

Northaw Newsround

Friday 20 March 2026

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled – Plutarch

Head's Lines

We are coming to the end of Neurodiversity Celebration Week. This is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences, including ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), autism, dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and Tourette Syndrome. We tend to operate on an approach to diagnosis and labels which can mean that quite often the focus is on the challenges rather than the many strengths and talents of neurodivergent individuals.

It has also been a busy week of football with teams of boys and girls from Oak competing against other local schools on Wednesday and Thursday. Supervised by Mrs Whitaker, both groups did us proud, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship while conducting themselves sensibly off the pitch – well done.

Congratulations to Ivy D, Albert, Georgia and Erin for their magnificent pieces of work displayed on the wow board beside my room from this afternoon - this will now be changed every half term, and pupils honoured will receive a badge during Going for Gold they can wear to school.

Dr James Inglis
Headteacher

This half term, our value in focus is **forgiveness.**



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

There is a prayer box near the signing-in point for parents – a group share requests confidentially. Our Reflection Champions maintain a prayer tree for pupils. They have written this prayer for us this week:

Dear God,

Thank you for the beautiful sunshine, which means we get to use the field. Help us to forgive sins like you did.

Amen

The headteacher has chosen this scripture for us this week:

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Loving for today,
Learning for tomorrow,
Forever in faith



GOING FOR GOLD

Attendance Matters

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Acorns**.

Five-Star Fashion

Christian Sophia

House Credits

Narnia	25
Neverland	25
Oz	30
Wonderland	62

Mind Your Manners

Arthur W Julianna Erin

6Rs Stars

ACORNS

Golden Ticket

APPLES & PEARS

Elizabeth Leo

WILLOW

Wilbur Christina

OAK

Isaac Ruby

Thank You For The Music

Mia

Times Tables Rock Stars

Year 4 had the highest average number of correct answers in Battle of the Bands this week.

Upcoming Events

23 March	Shakespeare Week
23 March	No church worship
23 March	School Council
25 March	Easter Hunt
25 March	The N Factor
26 March	Easter Service
26 March	PTA Film Night
27 March	Golden tickets posted
27 March	Spring term ends

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Attendance Matters

Please contact the school when your child is absent to explain the reason.

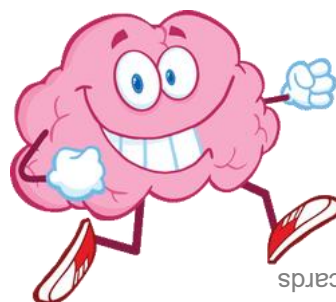
Lateness patterns and unauthorised absences trigger a communication from the headteacher. Failure to improve or non-engagement with the school in offering support can lead to involving the Local Authority Attendance Officer and even legal sanctions.



You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.

Dr Inglis' Brain Training

What has thirteen hearts, but doesn't have any other organs?



Answer: A deck of cards