# NJK School Newsletter

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Friday 11th September 2026




## Welcome Back

What a wonderful start to the new academic year! Lots of smiling faces arriving at school and very supportive comments from our families.

At the start of the new term at NJK we pray for all teachers, wider school staff and learners.

Lord Jesus Christ,
This is our school, let your light shine here.
Let the rooms be full of joy.
Let love be all around–love for one another;
Love for all people; and love for you.
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts build our school.

Amen

## Homework and Curriculum

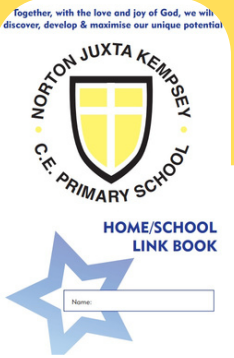
From Friday 11th September, homework will be set each week through Arbor. Please remember to check your emails every Friday to see the latest homework tasks from your child's class teacher.




## Congratulations to Our New Head and Deputy Head Pupils

We are delighted to announce that Dolly and Bella have been appointed as our new Head Pupils and Erin and Ben as our Deputy Head Pupils. All applications were carefully reviewed by a panel, with each submission assessed against a clear set of criteria. Scores were awarded and the highest-scoring candidates were shortlisted for interview. To ensure fairness and impartiality, the final interviews were conducted by our Chair of Governors. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who applied. Their enthusiasm, effort, and courage in putting themselves forward for this important role are truly commendable.

Well done to everyone involved!




## Home School Link Books

Our brand new 2026–2027 Home School Link Books were distributed last week. The books have some key information about the curriculum as well as being a useful liaison tool between home and school.

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## Parents' Consultation Evening

<u>Autumn Term Parent Consultation Evenings</u>

These will take the form of a private consultation between teachers and parents. 10 minutes will be allocated for each appointment. Pupil books will be available for you to peruse.
You will receive an email prompting you to make an appointment on our online booking system.
The consultations will take place on:
Tuesday 17th November and Wednesday 18th November.
(Please note Maple Parent Consulations will take place on Tuesday 17th November and Thursday 12th November).




<u>Open Day and Macmillan Coffee Morning</u>

Come along and join us for coffee and cake on Thursday 1st October between 10am–11.30am. Staff, Year 6 pupils and members of the church will be on hand to serve at our Macmillan Coffee Morning taking place in the school hall.
Our Year 5 pupils will be offering tours of the school to prospective parents and pupils.







<u>Celebrating Learning Afternoons</u>

We are delighted to invite parents to visit their child's classroom on Tuesday 29th September between 2 and 3pm or 4 and 4.30pm.
This is a wonderful opportunity to see your child's learning environment, meet the staff, and gain an insight into the exciting learning experiences taking place in school.
We are pleased to offer a Celebrating Learning Afternoon each term, providing regular opportunities for parents to engage with and celebrate their child's learning journey.
We look forward to welcoming you.

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## Word Aware

Word Aware is a structured whole school approach to promote the vocabulary development of all children. Extensive research found that spoken vocabulary predicted children's latter reading development. Vocabulary relates to reading comprehension but impacts equally on curriculum areas that require specific word knowledge such as mathematics and science.

Look out for the Word of the Week for pupils in EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

There will be a new word every week and some games to play at home featured on subsequent newsletters.

## NJK Achieves Bronze Road Safe Friendly Status

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded Bronze Level status through the Road Safe Friendly Programme in recognition of our commitment to promoting road safety awareness among our pupils and wider school community.
Having successfully achieved Bronze status, we are now working towards achieving the Silver Level Award.
We look forward to continuing our road safety journey and raising awareness across our school community.
Together, we can help ensure that every child develops the skills and confidence needed to stay safe on the roads.



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Day



Day is the Word of the Week for pupils in Willow Class.

Determined is the Word of the Week for pupils in Rowan and Hazel.




Darting is the Word of the Week for pupils in Oak and Ash.




Beckoned is the Word of the Week for pupils in Maple and Elm.

