

# **Norris Bank Primary School**

# THE FRIDAY ISSUE

## Friday 25/07/2025

#### Year 6

This year's Year 6 production was the X Factory. The children performed this for their parents last Tuesday afternoon and evening. The performance was very will received with some amazing singing, dancing and acting talent showcased. The children have all worked incredibly hard and their efforts were reflected in such a professional performance.

A big thank you to all who have helped.

On Wednesday 23rd July we had a Silent Disco followed by a pizza lunch. They all had a lovely time with some brilliant dancing on display in the morning and a very well received pizza at lunch.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising and funding this for the children (and a thank you too for the pizzas provided as a treat for the staff!)

The afternoon saw a rounders match between Year 6 and staff. It was closely fought with some brilliant play on both sides. Year 6 won by a narrow margin of 6 1/2 rounders against the 6 taken by the teachers. Much fun was had by all and, once the staff had stopped being annoyed at being caught our so many times, they were able to offer their congratulations to the children!

A big thank you to Mrs Buchanan and the sports staff from Primary Sports Coaching for their organisation and support.









#### Mini Whistlers

Last week some of our Year 6 children took part in a Mini Whistlers workshop. The children learnt how to be lines people and referees, using flags and whistles. They also talked about respect and how important it is not just in sport but in everyday life.

The children designed their own football kit with each design displayed in a class book.



















#### Residentials

The last two residential visits of this academic year were both huge successes and packed full of memorable experiences for our children. Whether walking the most spectacular length of Hadrian's Wall or marvelling at the rocky coastline of Anglesey, both trips made classroom learning so much more meaningful.

#### Northumberland



There was a bit of a soggy start to this year's Northumberland visit but the weather cleared to allow the children to explore Vindolanda.

Day two dawned clear for the centrepiece walk to Housesteads Fort and our regular mystery visitor didn't disappoint as he put the young legionary recruits through their paces in the evening.

There was so much to see for our final morning at The Roman Army Museum and a lovely archaeologist thrilled the children by showing them 2000 year old shoes found that morning.

#### **Anglesey**

Ten days later and Year 5 were on their way to Anglesey. They enjoyed brilliant sunshine for exploring Breakwater Country Park and completed orienteering trails whilst learning about the Victorian effort to build the wall that protected the steamers that ran between Holyhead and Dublin. High winds and rain confined the children to the hostel on Tuesday morning but in the afternoon they made visits to The RNLI and Holyhead Maritime Museum. Staff at both

locations were so impressed with our children's behaviour.

A beautifully sunny final day allowed a fabulous visit to South Stack lighthouse and the RSBP reserve.

Thanks as ever to the staff who have spent hours planning and organising these visits and, of course, accompanying the children and keeping them safe during their adventures.





















#### **PTA**

Hello Norris Bank Families, Friends & Supporters!

Looking for a fun, easy way to support Norris Bank Primary School and possibly win a cash prize? Say hello to the Norris Bank Lucky Lotto - a monthly lottery that keeps going all summer long!

Even while school's out, Lucky Lotto continues to raise vital funds to enrich our children's education. Whether it's for new classroom resources, playground equipment, or supporting school events, every ticket helps make a real difference.



Here's how it works:

- Each entry is £2 per month payable either monthly by standing order, or annually (£24) via bank transfer.
- The draw is open to parents, friends, family members and relatives of Norris Bank pupils so feel free to share it with grandparents, neighbours, and anyone who wants to back our brilliant school.
- Each month, we run a private draw and split the money raised:
- 50% goes towards supporting the school through the PTA fund
- The remaining 50% is shared between one lucky winner and two runners-up
- The more people who join, the bigger the prizes become it's a win-win for everyone involved!

Over the past year, the Lucky Lotto has helped the PTA fund the speaker system in the hall, redecorating and buying new furniture for the SEND room, and outdoor learning resources and lots more. Every new member helps us do even more including our next big target to fund new tablets for all classrooms.





From September, Norris Bank Primary will be joining the Laurus Trust which marks an exciting new chapter for our school! While our values, staff and community spirit will remain at the heart of everything we do, joining the Trust will help us build on our strengths and continue to provide the very best for your children.

We are working closely with the Laurus Trust to ensure a smooth and positive transition and we will keep you informed every step of the way. The first thing to note is we will have a new school telephone number (0161 549 7550) and a new look website! Hopefully you'll find everything you need but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



#### And Finally.....

We say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and their families and send them off with our very best wishes as they move on to Priestnall and other high schools.

We are so proud of everything they have achieved and look forward to hearing about their future adventures.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support throughout the year. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday3rd September 2025.

Stay Safe and Happy Holidays!



















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- Norris Bank Primary School, Heaton Moor
- St Thomas Primary School, Heaton Moor
- St Catherines RC Primary School, Didsbury

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#### **Holiday Course Calendar**

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July			
Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th	Year 4 Residential to Northumberland		
Thursday 3rd	Transition Day for Year 6 Children		
Wednesday 9th	Reserve date for sports day and family picnic		
Friday 11th	Annual reports sent home		
Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th	Year 5 Residential to Anglesey		
Tuesday 15th	Year 6 Production to parents/carers		
Friday 18th	Year R Graduation Assembly for parents/carers		
Friday 25th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly		
Friday 25th	School closes for the summer holidays		

Description

Opens	Closes	
Autumn Term 2025	Wed 3rd Sept 2025	Fri 24th Oct 2025
	Tues 4th Nov 2025	Fri 19th Dec 2025
Spring Term 2026	Tues 6th Jan 2026	Fri 13th Feb 2026
	Mon 23rd Feb 2026	Fri 27th Mar 2026
Summer Term 2026	Mon 13th Apr 2026	Fri 22nd May 2026
	Mon 8th June 2026	Fri 24th Jul 2026

- **Monday 1st September 2025**
- **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**

Date

- **Monday 3rd November 2025**
- **Monday 5th January 2026**
- Monday 27th July 2026

Public Holidays 2026 effecting school opening















