



NORMAN STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK!

It has been so great to have the Normies back in school, where they belong. Our school has been bustling with safe walking, respectful routines, singing our new Normie Anthem and children demonstrating the Normie Way... **Kind, Brave and Fair.**

I know there are some very tired little faces — the first week is always a busy one. I hope you all have a restful weekend, and I'm looking forward to seeing you on Monday for week 2!



Kindest wishes,

ELE DOBSON

HEADTEACHER

WEEK ONE AT NORMAN STREET

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KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SCHOOL DATES!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WHOLE-SCHOOL DIARY →

SEPTEMBER

Thu 10 Sept Library Van

Mon 21 Sept Inclusion Quality Mark — Centre of Excellence Assessment

Tue 22 Sept Teddy Bear's Picnic (EYFS only) · after school, Hall

OCTOBER

Thu 1 Oct Y5/6 Wheelchair Basketball

Mon 5 Oct Manchester United Leadership Academy to Old Trafford

Thu 8 Oct **Golden Apple Award Ceremony**

Wed 14 Oct School Photographs

Thu 15 Oct Spooky Disco · 4.30–5.45pm EYFS/KS1 · 6.00–7.15pm KS2, Hall

Mon 19 Oct Manchester United Foundation — Eco Reds to Old Trafford

Wed 21 Oct Whole School Harvest Festival at St Aidan's Church · 10:00am start

Fri 23 Oct **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**



LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STICK IT ON THE FRIDGE!

NOVEMBER

Mon 2 Nov	TERM BEGINS
Mon 2 Nov	School Swimming begins · swimming pool onsite
Wed 4 Nov	Y5/6 theatre visit
Thu 5 Nov	Family progress meetings from 1pm · appointments to book nearer the date
Tue 10 Nov	Bags 2 School collection
Wed 11 Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thu 26 Nov	Christmas Fayre · 6.00–8.00pm, Hall
Fri 27 Nov	Whole School Panto · Jack & The Beanstalk

DECEMBER

Thu 10 Dec	Reception & Little Bothy Nativity · 2:30pm, Hall
Wed 16 Dec	A Normie Christmas at St Cuthbert's · details to follow
Fri 18 Dec	Carols on the yard · whole school, from 2:45pm

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Mon 14 Dec · AM	Reception
Mon 14 Dec · PM	Year 3/4
Tue 15 Dec · PM	Year 1/2
Thu 17 Dec · PM	Year 5/6



A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

REMINDERS

MORNING ROUTINE

Thank you for all being so punctual this first week of term. Please be reminded that if your child is in Key Stage 2, you can help us get off to a really great start to the morning by **saying goodbye to your child promptly** so that we can begin our all-important 'chat and check in'.

Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL BAGS

Wow! Doesn't everyone look so smart in their Normie uniform! Thank you for your efforts here — they haven't gone unnoticed, and it really makes an enormous difference.

Don't forget, **big backpacks aren't necessary** in school. Thank you for your support.

EVERY DAY... IT'S THE NORMIE WAY!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day your child comes through our gates matters more than you might think. Attendance isn't just about ticking a register — it's about **friendships being built, confidence growing, and learning taking root** one day at a time.

Missing school, even now and then, can mean missing the small moments that add up to a big difference: a lesson that clicks, a laugh with a friend, a chance to feel proud.

We know mornings can be tricky and life doesn't always go to plan — so if something's making it hard to get your child in, please talk to us. **We're here to help, not to judge.**

✉ **Contact Bev Ramshaw, Parent Liaison →**



Magic Monday

All children present on a Monday are automatically entered into our Magic Monday Raffle — you have to be in school to be in with a chance!



Full-House Friday

Children in all week go into a second raffle, pulled during celebration assembly on Friday. Good luck everybody!

You belong with us!



GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS 2026 • BEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

FINALISTS!

We're delighted to share some exciting news with our Norman Street family — we've been selected as a finalist for the prestigious **Golden Apple Awards 2026**, in the category of Best Primary School!

The awards celebrate schools that go above and beyond, recognising outstanding achievement, innovation and dedication in education. Being shortlisted is a wonderful reflection of everything that makes our school special — our inclusive ethos, our creative approach to learning, and the hard work and heart that every member of our Normie community brings each day.

It's a huge achievement to be recognised among some of the best primary schools in the country, and whatever happens next, we couldn't be prouder of our children, staff and families.



Winners announced in October

Fingers crossed, Normies!



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AWARDS 2026

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RECEPTION & LITTLE BOTHY

WELCOME NEW NORMIES

A very big well done to our newest Normies. Reception and Little Bothy have had such a brilliant start to school — busy in phonics, busy outside, and showing everybody around school how **ready, safe and respectful** they are. We think you've had a fantastic start!





THERE'S A ROLE FOR EVERYONE

NORMIE LEADERSHIP ROLES

This week we launched our new Normie Leadership Roles. All children have the opportunity to take one of our exciting roles in school — from **Normie Reading Champs**, to **The Welcome Crew** and **Normie Buddies** — there's a chance for everyone to take a role!

Normie Reading Champ

Normie Maths Champ

Normie Welcome

Normie Buddies

Normie Play Leaders

Normie Routine Leaders

Normie Radio Crew

The Normie Way

★ **Applications back in school by 17th September — good luck, Normies!** ★





SPORTS HELPERS • WE NEED YOU!

PARENT HELPERS

We're looking for parent volunteers to join us as Sports Helpers, supporting staff at sporting events and fixtures across the year!

If you're able to offer some regular help, we'd love to hear from you. **Full safeguarding training will be provided**, and we just ask that you're able to commit to a few dates across the school year.

It's a brilliant way to get involved, cheer on our Normies, and be part of the team behind the scenes. Thank you so much for considering it!

