



North Ridge High School
Summer 2026
Newsletter



Wow! Another jam-packed year at North Ridge full of unforgettable memories. As always, our pupils have worked incredibly hard to not only make progress in their lessons but also to develop their social and independence skills, getting themselves ready for the next academic year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being back in school with staff and pupils after my maternity leave. It is always a privilege to lead such a committed and resilient school community; putting the needs of pupils at the forefront of everything we do.

I wish everyone a well-deserved summer break and look forward to another exciting year at North Ridge in September

Take care everyone
S.Johnson



Autumn Term

School opens Thursday 3rd September 2026
School closes Friday 23rd October 2026
School opens Monday 2nd November 2026
School closes Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

School opens Monday 4th January 2027
School closes Thursday 11th February 2027
School opens Monday 22nd February 2027
School closes Friday 26th March 2027 - **Bank Holiday**
School closes Monday 29th March 2027 - **Bank Holiday**
School closes Friday 2nd April 2027

NORTH RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2026-2027

Summer Term

School opens Monday 19th April 2027
School closes Monday 3rd May 2027 - **Bank Holiday**
School closes Thursday 27th May 2027
School opens Monday 7th June 2027
School closes Wednesday 21st July 2027

5 INSET DAYS

1st and 2nd September 2026
12th Feb 2027
28th May 2027
22nd July 2027

Class Ben Nevis

We have had a busy and exciting half term! The pupils enjoyed taking part in Sports Day where they worked as a team to complete activities. In Maths, we have been using arrays to support multiplication and division. In DT, the pupils have enjoyed cooking a variety of dishes, including stir fry, pizzas and fajitas. We are very proud of all their hard work and wish everyone a happy summer!



Class Crossfell

Class Crossfell have had an amazing year. We are so proud of all the progress we have made. This year we had two new students who have settled in like they have been here for years! We can't imagine Crossfell without them!

In lessons, we have enjoyed our themes of Colour and Light, Food Glorious Food and Gardener's World. Our lessons have been full of fun experiences and activities.

We also say good luck to two students who are off to College. We know they will continue to learn lots and keep their staff busy.



Class Etna have had a wonderful Summer term. We have looked at the books 'Up, Down and Around' for English, based on the theme 'Gardening' and 'The Rainbow Fish' for the theme 'At the seaside'.

Etna



We have visited the gym & soft play as part of our Wellbeing lessons.



We have visited the school Allotment to learn about gardening.



We have studied 'Measure' for our Maths lessons, looking at long vs short.

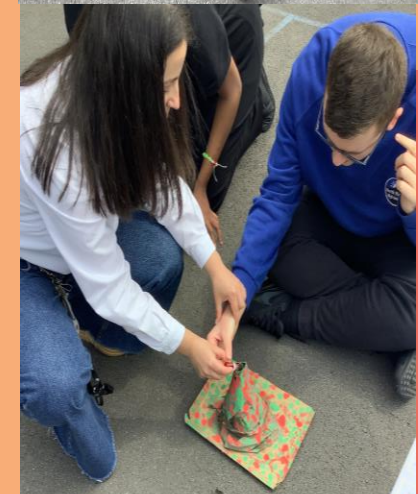


Class Everest

Sustainable Life: This term, Class Everest have enjoyed learning how to care for plants and maintain the allotment. Pupils planted seeds, explored the plant life cycle using symbols, learned what plants need to grow, and practiced using gardening tools safely. They also helped with weeding, replanting, and keeping the allotment tidy, developing confidence and teamwork through practical gardening activities.

Science: This term, Class Everest have enjoyed learning about space and Planet Earth through research and practical activities. Pupils created papier-mâché models of the Earth to explore its shape and features and took part in an exciting volcano eruption experiment, developing their curiosity and understanding through hands-on learning.

Have a lovely summer break!

