



Northchapel Primary School

Growing kind and curious children who aspire to succeed.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Back to School 2025

Welcome back. The children have settled very well into their new classes this morning and it is lovely to see everyone again after what feels like forever.

Our next newsletter will come out on Monday 15th September and will be available via the website but you will be reminded via email once it has gone live. Attached to this letter are some dates to highlight for the term ahead. Please note the meet the teacher date coming up soon. We had a disappointing turn out last year and would not like to cancel these events.

Premises

The school has had a few transformations over the summer. The older part of the building has new electrics and lighting which gives it a new modern feel. I am also thrilled to announce that the Early Years play area has renewed rubber surfacing and new fencing to make it safe and secure once again.

Healthy Eating

There have been a couple of government legislation changes recently which affect the way that we run a few things but nothing too much. However, I am sad to announce that we can no longer accept cakes/sweet treats to be handed out for children's birthdays. We will still celebrate them by allowing them to wear their own clothes to school on or near to their birthday and we will collectively sing Happy Birthday to them. Unfortunately, you will need to keep the sweet treats for your own parties. It also means that we are going to have to enforce our healthy lunchbox policy. If your child has packed lunches, you can find the policy on our website. I know that this can be a sore point for some families but we are following government directives.

Uniform & Jewellery

All children currently need clothing for all weathers due to the changeable weather. Please make sure children have jumpers, cardigans, coats and wellies in school every day, thank you.

A reminder about tidy hair. All hair should be of a length that it does not distract children during learning time, including long fringes that get in the way and irritate them. Hair should either be cut so as not to restrict or clipped out of the way. Hair below shoulder length should be tied back



regardless of gender at all times please for Health and Safety reasons.

To ensure the safety of all pupils during Physical Education (PE) lessons and sporting activities including swimming, we follow the guidance provided by the Association for Physical Education (AfPE). This includes strict rules regarding the wearing of jewellery.

Jewellery Policy in PE

All jewellery must be removed before participating in any PE lesson or sports activity. This includes earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, watches, and body piercings.

Taping over jewellery is not permitted. Covering items with tape does not eliminate the risk of injury and is therefore not considered a safe alternative. New piercings should be done at the start of the summer holidays to allow sufficient healing time so that jewellery can be safely removed during term time. Religious items that cannot be removed may be covered with a sweatband and securely taped, but only after a risk assessment has been completed.

Why This Matters

Jewellery can cause serious injuries to the wearer and others during physical activity. These include:

Torn earlobes

Cuts and bruises

Damage caused by jewellery catching on equipment or other pupils

Damage to the swimming pool filtration system

Non-Compliance

If a pupil is unable or unwilling to remove jewellery, they will not be allowed to take part in the physical activity. Instead, they may be assigned a non-active role such as coaching or officiating.

Please note: Parental disclaimers or waivers are not accepted. The school has a legal duty of care that cannot be overridden. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all pupils. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your class teacher.

Swimming & Forest School

Swimming returns on Thursday for two weeks this term. With the rapid drop in temperature and our Swimming Coach, Naomi, starting a new full-time job, we are unable to continue it further until the summer term.

Dragonfly Class will be having their Forest School this term on Tuesday afternoons.

Grasshopper in the spring term and Caterpillar will have it in the summer term.

The office will send out the individual class letters, learning overview and homework grids for the term today, so please look out for those.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone in full school uniform on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Deborah Coggin
Headteacher



Appendix 1 – Autumn Term Dates 2025*

Wednesday 3 rd September	Inset Day – School closed to pupils.
Thursday 4 th	Inset Day – School closed to pupils.
Friday 5 th	Start of the Autumn term – everyone in.
Tuesday 9 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear.
Thursday 11 th	Grasshopper and Dragonfly PE and swimming lessons - come to school in PE kit and bring full swim kit including goggles and hat. Ensure verrucae are covered.
Monday 15 th	After school clubs start this week – more details to follow.
Tuesday 16 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear. Meet the teacher - An opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out details of the planned curriculum for the year ahead.
Thursday 18 th	Grasshopper and Dragonfly PE and swimming lessons - come to school in PE kit and bring full swim kit including goggles and hat. Ensure verrucae are covered.
Monday 22 nd	Bikeability for Year 6 pupils.
Tuesday 23 rd	Bikeability for Year 6 pupils. Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear.
Thursday 25 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit. NO SWIMMING – there will be no more swimming until the Spring.
Friday 26 th	Sharing Assembly – 9 – 9:30 all parents and carers welcome to attend.
Tuesday 30 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear.
Wednesday 1 st October	Year 6 Experience Day at Midhurst Rother College
Thursday 2 nd	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 3 rd	Harvest Festival at St. Michael's Church, Northchapel – 9 – 9:30 all parents and carers welcome to attend.



Tuesday 7 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear.
Thursday 9 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 10 th	Open Morning - an opportunity for prospective parents/carers and pupils to have a look around the school. Please book in ahead of time via the office Tel. 01428 707352 or office@northchapelprimary.co.uk
Tuesday 14 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear.
Thursday 16 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 17 th	Sharing Assembly – 9 – 9:30 all parents and carers welcome to attend.
Tuesday 21 st	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear.
Thursday 23 rd	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 24 th	Open Morning - an opportunity for prospective parents/carers and pupils to have a look around the school. Please book in ahead of time via the office Tel. 01428 707352 or office@northchapelprimary.co.uk
Monday 27 th – 31 st	Half term – school closed.
Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day – school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 4 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear. Second half of the Autumn term begins – everyone in.
Thursday 6 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Service at St. Michael's Church, Northchapel – 10:50 – 11:20. Pupils to come to school in smart school uniform. All parents and carers welcome to attend. Caterpillar Class PE – bring PE kit in a bag to change in to. Dragonfly Class Forest School – bring appropriate



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Thursday 13 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 14 th	Talent Show – 2pm all parents and carers welcome to attend.
Tuesday 18 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear.
Thursday 20 th	Caterpillar Class – village walk. Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 21 st	Christmas Fayre – time tbc.
Monday 24 th	Parents Evening – time tbc.
Tuesday 25 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear. Parents Evening – time tbc.
Thursday 27 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 28 th	Sharing Assembly – 9 – 9:30 all parents and carers welcome to attend.
Monday 1 st December	Flu vaccination clinic - tbc
Tuesday 2 nd	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit. Dragonfly Class Forest School – come to school in appropriate clothes and footwear. Last one of the term.
Thursday 4 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Monday 8 th	Matinee and Evening Performance of Y2 & 6 Christmas Production - tbc
Tuesday 9 th	Matinee and Evening Performance of Y2 & 6 Christmas Production – tbc
Thursday 10 th	Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 12 th	Caterpillar Nativity – tbc
Tuesday 16 th	Caterpillar Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Wednesday 17 th	Whole School Theatre Trip – Beauty and the Beast at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford



Thursday 18 th	Achievement Assembly – all parents and carers welcome to attend. Grasshopper Class PE – come to school in PE kit.
Friday 19 th	Christingle Service - 9:30 – 10:00 at St. Michael's Church, Northchapel Primary. All parents and carers welcome to attend. School finishes at 2pm.
22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays – school closed.

*All dates are subject to change so please keep an eye out for any changes on the weekly newsletters.

