment to the children of Northstead during his time with us.



Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

Miss O' Connor—Year 4 Teacher

As Miss O'Connor prepares to leave us at the end of this academic year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for her unwavering dedication and commitment to the children and families of Northstead. Her passion, care and tireless support have made a lasting difference in so many young lives. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, inspiration and positive impact that will be remembered for years to come. Thank you, Miss O'Connor for everything—you will be greatly missed.

A huge Northstead congratulations to Mrs Tindall and her husband on the birth of their daughter. We wish her a wonderful maternity leave with her family.



Dangerous parking continues to be an issue on a morning and at home time. Please show you care by **NOT** parking dangerously. We had an incident on Wednesday where a child was almost hit by a car which was reversing on the path. Please help us by working together, to keep our families and communities safe.



Sports Days

3rd June EYFS 9:30am

3rd June KS1 1:15pm

4th June Y3/4 1:15pm

5th June Y5/6 1:15pm

Parents / Carers are to enter through the car park. FONS will be serving refreshments so please bring change to support school.

Thank you



Policies

Please click on the following link to find the updated versions of the following policy:

Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

[Click Here](#)

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





Adventures in Wonderland

Children have been working really hard on their performance of “Adventures in Wonderland”

Performances will take place on:

Tuesday 8th July 6:00pm

Thursday 10th July 6:00pm

A letter will be sent home after half term detailing how to buy tickets for this exciting event.

Community Responsibility—Be Safe Online—Don't be unkind!

We want to make you aware that we have received reports of unkind and potentially bullying behaviour taking place among some children on WhatsApp, particularly in Years 5 and 6.

We are asking for your full support in addressing this. Please take time to check your child's phone and review their group chats and messages. These conversations can sometimes include inappropriate language, exclusion or unkind comments that children may not realise are hurtful.

By working together, we can help ensure all children feel safe and respected—both in school and online.

Thank you for your support.



Northstead Colour Run - Sponsor Your Star Runner

Get ready for a splash of colour and a whole lot of fun! Our **Northstead Colour Run** is just around the corner, and we can't wait to see our amazing pupils (and families) running, laughing, and getting covered in colour for a great cause.

Date: Thursday 12th June 2025

Location: Northstead School Field

Time: 3:15

This exciting event is a fantastic way to promote fitness, school spirit, and fundraising – all in one colourful afternoon!

Reminder to Parents: Sponsorship Matters!

Please don't forget to sponsor your child's run. Every pound raised will go towards enhancing school resources and funding exciting new opportunities for our children. Whether it's £1 or £10, every contribution makes a big difference.

How to Sponsor:

You can also donate via our GoFundMe link!

www.gofundme.com/manage/colour-run-northstead-school-2025

Or Scan the QR code below to donate...



Let's make this event unforgettable! Thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do it without you.

Go Team Northstead!

- SPORTS NEWS -

Girls' Cricket Competition 8/5/25

On Thursday afternoon two teams of year 6 girls headed out to Snainton Cricket Ground to participate in a local schools' girls' cricket tournament. We played against teams from Cayton, Gladstone Road and East Ayton.

It was a cold, cloudy afternoon, but we didn't let the grey weather affect our spirits! The girls were very excited and couldn't wait to play their first ever matches. They played really well and improved dramatically over the course of the afternoon. A lot was at stake for our girls - the winning team was to be invited to the county finals in Harrogate. Our two teams, the Northstead Ducks and the Northstead Simbas, fought hard to be in with a chance to gain the coveted invitation to the county finals. In the deciding match between the Northstead Ducks and Gladstone Road, the Ducks were winning, but sadly a couple of late wickets meant that we were knocked out in the final over. It was particularly impressive as this was only the 4th time many of the girls had played, and for almost all of them, their very first matches. It was a most exciting afternoon of cricket, and we can't wait until the next tournament in June.



I really liked bowling and I even managed to hit two sixes! And now I just really like cricket



It was very, very fun. I enjoyed having some competition and I can't wait to play again



Upcoming dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd June	EYFS Sports Day 9:30am
Tuesday 3rd June	KS1 Sports Day 1:15pm
Wednesday 4th June	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm
Thursday 5th June	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm
Thursday 12th June	FONS Colour Run 3:15pm
Tuesday 17th June	EYFS Trip to Woldies
Wednesday 18th June	Y6 Visit to Hull Mosque
Tuesday 24th June	EYFS Speedkix
Tuesday 24th June	Y4 Waterpark
Wednesday 25th June	Y1 Speedkix
Wednesday 25th June	Y3 Waterpark
Wednesday 25th June	Y6 Beach Day
Thursday 26th June	Y2 Speedkix
Thursday 26th June	Y5 Waterpark
Friday 27th June	Y6 Waterpark
Monday 30th June	Bikeability
Tuesday 1st July	Bikeability
Wednesday 2nd July	Bikeability
Thursday 3rd July	Transition Day
Friday 4th July	Transition Day
Monday 7th July	Bikeability
Tuesday 8th July	Bikeability
Wednesday 9th July	Bikeability
Wednesday 9th July	Y4 Beach Day
Wednesday 9th July	Y2 Beach Day
Thursday 10th July	FONS Summer Fair
Thursday 10th July	Bikeability
Friday 11th July	Bikeability
Friday 11th July	Y5 Beach Day
Friday 11th July	Y1 Beach Day
Thursday 17th July	Leavers Disco 5:30—7:00pm
Friday 18th July	Leavers Assembly 10am
Friday 18th July	Break up for Summer



☺ HAPPY HALF-TERM! ☺

Have a lovely break with your families.

School re-opens on Monday 2nd June.