

# A year at Northwick

The academic year at Northwick has been a memorable one with numerous remarkable moments.

This newsletter shines a light on the many achievements of our pupils and staff.

We hope you enjoy reading it.



2024-2025

## Art

Art is an essential part of our children's school life at Northwick. It is woven throughout the curriculum and reflects and supports the work being done in all subjects.

We approach art through an exciting combination of drawing, painting, sculpture and print-making.

There have been plenty of opportunities for pupils to enter competitions, enjoy extra-curricular art clubs and visit local exhibitions and galleries.





# Bikeability

In the summer term, EYFS completed Bikeability. Children showed amazing resilience, persevering to push themselves to balance, pedal and ride safely.



# Charity

Charity fundraising remains a big part of our ethos and children have raised money for a range of organisations across the year.

Children have shown compassion and enthusiasm by supporting Macmillan Cancer, Children in Need, Worcester Food Bank. From raffles to cake sales, we have taken every opportunity to give generously to those less fortunate than ourselves.



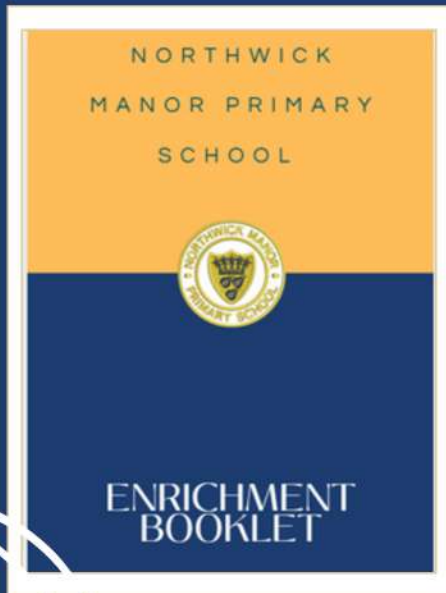
# Drama Club

Our children have had a number of opportunities to perform on stage and present a variety of work, from full-scale productions to smaller tableaux for school assemblies and enrichment. Our busy and vibrant drama club has many enthusiastic members and they have taken to the stage to perform 'Peter Pan' and 'Cinderella and Rockefeller'.

# Enrichment

Our ambition is to provide an academic enrichment programme of excellence. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to discover and grow their inner passions and talents allowing our children to become the very best that they can be.

This year we have offered thirty activities through our Enrichment programme with the aim of helping our children find fulfilment and gain confidence.



In September, our year 6 pupils travelled abroad visiting Paris for a French cultural trip. Here, they had the chance to experience French cuisine and lifestyle, while also enjoying some sightseeing and participating in activities such as: climbing the Eiffel Tower, sailing down the Seine, exploring medieval villages, watching a bird of prey display, discovering more about WWI at Vimy Ridge Memorial - and of course, racing around Disneyland and experiencing as many rides as possible.

## France 2024





## Green fingers

Thanks to Mrs Maddock and Mrs Best our allotments is thriving. Children have been busy planting and have loved being outside, enjoying nature and learning about how to care for the environment.



## India Day

Year 4 explored all things Indian during their India Day, including rangoli and mehndi patterns, music and dance. Everyone entered into the spirit and dressed up in traditional Indian clothing. Children also showcased their energetic bhangra routines to the sound of the dhol.



## Harvest

In October, we held our annual Harvest Festival assembly, with everyone from Nursery to Year 6 joining together.

We enjoyed some beautiful singing, including the highly popular *Big Red Combine Harvester* together, complete with accompanying actions. Reverend Lyndsey Coulthard followed this with a talk about gratefulness and generosity.

Donations were gratefully received by Worcester Food bank.



# Joyful moments in June and July

June and July at Northwick were nothing short of incredible - filled with energy, creativity, and celebration.

Year groups participated in sports day, presented an impressive art exhibition, while in-school workshops kept curiosity alive. Trips offered adventure and music and performance shone through, as Year 6 children amazed us with their talent in this year's school production of *Twist*.

July brought a joyful mix of fun and farewells. From leavers' discos and award assemblies, we honoured achievements big and small.



Sports Day June 2025



Whole school art project



Year 2 DT Workshop



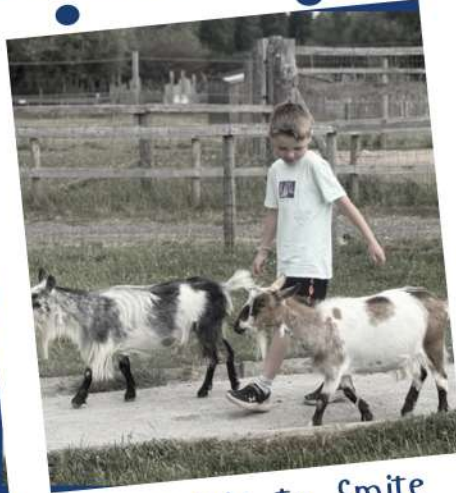
Year 1 art workshop



Year 3 Sculpture Workshop



Year 5 trip to Black County Museum



Year 2 trip to Smite Farm



Year 6 Bell-boating Regatta



Year 6 Summer Fayre fund raiser



Year 6 Production of Twist



Box Car Rally



Year 6 leavers' disco



Year 4 French Breakfast

# Kho Kho

In November, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children participated in a Kho Kho festival at St John's Sports Centre. Kho Kho is a game which originated 1,000 years ago in India. It involves speed, stamina and quick-thinking. Our children had a fantastic time and came back to school as the winners of the tournament.