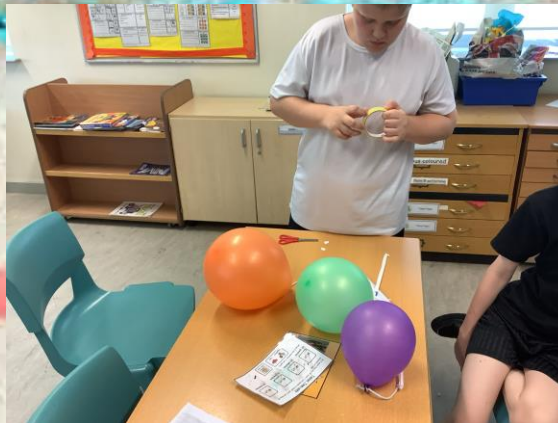


Class Fuji

Class Fuji have been very busy this summer term. We have been learning about multiplication and division in Maths.

In Humanities, we have been learning about tourism, we even packed a suitcase for our own holiday!

In Science, we have exploring planets and space. The students even faced the staff in a quiz all about space!



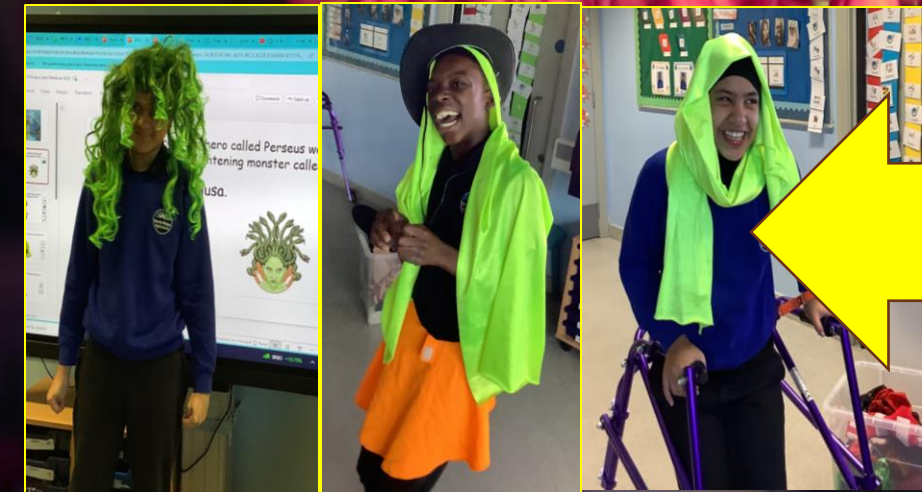
Class Grasmoor

As part of the lesson job roles, Class Grasmoor visited Tesco to observe and discuss the different jobs people do in a supermarkets.

Class Grasmoor focused on understanding and following sequences; therefore, the children made jam sandwiches by following each step in the correct order

The class really enjoyed dressing up as characters from the story of Medusa and engaging with the text through role play

Class Grasmoor participated in swimming lessons to develop their water confidence and swimming skills



Class Eiger



Class Eiger have been building their independence and communication on a weekly trip on the minibus to Heaton Park.

Pupils have explored measures of time, what our routine looks like at night and in the daytime. Eiger enjoyed length through play and sensory stories.

Class Eiger has immersed themselves in the books *The Rainbow Fish* and *Who's at the Seaside*. Pupils have explored who and what is in the book through sensory play.



Class Hunter

Class Hunter have had a wonderful summer term!

We have been working very hard to develop our independence skills in the kitchen and have been learning to make sandwiches, bagels and pizza wraps.

In English we have been exploring the themes of gardeners world and the seaside. We have enjoyed exploring a range of activities linked to these topics and even planned our own trips to the sea side.

In PE we have been developing our orienteering and athletic skills and we took part in the Class Hunter Olympics.

Class Hunter have had such a fun year this year, the whole class team are very proud of the progress each pupil has made. We hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer!



Our topic in Theme was 'The Seaside' we have enjoyed this topic!

Class Matterhorn

In SRE lessons we have been showing how we can keep ourselves strong, clean and healthy





Mont Blanc had a blast and a splash this year!

