

## Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

As ex English teachers we went back to our roots with a visit to English classes this week - who were teaching poetry. We were struck by the array of multicultural poems on offer for students to study and respond. Opportunities to discuss topics such as the Windrush, the Commonwealth and poetry from different perspectives was lovely to see. We were also very happy to see the dance show - with a cast of over 150 students it was a huge feat and yet more diversity in dances styles and music.

We enter the first week of winter and the first week of December this week so naturally thoughts begin to turn to the festive season for many of us. School is doing the same with competition to make a Christmas No1 video, Christmas decorations and also, of course the big Norwood Factor event soon. In the meantime - stock up on our very own Norwood Christmas cards - created by our very talented visual arts students. This week we also have Film Fest taking place, with Ms Tatum at the helm with a host of activities and events for students to get involved including screenings, quizzes and inspirational films which link to particular careers. Do encourage your child to take part.

There is always a lot for students to participate in - whether it be extra curricular activities, house competitions - such as last week's Spelling Bee - or whole school events. The opportunity to meet like minded people, join in and grow beyond the classroom is something we value. We always like to hear of the things students are involved in and passionate about so we wanted to give a shout out to Jamila in Yr 9 who has had her first games playing for England Women's under 14s team. We are so glad her talent has been spotted and will be watching her progress eagerly!

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**  
Co-Headteachers



## Highlights of the Week

The Year 7 boys travelled to Bermondsey to take on City of London Academy in the South London Cup and produced a fantastic performance to be proud of. Despite several key players missing through injuries and illness, the team showed incredible resilience, character, and togetherness, to secure a 4-2 victory.

Ms Acham and Ms Rogers and the baking group had a lovely time at the cake and bake show at Olympia. The Ideal home show was also on and we got to see both! Students were chuffed to get lots of freebies and try a variety of edible treats. Highlights were a stunning gingerbread construction and a full size edible Grinch.

We were treated to an hour and a half of fantastic dance performances last week. Over 150 students took part in the dance show. An amazing event showcasing so much talent.

Y9 have carried out a mock trial this week in citizenship. Ms Hussain was very impressed with their acting skills especially Ariel R who played a passionate barrister. The Y9 cohort have been amazing so far this term learning about the criminal justice system.

## Important Dates

- Year 11 Parents' evening 09/12 - 16:30-19:00
- FONs Christmas Afternoon 12/12 From 3pm
- Norwood Factor 18/12 - 19:00-21:00
- Last day of term 19/12
- Students return to school 06/01
- Y7-10 Assessment Week 06/01
- Y12/13 Parents' Evening 20/01 - 16:30-19:00

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Heyab Hailu 7MB
- Shaynie-La'Shay Khalid-McCaffery 8JUG
- Maya Stewart 9IRO
- Kei Ridolfo Nicastro 10MCL
- Rio Van-Thompson 11EHU
- Matilda Hartley 12SDO
- Noor Sabra 13SPE



## Supporting our school

As you may be aware, schools across the country are experiencing significant budget pressures due to rising costs and reduced funding.

To help us continue providing the best possible learning experiences for our children, we are inviting voluntary donations from parents and carers.

All funds received will go directly towards curriculum resources and materials that enhance teaching and learning across the school.

If you would like to make a contribution, please log in to your ParentPay account where you will see an item labelled "Parent Donation."

There is no obligation to contribute, but every donation, large or small, makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Please note that this fundraising stream is separate from our Friends of Norwood fundraising and is not attached to the QR code that is regularly shared on the FONS page of our weekly newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



## Buy your Christmas cards from TNS and help our House charities

Well done to our winners: Marie Scriven (Globe), lasheon Soocka (Phoenix), Felicity Bates (Apollo), and Saige Soppet (Barbican). You can buy a pack on ParentPay. A pack of 6 will cost £3 and all orders must be placed by December 10th.



## FONS Notices

Hi Everyone,

Please come along and support the Christmas Afternoon on 12th December 3-5.30. We have lots of stalls with gorgeous bits and pieces from parents, students and staff on sale including stationery and cards, local honey, jewellery, vintage kitchenalia, candles and Christmas decorations, and a cake/bake sale, mulled wine plus secondhand uniform! There are also some crafting activities including candle making and card making. Booking details will be circulated in WhatsApp groups for these. If you have any uniform to donate, please make sure it is with Reception by Friday 12th December in the morning! If you can't make school events but would like to donate to our funds this year, you can use our PTA QR code which goes directly to our bank account. Even the cost of a coffee a week will help us reach our targets more quickly. You can also sign up to Easyfundraising as that costs you nothing when you shop online for anything from Just Eat to John Lewis, just in time for Christmas Shopping! New joiners to easyfundraising currently get us an additional £2 per joiner!



Still in need of a Christmas Tree? Buy your tree from Rambling Rose. Attached [here](#)!

Other ways to help the PTA fundraise:

1. **Easyfundraising**
  1. Register as a new supporter of Friends of the Norwood School on [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) here: [Friends of The Norwood School - Crown Dale Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#) If you're shopping online, over 8,000 retailers will donate, so you can raise a **FREE** donation for us each time you shop online, at no cost to yourself.
2. **Advertising in the Newsletter**
  1. 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. **£30 per month!** Please contact [friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com) to find out more.

Thanks for all the support,  
Ailsa, Alex & Miranda

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

12TH DECEMBER 2025

3.00-5.30PM

THE ATRIUM

- PTA bar with hot drinks, fancy hot chocolates & treats
- Staff, parent & student stalls selling stocking fillers & Christmas gifts
- Crafting activities
- Christmas tree & wreath orders
- Secondhand uniform on sale

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