Welcome Back!

Autumn Parents' Meeting (EYFS)

Our Leadership Team

Ms Dunnet

Head of School



Ms Ghirmay

Assistant Headteacher for Standards
Head of School



Ms Frascogna
Assistant Headteacher inclusion, SENDco and EYFS Leader



Mr Sumner
Executive Headteacher



Ruby Kent
Leader of Learning
Y4 class teacher
Assistant Headteacher



Welfare

Nabila El-Ahmadi

Support with Early Help and welfare, including attendance.

Safeguarding Lead

Your child's Teachers and Support Staff



Mrs Liane Roberts
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Pamela Clarke
Teaching assistant



Ms Nurun CHOWDHURY
Teaching assistant



Ms Maddi Peacock
Reception



Mrs Lorraine Salih
Teaching assistan

Quick reminders

- Don’t forget to update your **contact details** with the school office

Start and end of the day

Start:

Children enter school via the Porchester Gardens gate between 8:40am and 8:55am.

Lateness will continue to be monitored.



Gates close at 9am (but after 8.55am this is considered late)

End:

Children are collected at 3:25pm from the playground accessed via the Porchester Gardens Gate.

Your child must say goodbye to a school adult before leaving.



North Westminster Federation
Essendine and Hallfield Primary Schools

2025-2026 School Calendar

September 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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October 2025

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November 2025

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December 2025

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January 2026

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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Attendance



- The Government regard 96% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a primary school pupil; however, even at this level children are still missing 2 weeks of school!

- 90% may be a good mark in an exam, but in terms of attendance it means that children are missing the equivalent of **1⁄2 a day EVERY WEEK!** That's 4 weeks a year and 120 lessons missed!

- At 80% attendance, children are missing the equivalent of **1 day EVERY WEEK**! That's 8 weeks a year and 240 lessons missed!

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

Attendance

- Make a note of the term dates which can be found on the website along with the school policy.
- **No leave requests will be granted** during term time, unless they are considered exceptional circumstances. Therefore, please ensure that you are mindful of the dates when booking holidays and flights for the summer. These are available on the website and in paper form from the HelpDesk
- Request for leave will only be given in very extreme circumstances and you will be asked to provide proof.
- Poor attendance can lead to fines and potential court action and prosecution.

School Uniform





- Blue school uniform:
- ✓ **School navy blazer**
- ✓ **White smart shirt**
- ✓ **Grey trousers/skirt (shorts also in the summer)**
- ✓ **Grey or Navy socks/tights**
- ✓ **Black shoes (no boots)**
- ✓ ***School v-neck jumper in navy- optional***

- Orders can be made **online**

- You can also order online via our uniform supplier (Price and Buckland) and request school delivery to avoid postage charges (https://www.pbuniformonline.com).

- They have other customised items like PE kits, school bags etc.

PE Kit



Plain white t-shirt, black/blue bottoms and trainers

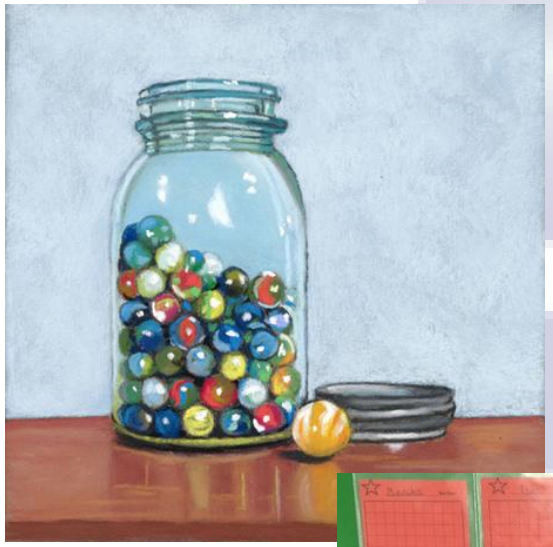
School jumpers (winter) can be worn during warm up only.





Children come to school in their PE kits on their PE day. Reception every Thursday