In theme we have been learning about 'the seaside'. We were lucky enough to meet lots of under the sea creatures at the Sea Life Centre. We even got to touch a chocolate star fish!



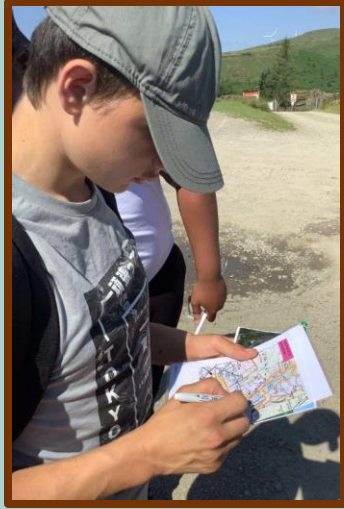
We put our ice cream and communication skills to the test when we hosted our very own Mont Blanc parlour.

We loved preparing sundaes for our friends and eating them of course!





class Olympus



This term, Olympus has been taking part in Life Skills lessons, where they have been developing practical skills and building confidence through hands-on experiences. They have particularly enjoyed visiting a local community allotment, helping to plant flowers and seeds, care for the growing plants, and keep the allotment tidy.

This year, Olympus have been taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Award. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the expedition, showing determination, resilience, and teamwork. They have also taken responsibility for preparing and cooking their own meals. They have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and should be proud of everything they have achieved!



Class Rainier



English: We explored ***The Rainbow Fish***, focusing on the story, characters and key messages about friendship, kindness and sharing. We enjoyed retelling the story and taking part in a range of creative activities.

Theme: We learned about the **seaside**, exploring what we might find at the beach, seaside animals, and the different activities people enjoy by the coast.

Maths: We developed our understanding of **doubling and halving** through practical activities, games and problem-solving, helping us to recognise and work with equal groups.

We hope you all have a lovely Summer break, from all the staff in Team Rainier!

Class Scafell

In English, class Scafell have been busy exploring our sensory Story The Rainbow Fish. We have explored the characters, different emotions, friendship and what it is like to live under the sea.



In maths we have explored weight and capacity. We have enjoyed exploring items that are 'heavy' and 'not heavy' and had lots of fun with 'Full' and 'Not Full'

Class Snowdon

This half-term in class Snowdon, we have had a great time learning about the beach and all the animals that live there! We have enjoyed exploring the subject through stories like Rainbow Fish and sensory play with water and sand as well as doing fun craft activities.

Our topic for Maths this half-term is Time, and class Snowdon has done a lot of practical learning about routines and the day and night cycle.

In our independence lessons, we have been going on walks in our local area and learning to cross the road safely with help from our class team. Class Snowdon has made lots of progress whilst having a fantastic time on their walks, rain or shine!

The class team here in class Snowdon is incredibly proud of the progress our pupils have made this year. We hope you have a lovely summer and stay safe!



Vesuvius

This half term in theme we have enjoyed learning about the seaside, the history of seaside holidays, sea life and food chains and associated foods and activities

In Math we have been learning strategies to help us Multiply and Divide in 2s, 5s and 10s

