

NORTHWAY NEWS

SPRING TERM 1 2025



LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 14th Feb is the last day of term for pupils. We finish school at 3pm on that day.

Pupils return on TUESDAY 25th February.

Parents Evening

For your information the dates for the next parents evening is as follows:

Tuesday 18th March – Mill Hill Site

Wednesday 19th March – High Barnet Site

More details and your booking form will be sent out in the first week back.

SURVEY RESPONSE

Last term we conducted a survey about communication methods and how parents preferred to be given information.

We had 59 responses.

- 27 families would prefer information sent via email or text only
- 7 families would prefer all communication in physical paper form
- 25 families prefer a combination of paper letters and emails/text messages.

General points or comments to highlight from the feedback forms:

1. Some families like the paper letters as they are 'more accessible' and 'easy to read', they can be displayed at home as a reminder of upcoming events.
2. Some families do not check emails regularly so may miss information this way
3. Going paper free is better for the environment
4. Texts messages are 'great for reminding us'

Therefore we feel that a combination of both paper letters and emails is still the best way for us to communicate with you all, with text messages to be used as a reminder method. Thank you for your input.

Updates and Info

- The Northway Dance Club will be performing at the Barnet Dance Festival on Monday 10th March – lets wish them all the best and we look forward to seeing a performance of their special dance soon 😊
- I AM FESTIVAL – some of our pupils will be attending an art festival organised and run by A New Direction at the Tate Modern gallery. This is a special event put on especially for special schools across London. We cannot wait to hear all about it!

UPCOMING PARENT EVENTS

- Friday 7th March 2025 @ High Barnet Site, All parents welcome.

Sensory Ideas to try at home -Steph Barker, Turtle class teacher, shares her tips and advice on how you can help your children in this vital area of their development.

- Friday 21st March 2025 @ Mill Hill Site

Understanding and implementing behaviour Strategies with older children - Suitable for parents with children in KS2 and KS3.

- **Barnet Local offer Survey 2025**
- www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk shares key information about services, events, support groups and organisation that support children and young people and their families.
- Barnet are further developing the website to ensure you can find the information and Barnet would value your feedback on your experiences of using the website. This is an anonymous survey and only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Here is the link in order to complete the survey.

https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/sen_co_zone/documents/2304-local-offer-website-survey-2025

Family Support Fund Vouchers

Unfortunately, the Local Authority have not provided any vouchers for families for this half term break. The next round will be in the new term.

In the meantime, if you are struggling financially please reach out and we will signpost to support where we can.

Children's Mental Health Week

Last week was children's mental health week!

We finished the week with 'Dress to Express Yourself' and the children loved showing off their own clothes to their friends and teachers. We raised over £200 for Place2Be.

The emotional regulation and mental wellbeing of our pupils is so important to us, if you are concerned about your child's mental health or want to talk about how better to support them with this, please email support@northway.barnet.sch.uk

Or visit the websites below for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/publications/children-and-young-people-learning-disabilities-and-their-mental-health>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Family Fun Time STAY & PLAY

The next stay and play is on

Saturday 1st March 1pm to 3pm.

Families (including siblings) are welcome to use the Northway playground (Mill Hill site), to have a fun and safe place to play.

We hope to see you there 😊

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch via email office@northway.barnet.sch.uk, home/school diary or phone 0208 3595450.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that you can support Northway School every time you shop online? We're excited to announce that the Friends of Northway School have registered with Easy Fundraising, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise free donations with every purchase you make.

Scan the QR code below or visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northway-school and sign up – whenever you shop online you can raise money for Northway School with no additional cost to yourself!

Please sign up, get involved and help us raise the money needed for our soft play and sensory rooms!



REMINDERS

- Please label all clothes – including shoes, coats and hats!
- If you need to buy new uniform please purchase online (via school website) and inform the office once completed.

Enjoy the half term break ☺

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on TUESDAY 25th February 2025. **(Monday is a staff training day – no pupils at school)**

From Danielle & the Northway Team.