✉ **Email the school office** →

COULD YOU HELP?



**Full safeguarding training
provided — just a few dates
across the year.**

LISTEN UP!

THE NORMAN STREET ANTHEM

Have you heard our brilliant new Anthem? It's been playing every morning as the children come into school — and they've been singing it this week too.

The lyrics are all about what it means to be a Normie. The children have loved hearing it — **we hope you have too!**

Kind

Brave

Fair

On Norman Street where the mornings start, we show up different but we're part of one heart. Some come quiet, some come loud, some stand alone, some in the crowd. And if you're searching for a place to be, there's room for you here, there's room for me.

CHORUS

We're the Normies

Norman Street, side by side

On our own two feet

Kind and brave, fair and true

There's a place for every point of view

We don't laugh at the ones left behind

We make a school where all can shine

We're the Normies



THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE

HEADTEACHER AWARD



Moses

Kind • Brave • Fair

A huge congratulations to Moses, our Headteacher Award winner this week! It's only the start of term, but Moses has already shown just what a fantastic Normie he is. Staff have loved seeing him settle straight back into the routines with such a positive attitude, showing real commitment to school in taking on new challenges with a smile. He's a lovely friend to have around too — kind and thoughtful towards the children he plays and works with, listening well, and treating everyone fairly and with warmth.

It's exactly this spirit that makes him such a well-deserved winner — he is truly living out the Normie Way in everything he does. What a wonderful way to start the year!

We're so proud of you, Moses. Well done — we can't wait to see all the wonderful things you'll achieve this year as part of our Norman Street family!



STRONGER TOGETHER

READING RECOMMENDATION

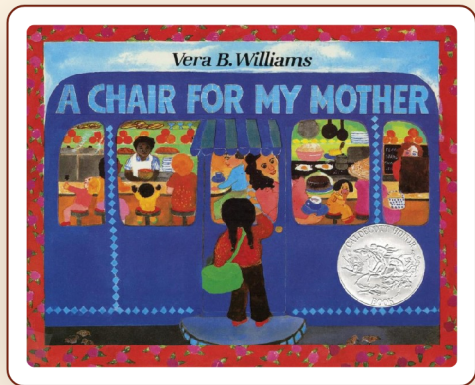
A Chair for My Mother

by Vera B. Williams

A gentle story about a little girl, her hardworking mother and her grandma, saving coins together for a comfortable new chair after losing their furniture in a fire.

What really stands out is the **community spirit** running through it — neighbours pitching in with furniture and support, and everyone pulling together to help the family get back on their feet.

It reminds us so much of what we love about Norman Street: looking out for one another, being kind, and knowing that we're stronger together. A warm, feel-good read to share at home.





SAFEGUARDING · LOCATION SHARING ON SMARTPHONES

PART 1 OF 3

WHAT ARE LOCATION SERVICES?

We know that at the start of a new year, many children will be walking to and from school on their own for the first time. The advice over the next few pages may help you navigate the world of smartphones, and how to help keep your child safe.

What are location services?

Android and Apple devices use a symbol to indicate when a device is actively calculating its current location. This most commonly uses **GPS** (global positioning system) to pinpoint the location of the device — and therefore its owner.

GPS uses satellites to provide location information to the receiver in the device. It doesn't require data or phone reception as it operates separately from these systems — however devices now often use a combination of GPS, internet and telephone systems to provide geolocation information, which can then be shared through a variety of services.

How is that information used?

Geolocation information is used in lots of different ways, by both a device's operating system and by other apps that may be installed.

Some services enable users to check into a specific location (for example on social media), others log movements in real time (mapping services and some games), and lots of services use a device's location to try to provide more relevant information.

For example, if you search the name of a chain of shops online, the browser may use geolocation to identify which branches are closest to you and show these at the top of the results.



SAFEGUARDING · LOCATION SHARING ON SMARTPHONES

PART 2 OF 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

What are the risks?

Some services allow users to share geolocation information with other people — friends, family, or even strangers. For adults and children alike, it's important to ask: **do I really want to broadcast this information to everyone?**

Logging in at home not only tells people when you are at home, but also tells people where your home is. The same rules apply for your friends' houses and school — if you wouldn't want to put yourself at risk by broadcasting your personal address, why would you do it to your friends?

For young people in particular, there are always risks with sharing a live location at a given time, especially if that information is visible to strangers.

Checking in regularly from the same locations can develop patterns, letting people build an accurate picture of someone's movements.

Is using location services ever okay?

Of course! Location services can be really useful, and some apps need location information to do their job. Weather apps, mapping apps and travel planners use your location to give you the most relevant, up-to-date information.

Sharing your location with close friends and family can also be useful — you may want to track your child's movements as they travel home from school to make sure they're safe, or two friends meeting up could share their live location to help find each other.

What settings are there to help?

There are two ways to manage who or what is accessing location information:

1 · At a device level

2 · Through individual apps



SAFEGUARDING · LOCATION SHARING ON SMARTPHONES

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD

PART 3 OF 3

What advice can I share with my child?

Discussing how to use the internet safely and positively with your child is always a great idea — and talking about location services is a great way to help your child protect their personal information.

Why not sit down together and look through the location settings on their device and in their apps, so they understand who can see where they are?

★ **Talk together, check the settings together** ★



Think before you share

Ask: do I really want everyone to know where I am right now?



Protect home, school & friends

Checking in from home or school shares those addresses too — yours and your friends'.



Close friends and family only

Never share a live location with strangers or people you only know online.



Check the settings regularly

Review both device-level and per-app permissions — apps can reset them after updates.



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We are always keen to hear your comments, suggestions and feedback. If you'd like to speak to a member of staff, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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