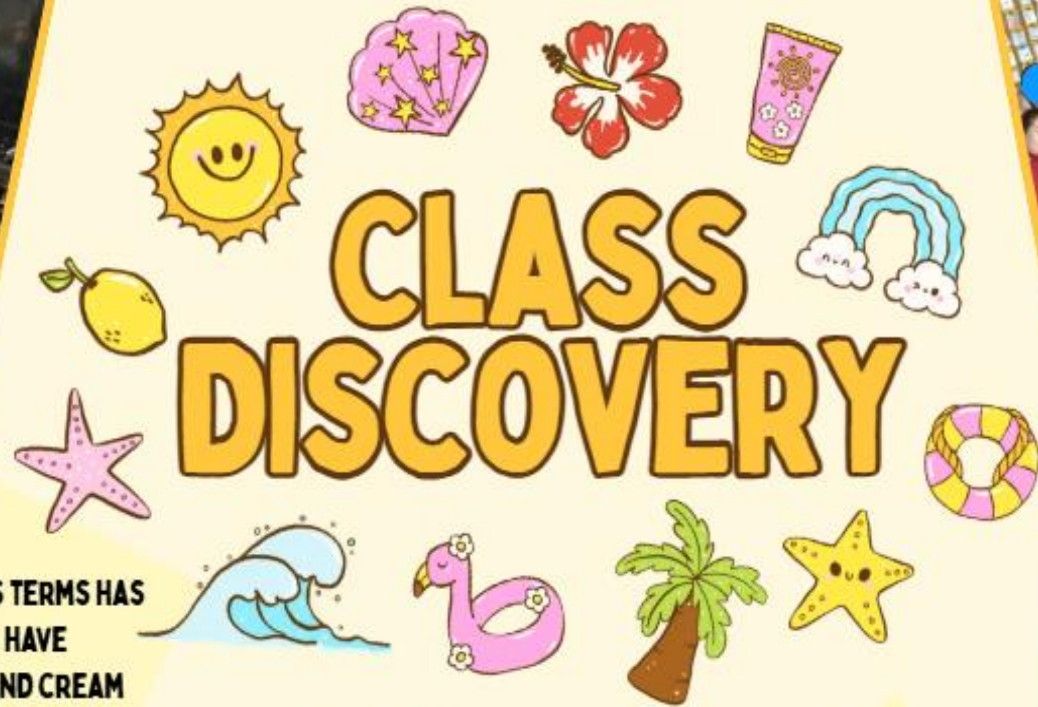
In English we have been reading the Rainbow fish using amazing adjectives to describe characters and settings and learning about the moral of the story, Sharing and making friends





COOK-IT:

OUR COOK-IT TOPIC THIS TERMS HAS BEEN PICNIC FOODS. WE HAVE ENJOYED MAKING JAM AND CREAM SCONES, SUNDRIED TOMATO PINWHEELS, AND LEMON CUPCAKES.



GROW-IT:

WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT FOOD PRODUCTION AND DOING LOTS OF PLANTING AND WEEDING AT THE ALLOTMENT.



TRIPS:

WE HAVE GONE ON MANY TRIPS THIS TERM. CLASS DISCOVERY HAS BEEN TO THE SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY MUSEUM, THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM, AND THE ARNDALE CENTRE.

CLASS ENDEAVOUR



Cook-It

For our cook it lesson we started the year making pizzas and have ended it with cupcakes.



RE

Class Endeavour took part in singing activities to help them understand about religious worship.

Trips

Class Endeavour have visited various places this term including Crumpsall park Manchester cathedral and Salford Museum.



Spa Day

A little treat to beat the heat. We had a relaxing spa day helping the students know what facilities they can access in the community.

Manufacturing

Our students have been learning how to decorate plant pots to help them understand the concept of design.



Class Enterprise



Cook-it



Manufacturing

During Summer term, Class Enterprise have had lots of fun while learning! We have been practicing our kitchen skills, preparing delicious lemon cakes and pizza swirls!

In manufacturing, we have been making ceramic ornaments which we have then decorated with our own designs.

In Health & Wellbeing, we have been learning about ways we can spend our leisure time, even visiting the football museum!



Health & Wellbeing

CLASS NIGHTINGALE



In English learners have been preparing for interviews. They have looked at how yo communicate, how to dress and how to write a CV.



In Maths lessons Nightingale learners have been developing their money handling and budgeting skills. They have been researching different kinds of bank accounts and completing budgeting challenges in Tesco.



Class Nightingale learners have been lucky enough to go on lots o trip to the city centre. These have been a highlight of the year and have helped learners to work on their functional and life skills in the community.

**BEST
OF LUCK**

Good luck to all of the learners who are leaving this summer and we hope that you all have a lovely holiday!