Our behaviour policy





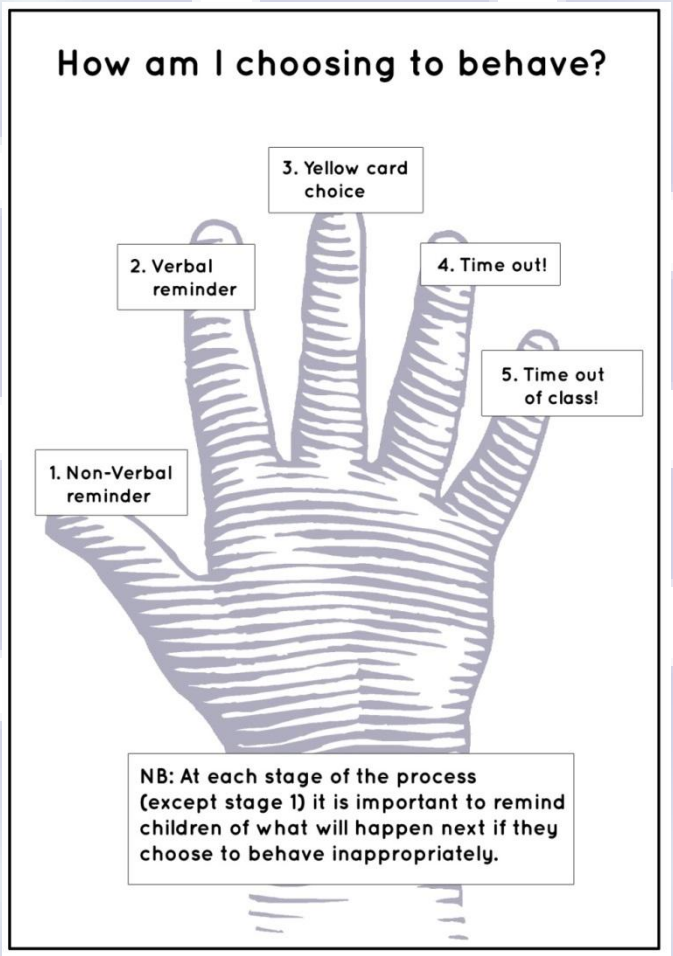


The key areas are:

- One simple rule - **To be Kind**
- A focus on **rewarding good behaviour**
- Providing more opportunities for children to become positive role models
- A whole school community approach including ALL staff and parents, not just the children
- To provide a more nurturing environment understanding that behaviour is a form of communication (supported by our partner Attachment Aware Schools)
- To focus on protective behaviours to keep children safe
- To work more in partnership with parents in supporting positive behaviours both in school and at home.

Star of the Week Assembly This will be taking place each week on Friday at 9.00am.

Strategies for behaviour



Behaviour Policy

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
SAD SICK TIRED BORED MOVING SLOW	HAPPY CALM FEELING OK FOCUSED READY TO LEARN	FRUSTRATED WORRIED SILLY/WIGGLY EXCITED LOSS OF CONTROL	MAD/ANGRY TERRIFIED YELLING/HITTING ELATED OUT OF CONTROL

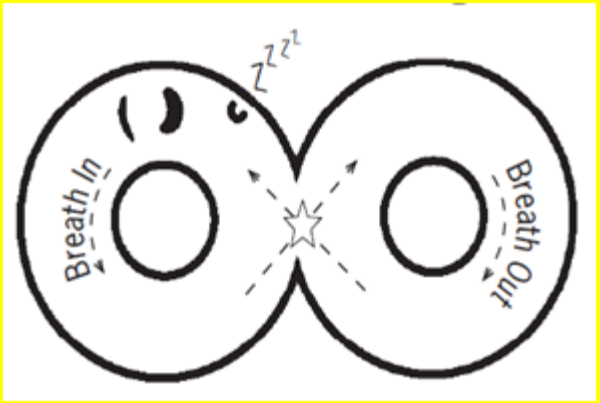
Behaviour Policy



Palm presses – place palms together in front of your chest with elbows bent and fingers pointed toward the ceiling. Press hands together firmly whilst taking some slow, deep breaths.



Body hugs – Cross forearms across chest, grasping the opposite arm. Squeeze or hug arms towards body using as much force as possible, maintaining the hug for count of 10, repeat if needed.