# Leavers

Year 6 enjoyed a number of unforgettable events to mark the end of their journey at Northwick. The Friends of Northwick kindly organised a disco at which a lively DJ kept spirits high with a stream of top tunes as everyone hit the dancefloor with their best moves. On the last day of term, Year 6 were joined by their parents to celebrate their time with us. We enjoyed reliving so many memories and it was also great fun looking at their baby photos. It has been a pleasure to watch the class of 2025 flourish and grow. We are very proud of them and all they have achieved.



Class of  
2025



# Music

Music is a very important part of each child's experience at Northwick and we aim to foster a love and enjoyment of music and performing. Throughout the year children have practiced their performance skills just as much as their instruments and voices. Platforms range from assemblies to concerts and special events like the Carol Service.



Carol Service 2024



Charity



Music in the woods



## Northwick Pears

Several of our children in Year 6 have shown initiative in developing their own band. Under the guidance of Mrs Maddock, the *Northwick Pears* have impressed audiences with their creativity and commitment to developing their own musical expression.

They will be performing at the Sunshine Festival on Sunday 23rd August at 4:30pm.



Reception - Fairytale Showcase



# Outdoor Concert

In July, Year 3 and 5 treated us to an absolute musical feast at the Summer Vibes concert involving over 150 performers.

From the very first note, the concert radiated confidence, quality and infectious energy.

It was a truly memorable occasion that captured the spirit of summer.



# Summer Vibes

# Pirate Day

Ahoy! Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful pirate-themed day. Dressed as Pirates, they went on an adventure and along the way took part in a wide range of activities including; role play, map work and lots of team building games. It was a very informative day and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



# Residentials

In June, Year 4 pupils embarked on a two night residential trip to Malvern. Here, they took part in a range of challenges and team building activities, helping them to strengthen friendships and develop independence.

# Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre was a resounding success, made all the more special by the presence of so many families. We enjoyed a wonderful array of activities including face painting, arts and crafts and the very popular smoothie bike. The atmosphere was brilliant and it was lovely to see our children, parents, and staff enjoying the event together. Thank you to the Friends of Northwick for all their hard work in the lead up to and on the day.



# Trips

Trips have remained an integral part of the Northwick learning experience, enriching the curriculum and providing valuable opportunities for independence, confidence, and teamwork. Children have enjoyed visiting a range of exciting destinations that have enhanced classroom learning. These include: West Midlands Safari Park, Bishops Wood, The Hive, The Commandery, St Stephen's Church, Worcester Mosque, The Black Country Living Museum and Smite Farm to name but a few.



Year 4 enjoy a day at Smite farm



Year 3 at Bishops Wood



Year 2 enjoy a day at All Things Wild



Year 6 dressed up as evacuees for their trip to Bewdley Museum.



EYFS meet Father Christmas at West Midlands Safari Park

# Ukulele

This year at school, Year 4 have been learning to play the ukulele in their music lessons and they showcased their skills in a number of concerts.

Mrs Bell's enrichment group also performed a number of songs with confidence and musicality at the Y2 Summer Fest and the Summer Fayre .



# VE Day

In May, we marked the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day – VE Day – with reflections on its historical significance and enduring relevance. Year 6 showcased the Lindy Hop in assembly and children from across the school designed VE Day bunting.



# World Book Day

In March, the love of reading was celebrated across Northwick as we marked World Book Day. Children and staff arrived dressed as their favourite book characters as they embraced the love of storytelling.



Mrs Bell as Hedwig

# Xmas Nativity

In December, the youngest of our children took to the stage to perform the Christmas Nativity. The children delivered their lines beautifully, sang with enthusiasm, and looked fantastic in their costumes. They created a magical atmosphere that filled us all with Christmas spirit!



# Young voices

In January, children in Year 5 and 6 got to sing their hearts out in the biggest choir in the world, at the World Resorts Arena in Birmingham.

Our children learned a multitude of songs from a wide range of music genres, along with a series of specially choreographed moves. Singing alongside six thousand other children will have made for one of the most magical and memorable musical experiences imaginable.



# Zoo mania

Year 1 Children were absolutely thrilled to meet a wide range of fascinating animals up close as part of their Science topic. During the workshop, children came across a corn snake, a hedgehog, a bullfrog, a skunk and a chinchilla!

