



As we draw to the close of another incredible term, we want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together. It has been a truly wonderful term, packed with enriching experiences, heartwarming moments, and countless reasons to feel proud of our pupils and school community.

This term, our pupils have explored, learned, and grown through a range of exciting trips and activities. Our visits to Hill End, Oxford Prison, and Wembley Stadium brought learning to life, offering hands-on experiences that have left lasting memories. These trips are a testament to the value of learning beyond the classroom, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm and curiosity our pupils brought to each opportunity. Our whole-school Christmas dinner was a truly magical event. It was heartwarming to see our pupils come together to share a festive meal, surrounded by joy, laughter, and a sense of togetherness. The dining hall was filled with holiday cheer, and this special day reminded us of the importance of community and celebration.

While we take this time to rest and recharge, we are already looking forward to an exciting term in January. With new trips, activities, and learning opportunities on the horizon, we are eager to continue supporting our pupils in reaching their full potential. As we wrap up this term, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our pupils, parents, carers, and staff for making Northern House Academy such a vibrant and supportive community. We are incredibly proud of all our students and the hard work, resilience, and positivity they have shown.

We wish you and your families a peaceful and joyous holiday season. Enjoy the well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another fantastic term. Best wishes, **Mr Stevens and Mrs Holmes**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th December

Celebration Assembly 10.00am & End of Term at 1.00pm

Monday 6th January 2025

Back to school!

Thursday 13th February 2025

End of term

Friday 14th February 2025

INSET DAY - school is closed to students

PANTO - OXFORD PLAYHOUSE

Students and staff had a wonderful time at Panto this year at the Oxford Playhouse. The production this year was *Sleeping Beauty* and all the children were exceptionally well behaved. What a wonderful way to celebrate the start to the festive season. Thank you to all involved in the trip and the Oxford Playhouse!

CHILDREN IN NEED

Our annual Children In Need event went with a real bang this year! Students and teachers had a fantastic time being little gladiators and wrestling in giant sumo balls!!! A huge thank you everyone, but particularly to Dali class again for transforming the hall and all the hard work that goes into making this the event of the year!

PHOTO PERMISSIONS AND CONSENT FORMS

A massive thank you to parents for completing photo permissions and trip consent forms. We have a huge amount of wonderful trips and special events coming up for our students to enjoy so if you still haven't managed to get your forms in, then please try to find the time ASAP so your child can participate and you can see on instagram [@nha_oxford](https://www.instagram.com/nha_oxford)



STAFF SPOTLIGHT MISS HINER - TEACHING ASSISTANT

WHAT DOES YOUR DAY LOOK LIKE?

MY DAYS START VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING WITH EITHER BEING WOKEN UP BY ONE OF MY CHILDREN OR OUR PUPPY. I COME TO WORK FOR A SLOWER PACED DAY - IF ONLY!! EVERY DAY IS VERY DIFFERENT AND CAN NEVER BE PREDICTED IN THE MORNING. I AM EITHER SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN IN MATISSE OR LEADING THE CLASS. BOTH I REALLY ENJOY DOING AND HAVE THEIR DIFFERENT CHALLENGES.

WHY DO YOU ENJOY WORKING AT NHA?

I REALLY ENJOY WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN. THEY HAVE SUCH GREAT PERSONALITIES AND REALLY LOOK OUT FOR THE ADULTS. THE TRUST THE CHILDREN BUILD WITH ME, I ALWAYS SEE AS A PRIVILEGE!

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS?

THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME FOR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS WITH BUSY FAMILY LIFE BUT TWICE A WEEK I DO KICKING BOXING WHICH I ALWAYS REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO!

STUDENT QUESTION, FROM KAI

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL?

THIS DEFINITELY DEPENDS ON WHAT MOOD I'M IN. IF I HAVE ENERGY I LOVE DOGS AND THE EXCITEMENT THEY ALWAYS SHOW. AFTER A DAY AT WORK, A CAT IS THE WAY FORWARD - I NEED THE QUIET AND RELAXED APPROACH TO LIFE THAT THEY HAVE!

HELPFUL LINKS - HOME LEARNING

****drum roll please**** with great excitement we are announcing the launch of 'Home Hub'. Each term a grid of home hub activities will be sent home for you and your child to enjoy together. For each activity completed your child could earn 5 house points for their house. All you have to do is send in a photo of the completed activity to the NHA Home Hub Email.

Home Hub is also a great place to share all the lovely achievements our NHA pupils complete at home or out of school. We love to see what our pupils get up to outside of school - every photo will earn 5 house points.

homehub@northernhouseacademy.co.uk



PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have joined us for HNA coffee mornings. Spending time with you during these gatherings has been a true joy and often the highlight of our week! These moments offer a wonderful opportunity to connect and share in the collective purpose of supporting our children's growth and success.

As we look forward to the next term, we are excited to continue these much needed moments together. Our first session back will be on the 10th, during the first week back, and know that you are always welcome to join us, whether you have come before, or not.

Thank you for your continued support and for playing such an important role in the Northern House Academy community. Together we are making a difference for our children. Please keep a look out for details on coffee mornings via Parentmail with important information such as special guests and topics.

READING CHALLENGE

We're excited to announce the Northern House Academy Christmas Reading Challenge! This festive initiative encourages students to engage in creative reading activities, from reading with a favourite toy to exploring books with a tasty treat, earning house points and prizes along the way. Share your child's progress by emailing photos to homehub@northernhouseacademy.co.uk