

TWO SCHOOLS ONE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

EDITION 43 - 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year, the two schools aligned the curriculum for both schools to ensure there is clear progression from Reception all the way up to Year 6. This is for all subjects across the curriculum and we wanted to ensure that the curriculum we offered our children was right for the context of our schools and, of course, our families and children.

Our two schools are at the heart of the Northway Community, which is part of a unique and historical bigger town and we wanted to draw on both of these areas as much as possible.

A lot of hard work, creativity and team work from the staff team means we have proudly created our 'Community Curriculum' which we launched this academic year.

We have some community events coming up where we will be joining as the two schools, along with pre-school and local people. We have an upcoming Harvest Festival in October, Remembrance Service in November and there is some outreach work taking place with festive events taking place in December. We will be inviting people in our community to these events and also asking our children to give back to their local community.

All of our Curriculum pages on our school website shows you what your child will be learning in what year group, for different subjects. The vision for our Community Curriculum is:

Our schools are at the heart of our local community. Our 'Community Curriculum' therefore ensures that our two schools celebrate the surrounding community by championing local people, places and culture. We remember more when we feel connected to our learning: connected to people and to experiences. We learn from people in our community who SHINE, we explore the wealth of history and culture that Northway, Tewkesbury and the surrounding areas offer, and we champion the events which brings our community together. Through celebrating our community, we progressively build and link knowledge. Knowledge that sticks and inspires us to SHINE.

We look forward to sharing with you what the children are learning about, as the year progresses.

Mrs Morley

STARS OF THE WEEK

INFANTS - Shining Stars!

Red

EVELYN

Orange

ROWAN

Purple

OLIVIA

JUNIORS - Shining Stars!

Year 3

HEMI

Year 4

AUBREY

Year 5

ELLIE

Year 6 Oak

ELYSE

Year 6 Birch

ISABELL

INFANTS

ELLA

JUNIORS

DAISY

WELL-BEING WARRIORS

LUNCH TIME

AWARD

INFANTS



JUNIORS



Red Class = 87 %
Orange Class = 73%
Purple Class = 95%
Year 3 Ash = 81%
Year 4 Willow = 69%
Year 5 Sycamore = 66%
Year 6 Birch = 87%
Year 6 Oak = 95%



**Well done OAK
class this week
for the highest
% of Active
Travel!**



Purple class 77%



Orange Class 63%



Red Class 46%

EYFS OPEN CLASSROOM WEEK

WE WILL HOLD 3 SESSIONS
DURING THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

ALL SESSIONS WILL RUN
8:30-9:15 AM. NO SIBLINGS
PLEASE.

S.E.N.D DATES FOR THE DIARY

Your child's My Plan Review Meeting will take place once each term with their class teacher during the following review windows. The class teacher will contact you nearer the time to arrange a specific date and time.

AUTUMN TERM

5TH OCTOBER 2026 TO 16TH OCTOBER 2026

SPRING TERM

1ST FEBRUARY 2027 TO 12TH FEBRUARY 2027

SUMMER TERM

14TH JUNE 2027 TO 25TH JUNE 2027

School Photographs



On Tuesday, DSP photography will be in both of our schools for the children to have their photographs taken.

Morning NIS Session (in school time) - all NIS children & children with a NIS sibling will have their photographs taken

Afternoon CBJs session (in school time) - all CBJs children will have individual photographs taken and any CBJs child with a CBJs sibling will have their photographs taken.

Additional Sibling Photograph slots

NIS school hall 8.15am

CBJS school hall 3.15pm

We always book an additional slot for parents to bring along younger or older siblings (not in our schools) to have their photographs taken and you are welcome to attend either school to do this.

If you have children who attend both schools (e.g. a child in year 1 and Year 5) and wish to have a photo of them together, please attend either the 8.15am or 3.15pm slot. We sadly cannot support cross school sibling photographs during these sessions.

****Year 3 and 4 do not need PE kit on Tuesday. Please come to school in normal school uniform for the day****

Year 3 will do PE on Friday as usual.

Year 4 will do PE on Monday as usual.

FOCUS TOOLS

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify our school's policy on focus tools (sometimes referred to as fidgets, fidget toys or sensory toys). We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing their own focus tools in to school. While we understand that some children benefit from using various support aids to help them to focus and concentrate, in many cases, these items have become more of a distraction, both to the child using them and to others around them.

Going forward, we kindly ask that focus tools **are not** sent in to school from home unless explicitly agreed to in advance with class teacher. If their use has been recommended by an external professional, such as an occupational therapist or educational psychologist, school will work with individuals to agree how and when the tool will be used in the classroom.

For children who we feel would genuinely benefit from using a focus tool, the school will provide appropriate resources that have been carefully selected and introduced in a structured way. This will ensure consistency, appropriate use and limit disruption to learning. We will inform you if we feel your child would benefit from this.

Please see below the guidance that we use in school to enable focus tools to be used successfully:

- A teacher or other professional will decide if I need to use a focus tool in school;
- Focus tools are used to help me pay attention so that I can learn;
- Focus tools are not toys;
- Focus tools are something my hands use so that my thoughts and attention can go to the teacher or my work;
- I keep my focus tool out of sight of others in the room – either on my lap or in my pocket;
- When I no longer need to focus, I will put my focus tool away in my drawer;
- If a focus tool is brought to school without permission, being used incorrectly or causing the child or other children to become distracted, it will be removed and returned at the end of the day.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we continue to ensure that all children can learn in a calm, focused and productive environment.

Kind regards, **Mrs Jackson (SENDCO)**

Census Day Menu Thursday 1st October

Chicken Nuggets & Chips with
Tomato Ketchup

Or

Vegan Hotdog in a Bun
(Jacket Potatoes & Sandwiches also
available to choose during registration).

Served with
Peas & Baked Beans

Ice-cream

Diary Dates

September 2026

Tue	29 th	Individual Class Photographs for both schools - individual & siblings
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October 2026

Fri	2 nd	INSET Day
Mon	5 th	EYFS Stay & Play week for parents
Fri	9 th	Harvest Festival (Children only)
Mon	12 th	Year 5 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)
Tues	13 th	Year 4 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm) NIS Parents' Evening 5pm-8pm
Thurs	15 th	Year 6 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)
Thurs	15 th	Years 3&4 - Cheltenham Literature Festival Trip NIS Parents' Evening 3.20 pm - 5.30 pm
Fri	16 th	Remarkable Reading - Red class Year 3 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)
Mon	19 th	CBJS Parents Evening (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
Tues	20 th	Red Class SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)
Wed	21 st	Purple Class SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30 pm) CBJS Parents Evening (5.00pm - 8.00pm)
Thu	22 nd	Orange Class SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)