The Lazy 8

1. Trace the Lazy 8 with your finger starting at the star and taking a deep breath in.

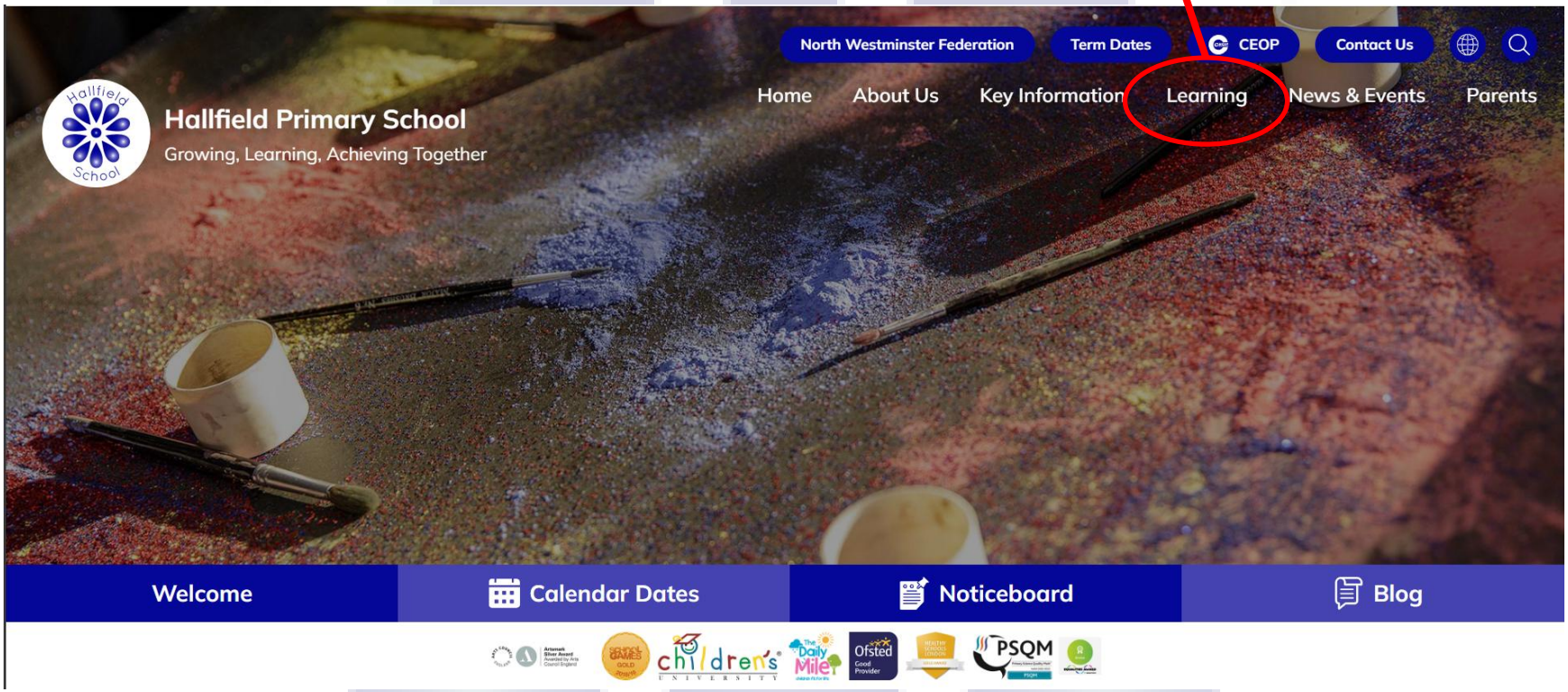
2. As you cross over to the other side of the Lazy 8, slowly let your breath out.

3. Continue breathing around the Lazy 8 until you have a calm body and mind.

Online

- Children are accessing online content which impacts their school day.
- It is your responsibility to monitor your child's online activity and their use of any mobile phone.
- Incidents will be reported to the appropriate authority.

Curriculum details can be found on our school website

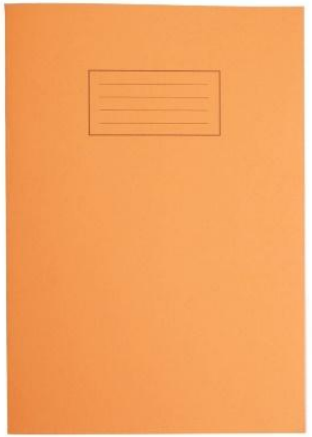


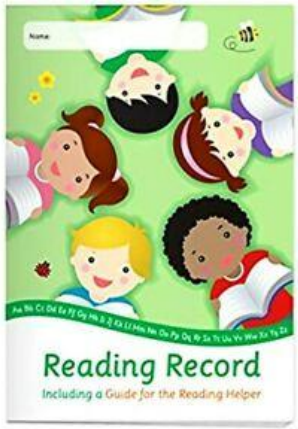
National Assessments

- Early learning goals- data for 2024/2025 will be publish in November
- Reception baseline assessments Autumn term

Homework

- Children are given homework every day
- Children return completed homework next day
- Reading **every day** for at least 15 minutes
- Please comment in the Reading Record.





Volunteering for Trips

You will be allocated a group for whom you are responsible (under the supervision of the teacher)

You must accompany the class from school to the venue and return with the class to school after the trip.

No siblings are able to accompany the trip, including babies and toddlers

DO

- Refer any safeguarding or behavioural concerns to the trip leader
- Stay with the group at all times
- Treat all children equally
- Follow the guidance given by the trip leader at all times
- Maintain a kind and calm manner with the children

DO NOT

- Use your mobile phone, unless in an emergency
- Take photographs of children
- Leave the group or take children away from the group
- Take children to the toilet
- Smoke whilst on a trip
- Reprimand children yourself

Clubs

- Junior adventure playground

School Office

This is closed between 11.30am and 1.30pm

Important Dates

- 30th September -1st October Parents evening
- 13th October EYFS food festival
- 4th November Reception Prospective Parents Information meeting
- 4th December Nativity play

Your Feedback


Thank you for your time!