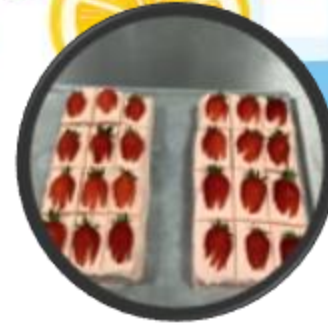
PLOT TO PLATE

This term, students in the Bespoke Catering class have been busy preparing lunches for everyone at the Hub. They have also developed their cooking and baking skills by making a variety of delicious cakes, pies, and quiches for the Cup and Cake Café. The students have worked hard and taken great pride in creating food for others to enjoy.

Students have been learning about different herbs, how they are used in cooking, and the foods they can be used in, developing their understanding of plants and healthy eating.

The students have particularly enjoyed making cakes for dessert after lunch on Thursdays and for sale at the Cup and Cake Café. They take great pride in their baking, developing their skills while creating tasty treats for others to enjoy.

Students followed professional hygiene and food safety standards while preparing lunch, demonstrating responsibility and developing key catering skills.





Summer



Newsletter



This term, our topic has been 'Workplace Expectations'. Students have enjoyed exploring different roles and responsibilities in the workplace while developing essential employability skills, including communication, teamwork, punctuality, working to timescales, and maintaining professional standards.

We are proud of the progress students have made in building their confidence, independence, responsibility, and self-awareness, helping them to thrive in professional environments.



THANK YOU!

A special thank you goes to our Year 13 and 14 students who will be leaving us to go on their new pathways.

It has been a privilege to watch our students improve their skills and also to see their self-confidence and esteem grow so much. They will be missed by staff, students and customers alike.



We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Summer holiday!





Summer Newsletter



What a fantastic term it has been at The Hive! Our amazing students have worked hard developing life skills including cleaning, steaming, sorting donations and preparing items for sale in 2nd Handmade.

Students in The Hive have been busy working together to create an amazing 200 sweet cones for a special order. They showed fantastic teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills throughout the process, supporting each other and making sure every sweet cone was made to the same high standard. It has been brilliant to see students building confidence while developing valuable workplace skills.

We'd love you to visit us at the Abraham Moss campus and support our vibrant, student-led sustainable retail enterprise!

Staff and students would like to wish everyone a safe and peaceful Summer.



Family Support



Link below is activities & events that are on at your local parks this summer.

[Parktastic North Activities - Child Friendly City Manchester](#)

*We hope all our families have a lovely summer holidays
We will see you all in September.*

Summer SEND Community Offer



Below is a link to the Local offers newsletter with many activities, drops in sessions over the summer holiday. Plus, a further link for Sensory sensitive activities.

[Summer bookings and SEND News from Manchester Local Offer](#)

[Sensory-sensitive activities around Greater Manchester! @ University of Salford Students' Union](#)



Attendance



Pupils, with their family's support, have been working hard to come into school on time every day.

This academic year, we have continued with our 'weekly prize draw' whereby pupils who have a full week in school are entered into a prize draw the following week, during the whole school assembly via our prize wheel 1 winner is chosen! They have a chance to win a £5 voucher or a small toy. Our pupils have really engaged with this again this academic year and have taken pride in their attendance at North Ridge.

Pupils who reach 100% attendance for the full academic year are entered into an extra special prize draw for a very large prize! Last year, it was an Amazon tablet!

Here are the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this year...



100%



Riley
Class Snowdon



Samuel
Class Everest



Simon
Class Olympus



Nurse

The Nurses team are still available during the school holidays you can email or ring them on the below details.

Email -

mft.snns.north@nhs.net

Phone number -

01615296053



Admin Team

The admin team had a lovely time celebrating at the school prom with all the Year 11 and Year 14 students. A great time was had by all students, staff and families.

The admin team hope you all have a peaceful summer break and we look forward to welcoming all our students back on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

