

Norton Hill News



Newsletter 14 - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are at the end of another incredible year at Norton Hill Primary School, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we have shared together and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children.

This year has been filled with extraordinary moments that showcase our school values in action. I have witnessed our children demonstrate **creativity** through their innovative STEM projects, show **resilience** when facing new challenges, and approach their learning with genuine **enthusiasm**. Their **achievements** across all areas of the curriculum have been outstanding, and the **teamwork** they have displayed - both in collaborative learning and supporting one another - has been truly heart-warming. Most importantly, we have ensured that every child knows they are **valued** - because at Norton Hill, it's all about **You!**

The children have engaged in exciting hands-on learning experiences that have sparked curiosity and developed critical thinking skills across the term. Our annual Music Week was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed our visitors over the week.

School trips have taken place across the term and the staff are busy arranging next year's visits linked to our new and updated curriculum. On our return in September, we will be hosting our annual Wellbeing Week and the children will be participating in an abundance of activities whilst they settle back into school and meet their new class and teacher. On the first Friday back in September- we are hoping that all of our children will participate in a Rainbow Rush challenge. In order to make this happen we will be asking for a donation to purchase eyewear and paint. More information will follow via SchoolPing.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout this year. Your engagement in your child's learning journey makes such a difference to their progress and wellbeing. The positive dialogue we have maintained between home and school has been invaluable in ensuring every child thrives.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer break filled with family time and new adventures. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning, discovery, and growth.

With warm wishes and gratitude,

Mrs Waterhouse

Car Park / Parking

Please be considerate to all users of our car park.

- Only park in designated disabled bays if the occupant of the vehicle is a blue badge holder.
- Only park in marked bays within the car park - this is for the safety of all users.

Please be considerate of our neighbours - All roads within the new estate next to the school are private roads and therefore should not be used for parking. Unauthorised parking on an unadopted/private road can be deemed as trespassing or nuisance parking.


!!!! Important !!!!

We are a nut free school. Please can ingredients be checked on all food brought into school to ensure they contain no nuts.

Music Tuition @ Norton Hill Primary School

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1-2-1 15 MINS: £11
1-2-1 20 MINS: £14.50
1-2-1 30 MINS: £22

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

JULY - OCTOBER

Did you know about the Academy of Imagination's fantastic summer activities?

-  **Design a T-shirt Competition**
All summer
-  **Storytelling with Objects**
7th AUGUST
-  **Gaming!**
26th AUGUST
-  **Drawing from Fossils**
28th AUGUST
-  **Playing with Printing**
12th/14th/19th/21st AUGUST
-  **Children's Exhibition Tours**
16 Queen Square, Bath
www.brli.org



THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden



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<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

	Friday 27th June	Friday 4th July	Friday 11th July	Friday 18th July
Bumblebee Class	Toby Zara	Bella	Arthur	Pyper
Honeybee Class	Blake	Finley	Ethan	Bonnie
Dragonfly Class	Finley	Percy	Liv	Isaac
Turtle Class	Eira	Aubrie_lee Katie	Walter Noah	Lara
Terrapin Class	Lacey	Edie	Harry	Nevaeh Avis Harley
Gecko Class	Robin	Aidan	Gecko	Felix
Iguana Class	Esme		Alfie-Lee	Finn
Leopard Class	Carter	Radley	Maybel	Alana

Office Update

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School meals please click the link below to apply:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

School Meal Bookings

School meals are now available to book for Term 1 via School Grid.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound Care will be available to book via Arbor's Parent Portal during august, once balance transfers have been completed.

Tax Free Childcare /Childcare voucher payments - Any payments made after Friday 18th July will be posted directly into Arbor. These will be processed as soon as possible in September, but please allow 1 week for payments to be allocated. To enable us to allocate the payments quicker please can you email the School Office with the following information EVERY TIME.

- **Child's Unique Reference Code**
- **Date Paid**
- **Amount £**
- **Where and the amount you would like the money allocated in ParentPay i.e Wraparound Care or Nursery**

Unfortunately we are not able to accept vouchers to pay for extra-curricular clubs/meals or trips.

Emails to school

When contacting the school office regarding your child. Please could you include your child's class for us to be able to process your request quick. If requesting wraparound care booking, please ensure you inform us of the time of the session required.

Curiosity Corner

Our curious explorers have been investigating our quest 'How deep is the Ocean?' this term. We have looked deeply into our role in preserving and protecting our Oceans and the impact it has on our incredible animals. With the amazing donations from our families, we created our very own piece of art to represent the sea and the impact of plastics. We created our art from bottle top lids and talked about things that end up going into our oceans. We talked extensively about recycling objects and how new equipment can be created from old materials to make a more sustainable future. This generation of children are already questioning their impact on the planet and how we can protect it, which is admirable.

