



Weekly Newsletter

Norris Bank Celebrates Music Mark Recognition

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for 2026-27, celebrating our commitment to delivering high-quality and inclusive music education. Music is an important part of life at Norris Bank, and we are proud of the wide range of opportunities pupils have to experience, perform and enjoy music. Through these experiences, we aim to nurture creativity, build confidence and inspire a lifelong love of music. This fantastic recognition reflects the commitment of our staff and pupils to making music an exciting and valued part of our school curriculum and wider school life. Congratulations to everyone involved in achieving this wonderful recognition!



Medical and Dentist Appointments

At Norris Bank Primary School, regular attendance is essential for children's learning, progress and wellbeing. We understand that medical or dental appointments are sometimes necessary and appreciate families helping us to minimise disruption to learning wherever possible.

Arranging Appointments

Where possible, routine appointments such as dental check-ups, eye tests and non-urgent medical appointments should be arranged outside school hours or during school holidays. If an appointment must take place during the school day, children should attend school before or after the appointment whenever possible. It would be unusual for a routine appointment to require a full day's absence.

Letting School Know

Medical and dental appointments may be recorded as an authorised absence (Code M) where:

- *School is informed in advance wherever possible
- *The absence is for a genuine medical or dental appointment
- *The child attends school before or after the appointment where reasonably possible
- *Evidence of the appointment is provided if requested
- *Evidence does not need to be a formal doctor's or dentist's letter. A text message, email confirmation, appointment card, screenshot of an online booking or similar documentation is sufficient.
- *Where evidence is requested but cannot be provided, school will consider the information available when deciding whether the absence can be authorised.



Full-Day Absences

If a child misses additional school sessions beyond the time reasonably needed for an appointment, these may be recorded as unauthorised unless there is an appropriate reason for the additional absence.

Appointments for Family Members

Children are expected to attend school if a parent, sibling or other family member has a medical appointment. Absence for this reason would not normally be authorised.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maximise every child's learning time. Working together, we can ensure that all children benefit from excellent attendance and every opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive

GROW STARS OF THE WEEK!

Reception : Benjamin & Erin

KS1

Year 1: Theo & Rosie

Year 2: Camille & Alex

KS2

Year 3: Jumaimah & Lilly

Year 4: Oscar & Toby

Year 5: Harriet & Brodie

Year 6: Halle & Daniel

EGG-citing Times in Year 1



There has been lots of excitement in Year 1 this week as the children take part in the Living Eggs project! Some of the eggs have already hatched, and the children have been delighted to welcome the new chicks. They have been observing them closely and are now looking forward to seeing if any more chicks make an appearance. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a life cycle first-hand and develop their curiosity, observation skills and understanding of the natural world.

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 have been busy taking part in Bikeability training this week and early into next week. The children have been developing their cycling skills and learning how to ride safely and confidently. It has been wonderful to see them putting their skills into practice, building their confidence and developing an important life skill. Well done, Year 5!



School Nursing Team

Our School Nursing Service is available to support children and families with a wide range of health and wellbeing needs. The service has an online resource area offering useful information, advice and guidance on topics including emotional wellbeing, sleep, toileting, healthy relationships and the role of the school nursing team.

You can access the School Nursing Padlet and find out more here **NHS PADLET**



If you feel your child would benefit from support from the School Nursing Service, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the School Office. We can make a referral on your behalf.



Reception Admissions 2027

Applications for Reception places for September 2027 are now open. To apply, please visit the Stockport School Admissions website:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/nursery-and-school-admissions>

We are holding school tours, led by Mrs Ponsen Head of school, on:

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 5th November

To book a place on a tour, please contact the school office. We look forward to welcoming prospective families to Norris Bank Primary School.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

For a full list of dates for the 2026-27 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.

1st Oct	Black History Month
2nd Oct	Open day for Reception intake Sept '27
5th Oct	Parent Teacher Meetings
6th Oct	Year 6 Screening
7th Oct	Parent Teacher Meetings
14th Oct	Open day for Reception intake Sept '27
16th Oct	Harvest Fair after school
19th Oct	Individual photos
20th Oct	PTA Halloween Discos
22nd Oct	Year 4 Art Gallery Trip
23rd Oct	Last day before we close
W/B 26th Oct	School closed for Half Term

