

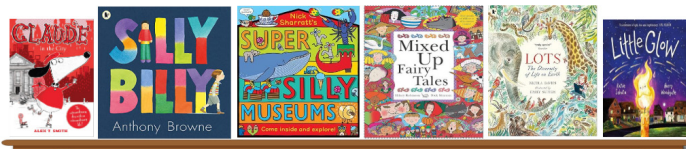


Weekly Newsletter

Curriculum Bookshelves!

Year 1

Year 6



As we begin the new term, we are delighted to share our Curriculum Bookshelves, carefully curated by each class teacher. These collections are designed to spark curiosity, deepen learning and continue to nurture the strong love of reading we are so proud of at Norris Bank.

Our book choices reflect our GROW values. Through high-quality, engaging texts, children are encouraged to grow their knowledge and vocabulary, respect different cultures, experiences and viewpoints, own their learning by making meaningful connections, and work together through rich discussion and shared reading experiences. Reading is embedded across our curriculum, supporting not only literacy but also children's understanding of the wider world.

When selecting books, we think carefully about the journeys they take our children on. Some stories act as maps, guiding pupils towards new places, cultures and experiences and helping them to understand the wider world. Other books act as anchors, offering familiarity and reassurance as children recognise themselves, their lives and their experiences reflected in the stories they read and share together.

We know that reading regularly at home plays a vital role in building confidence, fluency and enjoyment. Sharing books at home, talking about stories and encouraging children to read for pleasure all help to strengthen the important partnership between school and home and support children to become lifelong readers.

All Curriculum Bookshelves are available to view on your child's year group page on our website, helping families to explore the texts being shared in class and continue reading conversations beyond the school day.

PTA Summer Fair Update

We are very excited to confirm that our PTA Summer Fair will take place after school on Friday 26th June, and plans are already underway for what promises to be a wonderful community event for our children and families. The PTA and new Co-Chairs are keen to hear from any parents or carers who may be able to volunteer some time to support the fair and future events. Whether you can help in the lead up, on the day itself, or behind the scenes with planning and ideas, all support will be very warmly welcomed. The PTA plays a vital role in bringing our school community together and in raising funds to enhance experiences and resources for our children. Getting involved is also a great way to meet other families and feel connected to school life. If you are interested in helping, please look out for further details coming soon, or contact the school office to be put in touch with the PTA team. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair.

Good Luck Year 6!!

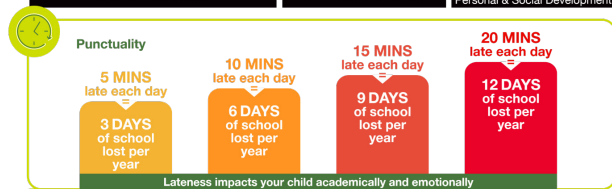
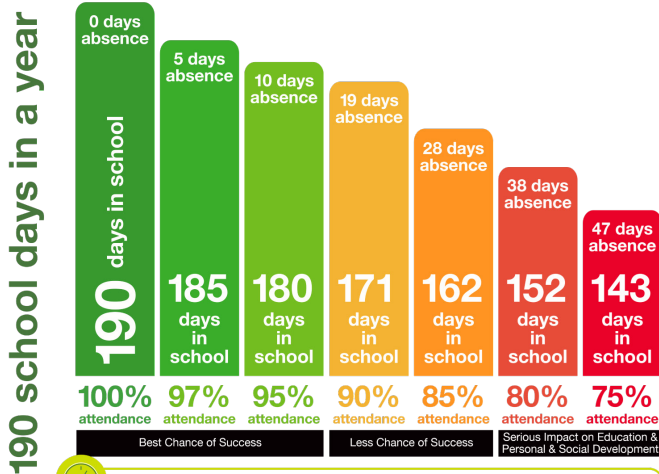
We would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they take their SATs next week. They have worked incredibly hard throughout their time at Norris Bank, showing determination, resilience and pride in their learning. As they reach this milestone, we are reminded of our GROW values and how our pupils continue to grow their knowledge, respect themselves and others, own their learning and work together to support one another. These qualities matter far more than any test result. As A. A. Milne reminds us, **"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."** Whatever the outcome, we are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children and all that they have achieved.



Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are vital to your child's academic progress and their personal, social and emotional development. Missing school, even for a single day or part of the morning, has an impact beyond the learning time lost. This is because children's learning is carefully planned in a sequence, with each lesson building on prior knowledge and understanding. As shown in the image below, occasional days missed here and there can quickly add up to a significant amount of learning over time. This can make it harder for children to keep up, feel confident and fully engage in their learning. Of course, if your child is genuinely unwell, they should be kept at home. However, all other absences should be kept to an absolute minimum. This includes medical appointments, which should be arranged outside of school hours wherever possible. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive on time, helping them to make the most of every learning opportunity.

Attendance & Punctuality



Family holidays
You have 175 days a year when your child is not in school. A one-week holiday during term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 97%.
There are 175 non-school days every year for holidays and appointments.

- The rule: Holidays during term time cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.
- The law: Unauthorised absences may result in a Penalty Notice (fine) issued by the Local Authority.

Medical appointments
Where possible, book them outside of school hours.
Not sure if your child's too ill?
It can be difficult to decide. We follow the Official NHS Guidance to help parents:

- Send them in: If they have a mild cough, cold, sore throat (without fever), or head lice. We will call you if we feel your child should not be in school.
- Keep them home: If they have a high temperature (38°C or above).

The 48-hour rule:
If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they must stay home for 48 hours after the last episode.



GROW STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception

Maia & Jacob

KS1

Year 1: Teddy & Zayn

Year 2: Oliver & Joshua

KS2

Year 3: Amelie & Thomas

Year 4: Tess, Hattie & Violet

Year 5: Jacob & Xayal

Year 6: Muhammad & Suhan

DATES FOR THE DIARY

[For a full list of dates for the 2025-26 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.](#)

Date	Event
May	
11th	Year 6 SATS week
22nd	Last Day of term
June	
8th	School reopens
9th	Year 6 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
12th	Dress down day for sweets for summer fair
15th-19th	Get Active Week
17th	Sports Day and Family Picnic
22nd	Reception Parents Meeting for September 2026 intake
26th	Dress down day for bottle tombola & Summer Fair
July	
1st	Reserve date for Sports Day
2nd	Transition day for Year 6
8th-10th	Year 4 residential to Northumberland
10th	Annual reports sent home
13th-15th	Year 5 residential to Anglesey
13th-16th	Book Share Week
14th	Year 6 production
17th	Reception graduation
24th	Leavers Assembly
	School closes for summer holidays