Sports day was a huge enjoyment and success for our nursery community. We were blown away by the determination, resilience and enthusiasm that all the children showed on the day. The children had worked very hard in the lead up to the day, learning and strengthening skills in our PE sessions. Well done to all of the children who participated in the day.

This term can be bittersweet for our Nursery community. It is amazing to see the journey the children have taken to become confident, inspired learners over the last year. It is time for us to wave some of them off, for their next chapter of learning. The children have been working so hard on name writing, being independent and their mathematical skills in preparation for school. We look forward to welcoming so many families back in September and building even more inspiring, passionate learners.



Reception

This term, our Reception children have truly become little planet protectors with our topic of 'Our beautiful world'. From learning about our wonderful world to exploring how we can care for it, they've taken big steps towards sustainability. One of their proudest moments was writing thoughtful letters to Mrs Waterhouse, full of brilliant ideas to help our school become more eco-friendly. The highlight of the term was our exciting trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre, where the children explored nature, discovered how to reduce waste, and had an unforgettable outdoor adventure pond dipping. What a fantastic way to end their Reception year!

Our Reception children have loved caring for caterpillars and watching in awe as they transformed into beautiful butterflies! Through this hands-on experience, they've learned all about the butterfly lifecycle — from wriggly caterpillars to fluttering butterflies.

This term, we've been amazed by how much our Reception children have grown in confidence and independence, especially in their writing. From sounding out more complex words to forming full sentences, they are now taking more ownership of their learning and proudly sharing their ideas on paper. It's been a joy to see their creativity shine as they write with increasing independence, enthusiasm, and purpose.



Year 1

Wow! What an adventurous, fun and amazing year we have had in Year 1. As a class we have spent the past few weeks reflecting on our amazing achievements and progress within Year 1 - we are extremely proud of the children's resilience, hard-work and determination shown this year.

This term, we have delved into the enchanted world of William Shakespeare performed and researched scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. It has been a joy to see the children's enthusiasm towards performing arts, we have some true performers within our class! Dragonflies have created some fantastic pieces of writing this term, we wrote character descriptions on a character we would like to be added to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We enjoyed watching our illustrations and ideas come to life when performing the role within the play.

We showed such passion towards our writing, that in the final few weeks this term we have challenged ourselves to write a non-chronological report. Wow, these have been interesting reads - we have learnt so much about nocturnal animals! Dragonflies should be incredibly proud of their writing.

We have had some excellent opportunities this term during our themed weeks of music week and sports week. These are particular interests within Dragonfly Class and we enjoyed immersing ourselves within these topics. We particularly enjoyed going on a musical adventure around the word - I am sure the children showed you their musical passports.

I hope you all have a restful and amazing summer break, I look forward to watching the children enter their new class! Thank you for the ongoing support with your child's learning this year, well done for a fantastic year Dragonflies!



SCALES & TAILS ENCOUNTERS SUMMER TOUR

Monday 4th August
Saltford
Keynsham
Oldland Common

Friday 22nd August
Frome
Midsomer Norton + SEN Session

Tuesday 26th August
Lyde Green + SEN Session
Bradley Stoke

TICKET RELEASE DATE: 1st JULY
PRE-RELEASE RESERVE - VIA EMAIL BELOW
TICKETBOOKINGSTE@OUTLOOK.COM

All Locations, Times and Details will be released alongside tickets on 1st July. If you wish to reserve tickets for the events please email us.
Adults tickets will be £2 each and Child tickets will be £10 each

SCALES AND TAILS ENCOUNTERS

Bath Young Inventor of the Year

During the summer holidays why don't you devise an invention? The Bath Young Inventor of the Year Award is open to anyone under 18, entry is free.

The closing date is September 28 and the award ceremony will be held at The Museum of Bath at Work at 11am on October 4th. For information go to bathyounginventors@gmail.com

Keep in touch with the LiveWell team by following us on social media. We use our social media platforms to share information, news and events.

Our new Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/livewellbnes>

We've taken the opportunity to rename our Instagram; it's now **Live Well B&NES Instagram**:

<https://www.instagram.com/livewellbathnes/>.

As our followers are of all ages, it made sense or all of our social media to be 'Live Well B&NES'.

Year 2

What an amazing year we have had in Year 2 this year. We are incredibly proud of all of the children and what they have achieved; they are definitely showing us that they are ready for Year 3!

This term, the children have been learning all about the coast in Geography. They have participated in map work, erosion experiments and studied habitats. In English, the children have been writing their very own narratives based on 'Grandad's Secret Giant'- we are so proud to see them applying all of their skills that they have learned throughout the year independently in their pieces. In D.T, the children have been designing their own fairground wheels using a mechanism. We were very impressed with their evaluative skills during the process.

Year 2 shined during Sports Week, where they actively engaged with all workshops and events. A particular highlight was seeing the children participate in the whole school wake and shake- we certainly have some dancers in this year group!

We hope all of the children and their families have a wonderful, well-deserved summer break.



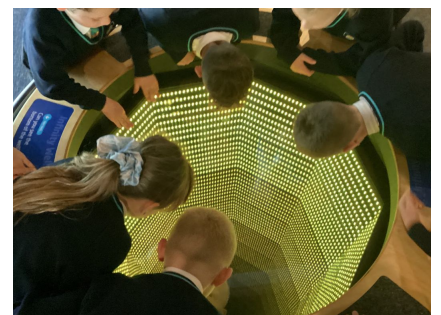
Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic Term 6, packed with exciting learning experiences! As part of their science topic on light, the children enjoyed an inspiring trip to *We The Curious*, where they explored how light travels and interacts with different materials.

In English, they delved into Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, learning about the story and discovering fascinating facts about the Globe Theatre. In maths, they focused on telling the time and exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Their geography work took them closer to home and further afield, as they studied the key features of Midsomer Norton and compared them with the vibrant city of New Delhi.

During Music Week, the children travelled 'around the world' through different musical styles and instruments, and in Sports Week, they had great fun learning some impressive freestyle football tricks! It's been a busy and brilliant end to the year!



Year 4

It has been yet another jam-packed term for Leopard Class, with the children rising to the occasion over so many special events happening in the last seven weeks!

Our Maths learning has concluded with lessons as varied as identifying angles in shapes, understanding lines of symmetry, and working with grid coordinates, while the whole class has wowed the staff with their Shakespearean knowledge in English! We studied a prose adaptation of the classic play *Julius Caesar* and used all of our writing skills to not only transform it back into a playscript again, but creating some new “lost” scenes along the way. In Science, we have made connections across our Year 4 topics to accurately compare the flow of viscous liquids, in Geography, we studied rivers around the world and understood how and why they are used, in RE, we discovered what religious scripture means and began to learn why it is important, and in DT, we made our own DIY pavilions. On top of all that, we studied online safety, French music, musical motifs, athletics, and prepared ourselves for Upper Key Stage 2 in PSHE.

Year 4 also impressed during Music and Sports Weeks, learning many new musical genres and sporting skills in the process, and took their increasing interest in rounders out into the world as we travelled to Somerset County Cricket Club in Taunton to see how the professionals use their bat and ball skills for the day! We hope that the Year 4 children have a relaxing summer holiday and look forward to tackling whatever comes their way in Year 5.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Monday 1st September	Term 1 - Inset Day	School Closed for all pupils
Tuesday 2nd September	Inset Day	School Closed for all pupils
Monday 15th September	Term 1 Clubs Begin	Details to follow for pupils in Year 1 to Year 5
Tuesday 7th October	Individual and Sibling photos Photos	Details to follow
Wednesday 8th October	Individual and Sibling photos Photos	Details to follow
Thursday 23rd October	Term 1 clubs finish	
Friday 24th October	Inset Day	School Closed for all pupils



Arbor - Parent Portal FAQ



Thank you to everyone who has logged in to their Arbor Parent Portal and submitting questions. If you have not yet activated your account please do this ASAP to ensure a smooth transition from SchoolPing and eventually ParentPay

Please ensure you enable notifications from Arbor as going forward we will use 'in-app messages/notifications' as the method to report any urgent messages. We have noticed that some of the messages we have been sent to the recipient's junk/spam folder. Please keep an eye on this, and mark any communications from school as 'safe' so that this does not continue to happen.

All other communications will be sent as they currently are via SchoolPing until further notice. By the end of this academic year we are aiming for all communication to be sent through Arbor.

We will keep checking the questions form - please keep sending questions this way and we will compile a FAQ.

FAQ

Q. I have not received a welcome email?

A. *In the first instance please check your junk/spam folder. If you still cannot find an email, please email the school office. They can check that the email on your child's account corresponds with the one you currently use.*

You can reset your password without the email - open the ParentPortal app, select the school you require and press reset password from there.

Q. Will we still be using the other platforms?

A. *We will be slowly phasing out ParentPay and SchoolPing, we will let you know when this will happen. By the end of the academic year we plan on only using Arbor for office communication. As a school there has not been a decision regarding the removal of SeeSaw/Dojo, as we understand Arbor more and it's capabilities we will re-evaluate if these platforms are needed.*

Q. Can the Parent Portal be used by two parents?

A. *Yes, legal guardians can access the Parent Portal. Each guardian must have a different email address registered on the MIS system. If you did not receive an email or could not reset your password on the portal, please contact the school office.*

Q. I have other children attending other schools, can they be on the same account?

A. *Yes, when you open the Parent Portal all schools your children attend should show on the home page. Other schools will let you know when their portal is available to access. This is happening in phases across the Trust.*

Q. I have a historic school email and logo in the portal?

A. *This normally happens when your child previously attended another school within the Midsomer Norton's School Partnership. Please ignore this and reset your password.*