North Wheatley
C of E Primary School

Shine as lights in the World

North Wheatley News

We wish all of our families a lovely half-term break and hope you enjoy some well-deserved time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and to another exciting and successful term ahead.

New Behaviour System

We are delighted to share our new behaviour approach and rewards system. Children are learning the 3Rs - Ready, Responsible and Respectful - and can earn stamps on their individual stamp cards to choose rewards from our rewards menu. Some children have already completed their first card and are working towards their next!
We celebrate every child and encourage all to live out our Christian Vision,
"To Shine as Lights in the World" (Philippians 2:15).

You can find out more in our Behaviour Policy on the school website.



House Points

Our House Point system continues to encourage teamwork and community spirit across the school. We can't wait to see which house will be crowned the winner this half term! We are also pleased to have our new Year 6 House Captains and Year 5 Vice Captains in place. Children applied for these leadership positions, showing great enthusiasm and commitment to supporting their houses and the wider school community.

Pupil Governors

We are also delighted to welcome our new Pupil Governors. We received over 60 applications, and it was wonderful to see so many children writing about our Christian Vision and sharing their ideas for supporting our school community.

Thank you to every child who took the time to apply and well done to all of you for your enthusiasm and commitment. They are already busy planning their first event, so watch this space!

Facebook

We continue to use our school Facebook page to share information, celebrate achievements, and promote school events. Please ensure that your photo permission preferences are up to date if you are happy for your child to appear in school social media posts. We will be sending this information out shortly.



Our PTFA have already been busy this term! This week, every child has been designing a Christmas card, which will be available to order later in the term. These make wonderful keepsakes and thoughtful gifts for family and friends.

We are pleased to introduce Becky Marshall as the new Chair of the PTFA and would like to say a huge thank you to her for taking on this role and helping us continue to provide these opportunities for our children and families. We also have some exciting events planned for next term and look forward to sharing more details with you soon. The PTFA is always looking for new members and volunteers. If you think you could help in any way, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

Governors

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Body and are always keen to hear from anyone interested in supporting our school community. Please see the attached information from the Diocese about the role of a governor.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the school.

Austerfield

Our Year 4 and Year 5 residential to Austerfield was a fantastic success! The children enjoyed a range of exciting activities, including team games, den building, orienteering and wild art. Throughout the trip, they demonstrated great teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm, making the most of every opportunity. We had a wonderful time, made lots of happy memories and even managed to get a little sleep! We hope all of the children enjoyed the experience as much as we did.





How you can support your child's learning at home

We understand that many parents and carers are often keen for tips on how to help your children with their learning at home. At North Wheatley, we provide a flexible approach to home-learning that fits all types of lifestyles and is importantly, fun!

Tip 1 - read as often as you can! From any age, enjoying a story with your child is the most effective way to foster a love for reading that will support them through their academic journey. Additionally, time spent together sharing a book will give your child the chance to pick up new vocabulary they may not access on their own. As your child begins to bring home reading books, prioritising listening to your child read aloud will help them to become fluent; with an aim of 5 reads per week that you can log in their planner. Discuss what is happening in the story, how the characters might be feeling and predicting what might happen next. Early readers may need to sound out words aloud, however children in KS1 should be working towards sounding out in their head before reading aloud.

Tip 2 - we are using a morphology approach to spelling in school, which focuses on breaking words down into roots (or bases), prefixes and suffixes. For children in KS2, our in-school teaching is supported with the Morphs spelling game, which you can access through the login in your child's planner. This runs alongside how we teach in school and will support the approach in independent practise, adapting to your child's spelling level.

Tip 3 – fluency in times tables supports children as they move up school with more complex mathematics. From year 2, children will be given a login to Times Table Rockstars, a platform that adapts to your child's skill level to challenge and improve their recall of multiplication and division. The app is also designed to reflect the format of the year 4 MTC, ensuring children are prepared and can reach their potential in the check.

We hope you find these tips useful, however if you are ever unsure, please do not hesitate to speak to staff for further guidance. We are happy to help.