

Spring Term 2026 Newsletter

Believe, Persevere, Succeed

5th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda – Happy New Year!

I hope that all of our pupils and their families had a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy start to 2026. On behalf of all the staff we would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts which you gave to us. They are very much appreciated and it is so kind and thoughtful of you.

As we commence the spring term I would like to share some forthcoming dates and information. A newsletter will also be sent out from class teachers, providing more specific information for your child's class. We look forward to working with our pupils and their families throughout 2026!

Christmas Performances

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the Christmas performances. Not only were the shows truly wonderful and a joy to watch, but the journey of preparation also allowed the children to develop valuable skills such as confidence, teamwork, speaking and listening, performance techniques, and supporting one another. Their effort and enthusiasm shone through, creating a fantastic way to end the school year. Well done to everyone involved!

Visit to Pantomime

Just a reminder that pupils in Reception to Year 6 will be visiting the pantomime at Theatr Clwyd on Wednesday 7th January. The children will leave school at 9.15 a.m. and return at approximately 12.45 p.m. Please ensure your child brings a small bottle of water that can fit into their coat pocket and that any required medication, such as inhalers, are in school on the day. Every pupil will be provided with a choc ice at the pantomime, if you child cannot eat ice cream or chocolate please drop us a quick email so that we can ensure an ice lolly is provided instead. Please do not send any sweets. Pupils need to wear normal school uniform to the Pantomime. This helps us to easily identify our pupils particularly with the theatre being so busy.

For pupils not attending the pantomime, we kindly ask that they are brought into school for 12.45p.m. through the main office entrance. The school lunch will be sandwiches on this day, pupils may order a sandwich from school or bring their own packed lunch.

Nursery pupils do not attend the pantomime but their session at school will continue as normal on this day with start time 12.40p.m.

Health and safety

A polite reminder that pupils and parents/carers and other visitors to the school, must use the footpaths leading into school at all times. Please do not cut across the staff car park. An accident involving a moving vehicle could happen very easily and we want to keep all of our pupils and other school users safe. Thank you for your support with this.

Associate Teachers

We will have a number of associate teachers working in school over the Spring Term. The associate teachers are students from Chester University who are at various stages of their teacher training. We look forward to welcoming them to Northop Hall School.

Designated safeguarding leads

The current designated safeguarding leads are as follows;

Mrs Lynne Harrison – Headteacher

Mr Tom Schrimshaw – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Latham – Foundation Phase Lead and Year 1/2 teacher

Miss Hughes – Alnco (shared role) and Year 6 teacher

In the situation, where there is a safeguarding concern, staff will follow the school's safeguarding procedures and take advice from children's services. If any parents have a concern linked to safeguarding, please speak to one of the four designated safeguarding leads.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

Please can you help to prevent sickness and diarrhoea from spreading by ensuring the 48 hour rule is adhered to. Pupils are only allowed to return to school 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Please remember that although your own child will be feeling much better quite quickly, we need to try to prevent any sickness and diarrhoea spreading to other school users.

Adverse weather

In the situation where school is unable to open due to adverse weather conditions such as bad snow we will let parents know as early as possible through our school comms messaging system and by placing an announcement on the Flintshire School Closure site.

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/SchoolClosures.aspx>

Please note that the decision to close schools is based on a risk assessment relating to the journeys which staff, parents and pupils need to make to and from school as well as the school site conditions.

Volunteers

We are always grateful to any parents or grandparents who are able to volunteer at school. We are particularly keen to recruit some more reading volunteers and lunch time volunteers. Just 30 minutes a week can make a huge difference. Please contact the school office if you would like to get involved. Thank you for your support.

Extra Curriculum Clubs and Activities

The following extra curriculum activities are available over the Spring term:

Club	Day	Time	Age group	Lead	Cost	Further details
Gymnastics	Tuesday	After school until 4.00 p.m. (starts	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Harrison	£1.50	Pupils attending will need to bring appropriate PE kit for gymnastics. Please can parents arrive at 4.00p.m. to collect children from the doors in KS2 wet area.

