

# NC News

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Normand Croft Community School

## Attendance

The Department for Education has published changes to the law around attendance for schools in the UK.

Schools have been asked to consider fines for those who have more than 5 days of unauthorised absences.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, you can make an appointment with the school office.

Thank you to you all for your continuing to work with Normand Croft to build your child 's skills for life through ensuring they attend regularly.

We look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 4th September** and wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

## Thank You from Mr Jobson

Thank you all so much for all the kind words you have shared with me since I announced my retirement. It has been a real privilege to work with you all over the last seven years. There have been many challenges for us all but the children come to school every day ready to learn with happy smiles on their faces.

The children are the most important people in our school. They will continue to make Normand Croft a wonderful place to be. They will be helped by all the wonderful staff and, of course, all of you as they strive to be safe, kind and the best that they can be. As so many of you have said to me . . .

'You will always be a Croftie!'

Paul Jobson

## Thank You and Farewell

This year, we are saying farewell to class teachers Emma in Nursery, who is looking forward to spending time closer to home, Ms Burgess, who will be teaching in a new school in a neighbouring borough and Ms Nugent who is going to teach in Dubai! We wish you all the very best.

We are also saying good bye to Mr Casey who has worked with children across the school, especially helping them with English and Maths.

Good bye and thank you also to Olivia in Nursery, Ms Adams, Ms Okoli and Ms Tshiana in Primary for all your work supporting our children this year.

We wish Ms Balmer (Sarah in Nursery) a very well deserved break and a happy time as she will be starting her maternity leave from September.

Also, after 17 years at Normand Croft, we are saying a huge thank you and goodbye to Ms Hedley who has finally decided she needs to work closer to home and enjoy family life in Sussex.

Finally, we would like to thank the whole team at Normand Croft for all of their hard work this year in making our school such a wonderful place to be for our children and families.

## Unity Farm and Outdoor Learning

Our first parent gardening group has met to make a start on transforming the allotment beds that have not been cultivated this year. They have dug one bed and here they are planting beans, lettuce and onions in pots so we will see what has grown when we come back in September! A big thanks as ever to Annie our amazing volunteer who has promised to water them for us over the summer as well as our vegetable beds.



A lot of the wildflowers growing on the school site have gone to seed already such as poppies, oxeye daisies, honesty and calendula (pot marigold). Various members of our gardening and Eco clubs have worked hard to collect and package our seeds so that we have enough to give to all Year 6 children. We hope they will enjoy remembering the special environment here at Normand Croft. All of these flowers are great for pollinators and so we hope they will also be inspired to carry on gardening to support in biodiversity in the future.



## Award Winners

A huge thank you to Ms Martin and Annie for keeping our school gardens and chickens so healthy. We have been awarded the highest RHS gardening award, level 5 and achieved the Eco Schools Green Flag award with distinction!

**Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be.**  
**Early Years and Primary Learning**

Nursery children have been reading *What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday*. The children had lots of fun counting spots on ladybirds, and making their own ladybirds and crowns. We have been working hard to write our own names, and have been practising our throwing and catching skills outside too.

Class One were excited to learn more about Islam on RE day. They learnt about how often Muslims pray and how they pray, on a mat, with no shoes and after washing themselves. They were excited to see a copy of the Qu'ran and enjoyed looking at prayer mats.



In Class 2, we have finished our information text based on 'The Gambia' and we have now moved on to looking at poetry. We have been basing our poetry work on the poem called 'The Owl and The Pussycat' by Edward Lear. Furthermore, in maths this week we have been continuing our work on statistics where we have been learning how to draw and interpret pictograms.

Last Wednesday Class 5 visited Wimbledon Synagogue to learn about Judaism. We found out about the importance of a Synagogue to the Jewish community, looked at a Torah which was 180 years old and then learnt about how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat (the Jewish day of rest). The children asked some fantastic questions and really demonstrated our Normand Croft value of respect.

**Sports Days**

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 took part in various sporting events during the past week and a half. Thank you to all families who came to support either at school or at the Linford Christie Stadium in Shepherd's Bush.

Reception children very much enjoyed joining in with Years One and Two on Sports Day . Yesterday Mr Ekeh and Mr Ekeh presented bronze, silver and gold medals to KS2 winners and our new Sports Team Cup, which was presented to our overall winners, Blue Team.



**Diary Dates**  
**Our Shared Value**  
**Excellence**

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	3.30 – 4.30 Eco Club 11 – 11.45 Under 3's & Nursery AM Sports Day 2.00 – 3.15 Nursery Sports Day (All Day pupils)
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 Y6 Leavers' assembly Y6 Families Welcome  <b>We hope you all enjoy a very happy and healthy summer holiday.</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception, KS1 & KS2 Return
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>C5 Swimming</b>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>C4 Swimming</b>

**Bikes and Scooters**

All bikes and scooters need to be collected from the scooter park before school closes on 24th July 2024. Any items left behind will be disposed of and you will be unable to collect during the holidays or in September 2024.

Thank you