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OCT 2026

Mon 19th	Parent Consultation Evening 1 Y2 Open Morning
Wed 21st	Parent Consultation Evening 2 Y2 Open Morning
Thu 22nd	TT Rockstars Day School Disco Children break up for Half-Term
Fri 23rd	INSET Day – Children NOT in school

NOV 2026

Mon 2nd	Children return to school Flu Immunisations
Wed 11th	School Individual Photos Day
Thu 12th	Michael Rosen Poetry Party
Fri 13th	Y3/4 Film Showing @ 3.00pm
Mon 16th	Anti-Bullying Week Begins
Fri 20th	Anti-Bullying Workshops
Fri 27th	Y5/6 Football Competition

DEC 2026

Tue 8th	Adam Pepper Day
Thu 10th	Y5/6 Rowing Taster Session
Mon 14th	Santa Dash – Parent Invited Christmas Art Begins
Tue 15th	Y3/4 Christmas Productions Christmas Dinner
Fri 18th	NO Y5 Swimming Children Break up for Christmas

JAN 2027

Mon 4th	Children return to school Y5/6 N-Factor Auditions Zones of Regulation
Tue 26th	Parent Consultation Evening 1 Y3-6 Cross Country Competition
Thu 28th	Parent Consultation Evening 2

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Northfield News

Monthly Newsletter

WELCOME TO NEW YEAR 3 CHILDREN

We begin our October Newsletter by reflecting on the start of the academic year and welcoming our wonderful Year 3 children to Northfield Junior School. They have been a fantastic addition to the Northfield family.

As with any transition, there are occasionally one or two days when coming into school can feel a little challenging, but our new Year 3 pupils have shown excellent resilience and have settled into school life and NJS routines exceptionally well. We could not be prouder of the kindness, respect and enthusiasm they have demonstrated since joining us.

We are equally proud of our older pupils, who have shown great responsibility in helping to guide and support our youngest children as they take the next important step in their educational journey. Their care, friendship and leadership truly reflect the values of our Northfield family.

OUR NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are delighted that our new school library is now open and ready for children to enjoy. A huge thank you to Miss Burton, Mrs Tongue, Miss Jones and Governor Mr Kistell for their hard work in creating this welcoming and inspiring space.

The library will be open during selected lunchtimes, through drop-in sessions and for shared-interest clubs. We look forward to seeing the children develop their love of reading in this fantastic new environment.



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YEAR 5 WHITE HALL RESIDENTIAL

We say it every year, but we need to say it again... what an amazing Year 5 residential to White Hall we have had!

Throughout the trip, the children were a credit to Northfield Junior School. Their behaviour was excellent, and they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, resilience and determination during activities such as the Leap of Faith, zip wire, rock scramble and stream scramble. It was wonderful to see every child challenge themselves, set personal goals and grow in confidence over the three days.

By the end of the second day, everyone was certainly feeling tired... and Mr Walmsley even managed a full six hours of uninterrupted sleep, which is almost unheard of!

Such is our commitment to providing memorable experiences for our children, we are delighted to have secured bookings at White Hall for the next three years, with future visits taking place from Wednesday to Friday.



BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. Every book purchased helps us earn commission, which is then spent on new books for our school library. Your support helps us continue to build a love of reading and provide even more fantastic books for our children. Thank you for making a difference!

YEAR 5/6 THINK FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

By Ava

First thing Wednesday morning, my mum dropped me off (in my football kit) at Gosforth Fields. Next, we got prepared with Mr Holmes and went onto the astroturf – there were loads of other schools. We lined up and got ready to start. Although we got split up, I was still with so many of my friends. We even got to play against other schools – well 1 but it was still so fun! They found out some of our names and they started going, ‘Avaaaaaaaaaaaaa.’ Overall, I had a great time and got to show my skills and unlock new memories.

By Harriet

On Wednesday, we got dropped off by our parents at Gosforth Field. We did some football training and mini matches. Mr Walmsley and Mr Holmes were there. Also, different schools were there including Dronfield Juniors, William Levick, Gorsebrigg and Stonelow. It was really fun and I enjoyed it the most when we did the mini matches.

FON PTA QUIZ NIGHT



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FEB 2027

Mon 8th	N-Factor Performance (Y5/6)
Fri 12th	Y5 Final Swimming Session Children break up for Half-Term
Mon 22nd	Children return to school
Tue 23rd	Y5/6 Trip to The Open Centre

MAR 2027

Wed 3rd	Y3/4 Trip to Creswell Crags
Thu 4th	World Book Day
Mon 8th	Science Week Begins
Fri 19th	Red Nose Day
Wed 24th	Egg Rolling Competition Heats Egg Rolling Competition Finals
Thu 25th	Easter Raffle Children break up for Easter

APR 2027

Mon 12th	Children return to school
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MAY 2027