		2 nd week back)				
Construction	Tuesday	After school until 4.00 p.m. (starts 2 nd week back)	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Latham	£1.50	Pupils will have the opportunity to use a range of construction equipment. Please email the school office if you would like your child to attend. You will be informed if your child has a place. Please can parents arrive at 4.00p.m. Children will leave through the doors in KS2 wet area.
Coding	Wednesday	After school until 4.00p.m. (starts second week back)	Year 3,4,5 & 6	Mr Schrimshaw	£1.50	Developing coding skills – please can parents arrive at 4.00p.m. to collect children from Mr Schrimshaw’s classroom. Pupils will exit via the classroom door.
Big Stars Performing Arts	Wednesday	After school until 4.00p.m. (starts 1 st week back)	Year 1 to Yr 6	Member of team from Big Stars	£3.50 per week £21 for 6 weeks. Full payment needed upfront.	Fun opportunity to learn dance routines and new songs. Places are open to pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 in the autumn term. Reception may join in Spring Term if parents feel they are ready.
Generation Rock	Friday	30 min session sometime between 1p.m. – 3.15p.m.	Year 1 to Yr 6	Lee from Generation Rock		To book a space contact Lee info@generationrock.co.uk Pupils have the opportunity to play an instrument or sing as part of a band.
Theatr Clwyd Music Service	Day varies dependent on availability of music teacher	Within school day – varying time slots.	Mostly aimed at KS2 pupils	Teachers from music service	See website for costs	Information about the lessons and costs can be found on the Theatr Clwyd link below. Lessons are booked directly through the music service. https://www.theatrclwydmusic.com/lessons/lessons-for-young-people

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Further details
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day	

Tuesday 6 th January	Pupils return to school	
Wednesday 7 th January	Visit to Pantomime	Pupils in Reception to Year 6 Leave school at 9.15a.m. return at 12.45p.m. approximately.
Wednesday 14 th January	Nursery tour after school 3.20p.m. – 4.20p.m.	Tour of school for anyone considering a place in nursery for September 2026. Please share this date with friends who have children who will be nursery age in September 2026. These are children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023? They will have reached the age of 3 by August 31st, 2026?
Friday 16 th January	Year 5 & 6 - workshop at Theatr Clwyd	Year 5 & 6 pupils are working on a creative project with two other local schools and staff from Theatr Clwyd.
Thursday 5 th February	Film Club – after school Cost £4.00	Pupils in reception to Year 6 are invited to stay behind after school to enjoy a film. Details to be confirmed.
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day	The theme for this year is “Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI”.
Tuesday 10 th February	Music workshop Yr 5 & 6	Year 5 & 6 work with staff from Theatr Clwyd – to be held at Ysgol Y Waun – Gwernaffield.
Friday 13 th February	Break up for half term	
Monday 23 rd February	INSET day	
Tuesday 24 th February	Pupils return to school	
Friday 27 th February	Dydd Dewi Sant/St David’s Day Celebrations. Pupils are invited to wear “Welsh coloured” clothing on this day or traditional Welsh outfits.	Parents who have children in Year 1 and 2 and Year 4 are invited to our St David’s Day celebration. Time 10.30a.m. – at School.
Sunday 1 st March	Dydd Dewi Sant/St David’s Day	
Thu 5 th March	World Book Day	Pupils welcome to come to school in dressed as characters from books. (Dressing up is optional)
Friday 6 th March	Own Clothes Day	Wear own clothes – bring in a £1. Money will be used to purchase some of the prizes for the Easter Bingo.
Wednesday 11 th March	Easter Bingo – to be confirmed	We are hoping to hold a fun - child friendly bingo event - to be confirmed.
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents’ evening	Years Reception – Year 6
Thursday 19 th March	Parents’ evening	Years Reception – Year 6
Monday 23 rd March	Parents’ meetings for nursery pupils	Meetings will take place between 9.15a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Thursday 24 th March	Parents’ meetings for nursery pupils	Meetings will take place between 9.15a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Friday 27 th March	Break up For Easter	Two week break
Monday 13 th April	INSET day	
Tuesday 14 th April	Pupils return to school	
Future holiday dates		
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half term	

Monday 1st June	Pupils return to school	
Friday 17th July	Pupils break up for summer holiday	
Monday 20th July	Staff INSET day	

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with either your child's class teacher or myself. We would always prefer to work with you to try to resolve any problems rather than a concern or worry left.

Kind regards and very best wishes for the year ahead.

Lynne Harrison & Tom Schrimshaw

Mrs Lynne Harrison

Mr Tom Schrimshaw

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher