

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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We welcomed the new Norwood families of current Year 6 students into school this week. In September they become our new Year 7 and the friendship tea party was an opportunity for the children to make new friends, and for the parents to get a taste of what it is to be in the classroom. We got round to all the sessions and there was much fun being had - including building marshmallow and spaghetti buildings, cooking apple strudel, stage fighting, ukulele lessons and an art tutorial in using tone. Meanwhile all the students were playing team games in the evening sunshine. People left having made new friends and hopefully feeling a bit less apprehensive about secondary school - we look forward to seeing them all again soon!

Last week saw lovely weather that meant we had to adapt our uniform to reflect the heat. We will always notify parents when this is happening - otherwise it is the usual uniform policy where purple blazer and jumpers and school ties are expected. Now the weather is back to normal for this time of year, usual rules apply. Please do remind students that we expect them to look smart all year round and a sea of purple should have returned!

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole

Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

The first round of the Norwood Bake Off took place last week - we watched via live feed with some other staff. What a lovely idea! There were nerves as well as excellent skills on show. Well done to all the contestants and to Ms Acham and Ms Rogers for their support and expertise.

We have a new project underway every Tuesday after school. Selected boys will be invited to the Barber Shop in the dance studio. An expert haircut in a proper barber's chair and an opportunity to chat with male role models. It is an inspired idea which we hope supports our boys.

Our KS3 Library Ambassadors went to a talk by the inspirational Ms Lawrence at Streatham and Clapham High where they received tips on their creative writing, as well as receiving a crash course in Greek Mythology. Thank you to Ms Gallant and Ms Aherne.

Ms Gayle took five Year 9 pupils to the Count on Us Maths challenge heats last week. Despite a last teammate swap on the day before, the students worked really well together and were really enthusiastic to participate, even practising together on the bus journey all the way to the heats.

And we finished the week with a splash the teacher event to raise money for the Sixth Form prom. It was a scorcher of a day, so perfect conditions for it!

Important Dates

- Year 7 Parents Evening Thurs 15 May 4:30-7pm
- Battle of the Bands Wednesday 21st May 7-9pm
- End of Half Term Friday 23rd May
- Back to school Monday 2nd June
- KS3 Assessments Begin Monday 2nd June

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

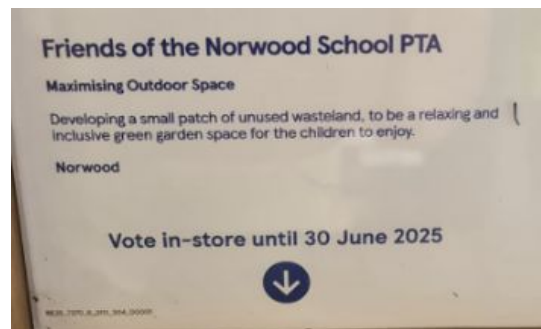
- Max Widdup (7JUG)
- Nathan Lewis (8ALE)
- Kiyan Valantin (9ASP)
- Lauren Smith (10EHU)
- Mikail Matin (11MBL)
- Archer Forrest (12AF)
- Sam White (13HAI)



FONS Notices

- We have been shortlisted for Tesco Stronger Starts tokens programme for fundraising. Just ask for the tokens at checkout and pop into the correct section of the bins!! It ends June 2025 so please spread the word to friends and family if you use these stores. Participating stores are:
 - 2723 Croxted Road, Dulwich Express SE21 8SZ
 - 3317 Tulse Hill Express SW2 2QB
 - 4342 Streatham Extra SW16 6HP
 - 5122 Clapham Superstore SW4 9DF
 - 5358 Streatham Place Express SW2 4QY
 - 5470 West Norwood Express SE27 9DL
 - 5494 Streatham High Street Express SW16 1DA
 - 5678 Clapham Wandsworth Express SW8 3JL
 - 6239 Streatham Crown Express SW16 3JG
 - 6791 Brixton Hill Road Express Express SW2 1SD

It could be worth up to £1500!



- Advertising in the Newsletter

If you would like to advertise your business or service in the school newsletter, please let us know. It goes out weekly throughout the school terms (39 weeks/year) to over 1200 parents and staff in the local area. Please contact friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com to find out more.

- Host an Estate Agents board to support the PTA..
 - ✓ Boards will be erected approximately 22nd May and will be displayed until 12th June. ✓ Emails have gone out to those who said 'yes' to a board earlier this year just to check that all is OK to host one again and we have over 90 parents signed up (yay!). If you are not able to host one this time please contact mirandabradley74@gmail.com by Monday 5th May (latest) ✓ Northwood will donate £15 for every address used THE ASK: We just need another 20 parents to sign up. If you are able to host a board and haven't already told us earlier this year then just complete the attached form <https://forms.office.com/r/icNu4rbGUJ> Northwood have been really positive about supporting our school again this/next year so we would like to extend our thanks to Stuart and the team for helping us to raise these much-needed funds www.northwooduk.com/west-norwood
- Sheryl Makin from The Luxury Travel Boutique is a local mum (and school parent!) with over 30 years travel expertise. Fully bonded with independent advice, The Luxury Travel Boutique offers a stress-free booking experience, taking care of all your holiday needs. Give Sheryl a call to help plan your next family holiday! [Link here](#)