Fri 7th	Y3/4 Adam Pepper Day
Mon 10th	Y6 SATS Begin
Mon 24th	Walk to School Week Begins Enterprise Week Begins
Thu 27th	Enterprise Breakfast & Fair Children break up for Half-Term
Fri 28th	INSET Day – Children NOT in school

JUN 2027

Mon 7th	INSET DAY – Children NOT in school
Tue 8th	Children return to school
Thu 10th	Y3/4 Art Trip Y5/6 Adam Pepper Day
Fri 11th	Y4 PTA Sleepover Event
Tue 15th	Y4 Multiplication Check
Thu 17th	Y6 London Trip Begins 2 days, 1 night
Fri 25th	Sports Day

JUL 2027

Mon 5th	Arts Week Begins
Tue 6th	Y6 SATS Results Day
Fri 9th	PTA Summer Fair
Mon 12th	Reports Sent Out
Tues 13th	Y5/6 Summer Productions
Fri 16th	Y6 Leavers' Assembly @ 1:30pm
Mon 19th	Whole School Transition Day
Fri 23rd	Children break up for Summer

SEP 2027

Mon 6th	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
Tue 6th	INSET Day – First Aid
Wed 7th	Children Return to School

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MEET THE STAFF

Miss Bishop

Hello, my name is Miss Bishop and I am delighted to be part of the Northfield Family!

Before joining Northfield, I worked at a local school in Dronfield as a Teaching Assistant and MDSV, supporting children both in the classroom and during lunchtimes. I've really enjoyed settling into my new role and have been made to feel so welcome by everyone. A special mention goes to our wonderful Year 3 children, who have been incredibly kind and sweet.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy playing the guitar and coding. I love learning new skills, being creative, and finding fun ways to solve problems. I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead at Northfield and getting to know all the children and families.

Miss Fairweather

Hello, my name is Miss Fairweather. I've just started working here at Northfield Junior School this year and I'm really looking forward to being part of the Northfield Family!

I've worked with lots of different children since 2020 and have been a TA for 3 years, as well as working as a Sports Coach, teaching PE, leading lunchtime and after-school clubs, and supporting inter and intra-school tournaments across Derbyshire. My specialisms are football, rounders, tennis and dodgeball!

When I'm not at school, I'm a keen horse rider and have been riding for over 22 years. I love to compete in show jumping and, although I don't have my own horse, I help friends with theirs and love them as if they were my own.



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WOW! What a night. The turn out was absolutely amazing and we raised £501.42 profit. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement. I (Mr Walmsley) would like to thank everyone who supported the event – it was a wonderfully fun filled family event! Sofia and Dougie take up the rest of the story.

Quiz night was amazing. We had many different rounds but our favourites were the Chocolate Round, Bingo and Guess the Song. For the chocolate round, the chocolate bars had been split in half and we had to guess what they were from the picture. For Bingo, we had a full strip of tickets with prizes for 1 line, 2 lines and a full house. You then had to shout Bingo if you won! For Guess the song, you had to guess the song, the singer and the year. Lots of people sang along to the music. There was also a lot of food and drink: pizza, crisps, biscuits, soft drinks. We would like to thank the PTA for putting the event on with our only request being more activities for children!

Thank you to Sofia and Dougie for sharing their thoughts on the event. If you attended the event and have any suggestions for improvements on quiz night or any future events you may wish to attend, please email pta@northfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

NETBALL COMPETITION

For the first time in many years, Northfield took a team to the netball competition at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe. Following on from a successful netball club, where the children have learnt the importance of passing and the footwork required to play netball, Miss Burton and a parent took us to the tournament. Competing against a range of other schools including Dronfield Juniors, William Levick, Gorseysbrigg and St Andrew's, our team put on multiple brave performances. Whilst we were unable to score this time, this invaluable experience will help us in future events.... we're going to ask Mr Walmsley nice if we can invite some schools to Northfield in the Summer and score a goal!

HARVEST EVENT

Once again, I (Mr Walmsley) was completely blown away by the incredible support shown by the Northfield Family at our Harvest Festival.

The day began with our Harvest Breakfast, where it was wonderful to see so many parents join us for a bacon or sausage sandwich. From there, I was amazed by the number of parents who stayed to help prepare our school grounds for the winter months. Your support makes such a difference to our school community. A special thank you goes to Mrs Nowell for all of her help and hard work throughout the event.

Our Harvest Assembly was also exceptionally well attended. The Year 3 children performed their poem brilliantly, confidently remembering every word. Year 4 sang *The Harvest Song* beautifully, while the Year 5 and 6 children shared thoughtful reflections on the growing process, explaining how weather conditions can have a significant impact on crop yields. Thank you once again to everyone who attended, helped and supported the day. Events like this truly demonstrate what makes the Northfield Family so special, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.



BIKEABILITY COMING SOON!

Year 4 and Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability training between Wednesday 4th November and Friday 6th November.

All information, including consent links and training details, has been sent via ParentHub. If you have not received this information, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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