



14/11/25

Today marks Children in Need Day 2025 and once again we have put on some fantastic activities in order to raise awareness and raise as much money as we can. My thanks go to Ms Lamkin and the School Council who have worked so hard in setting up snacks at breaktime and activities after break.

We also took part in the two minute silence on Tuesday to honour Remembrance Day followed by a deeply personal Assembly by Miss Evans-Bentley showing us photos of her family members that represented our country in the first world war.

We are starting to prepare for our Christmas festivities that are fast approaching. Please see dates below with relevant times.

This term is always a busy one, we also have our Assessment week and our Year 11 Mocks. At the beginning of next term, we will invite all parents and carers to a Parents Evening whereby we can discuss these.

We have been looking at ways to improve our After School club offer. We will ask our pupils to sign up to these over the next week and hopefully start prior to the Christmas break.

Finally, I wanted to thank you personally for all of your support and well wishes around our Critical Incident last week. Our main priority was to ensure all pupils and staff were safe. I held an Assembly first thing Monday morning whereby we spoke about what had happened and the pupils asked questions. We will continue to keep you fully informed of any updates.

Have a Lovely weekend,

Kate Luke (Headteacher)

If you have any issues/questions/ want to say "Hello" or perhaps let me know if there is a member of staff that has gone that "extra mile" for you and your child then please do get in touch: Kate.Luke@Northstar-academy.co.uk

Year 11 Mock examinations— wc: 24/11/25

Assessment week—wc: 1/12/25

Jack and the Beanstalk Trip to Bristol Hippodrome 9/12/25 1pm-4pm

St Peter's Church Christmas Carol service 10/12/25. 6pm-8pm

Christmas Music Production - 16/12/25. 2pm-3pm

End of Term 2 - Friday 19th December at 12:30pm



Thank
You!



WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN OUR CLASSES THIS WEEK?

8a – This week we have completed our first English assessment of the term. We wrote about our book “We are all made of molecules” and made predictions for the next part of the story. In Maths we have worked on exchanging currencies. In humanities we have been exploring what it is to be human, what are beliefs are and what makes us who we are.

7b – This week we have enjoyed getting to know each other through board games, football, cards, and positive communication at the start of the week. As the days progressed, we transitioned into the class timetable and continued with our formal learning. The week has ended on a high, with four out of five learners completing their schoolwork in class — a fantastic achievement! Well done Archie D for really stepping up

8b – We built wooden bird houses so that they have a place to stay in our forest area In humanities, we thought about what makes us human and how we are different to other animals. Special mention to Tommy for remembering a lot of new words we learnt from our reading book.

9b – This week we have taken part in some wonderful work experience opportunities with the BBC and at Tynstfield. We have started our new maths topic, fractions, decimals and percentages and are continuing our novel in English.

Special mention to... Lily and Tyreese for a great attitude during work experience

10A- Students continue to be outstanding in maths lessons with Miss Adams. They are more independent to attempt more challenging tasks and resilient to try and try again! Well done to Ja’dore and Damarae for their excellent maths work completion this week.

PE: This week we have started basketball as our curriculum activity. KS4 had their first football league match v North Star 180, winning 12-4. The gym continues to be extensively used at break and lunch with many students participating in exercise and activities including trampolining.

Special mention to... Sonny Talyor 11B who play with fantastic energy and enthusiasm in our football win v NS180!

English - Year 11 have been diving into Stave 1 of A Christmas Carol, exploring how Dickens uses a wide range of literary devices to build atmosphere. Their close analysis has highlighted the power of language in shaping mood and meaning.

Maths (KS4) - This week we have been practicing our exam skills with some past paper activities and continuing our work with algebra, studying different methods of solving equations. Special mention to Joe, Summer, Damarae and Elijah who have worked hard in lessons

Year 10 and 9a are sharpening their creative writing skills. They’ve been experimenting with ambitious vocabulary choices and learning to “zoom in” on details by engaging all five senses, bringing their writing vividly to life.

KS3 Pathways to Re-engage: Kaiden, Braydan, Josh & Tianna for making the trip to St. Fagan’s a special one. Kaiden for attending on a-full time basis starting this week.

Special mention: Elijah, Raf, Kieran, Summer, Joe, Josh P, Ashton, Maicie, Alfie W, Riley, Vinny, Charlie, Hayden and Vincent

Miss Payne - Special mention to... Corey Alford for his amazing first speech and language session! He engaged well and worked really hard!



Let’s Celebrate!

100% Attendance:

OP	Regan	Honey	Charlie	Kaiden	Ashton S	Italia	Sonny
Junior	Alex	Mackenzie	Harry	Jake	Josh P	Vincent	Alfie
Ruben	Caleb	Lilly	Tianna	Kieran	Hayden	Riley	Raheem
Cody	Connor	Annabel	Raf	Ja’dore	Josh C	Amelia	
Poppy	Corra	Elijah	Joe E	Alfie W	Ethan L	Maicie	