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of the Decisions we Make'**



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Welcome to our school.

On behalf of the governors, the pupils, the staff and the parents I would like to welcome you and your child to our school.

North Walney Primary, Nursery and Pre-School now caters for over 100 pupils from the age of 2 to 11 learning in our Pre-School and Nursery through to Year 6. The school was remodelled a few years ago and we are lucky to have a purpose built, safe and secure environment which not only supports learning but also supports the enjoyment of learning and exploring.

Our Nursery and Pre-School offer the flexibility to use Government funded hours as well as purchase extra hours for your child, including lunchtimes. As your child moves into the main school they will become a member of our Reception class before moving into Key Stage 1, where we have a mixed Year 1 and 2 class, and then into Key Stage 2, where we have a mixed Year 3 and 4 class and a mixed Year 5 and 6 class.

All classes have a teaching assistant who supports the Classteacher and our curriculum ensures that all children are taught at their own level and are extended and supported in their learning throughout their time with us. The school is developing it's own more creative curriculum, based on the National Curriculum guidance, which encourages children to become more active in their own learning and find out as much as they can—in all aspects of the curriculum.

Primary education is the most important part of a child's life as it is here that we set a child's thirst for knowledge on the right track—and by working closely together with parents and our pupils we ensure that all children achieve the potential we know they have the ability to achieve.

Together—we can provide creative learning and quality education which enables children to achieve their dreams.

Paul Slater, Headteacher



Creative Learning



Achieving Dreams



Children at the Heart...

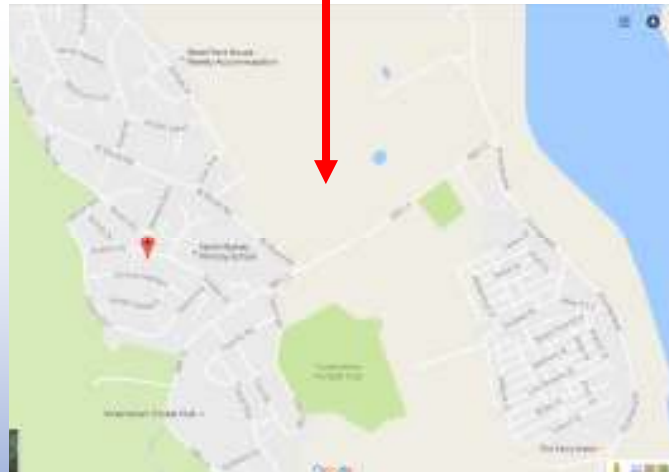


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North Walney!

How to find us



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Our Staff

Headteacher
Assistant Head

Pre-School Manager
Nursery and Reception teacher
Year 1 and 2 teachers

Year 3 and 4 teachers

Year 5 and 6 teacher
SENCo

School Administrator

Teaching Assistants

Breakfast Club

Welfare Assistant Team

Cook in Charge
Catering Assistant

Cleaning Team

- Mr Slater
- Miss Mountford
- Mrs Scott-McCullough
- Mrs Young
- Miss Mountford
- Mrs Hodgkiss
- Miss Usher
- Miss Joyce
- Miss Head
- Miss Mountford
- Mrs Malone
- Mrs Andrews
- Mrs Bland
- Mrs Bowers
- Mrs Ewing
- Miss Gilmour
- Mrs Kendall
- Mrs McMullan
- Mrs Price
- Mrs Robertson
- Mrs McMullan
- Miss Early
- Mrs Hambleton
- Mrs Ewing
- Miss Gilmour
- Mrs Hambleton
- Mrs Holywell
- Mrs Thornton
- Miss Early

A Healthy Mind and Body



School dinners are available on-site and produced by Cora and her team from Dolce. The menu follows guidance produced by the Local Authority and all meals are healthy, nutritious and balanced and are available to



all children from Nursery to Year 6. Meals can be booked on the day or in advance and cost £1.80 for Nursery children and £2.30 for all other year groups. These can be paid for using cash or cheque through the postbox in the main entrance to the school or by direct debit.

If your child may be entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant then please contact the School Office for a form. All infants are entitled to a free school meal.

Children may alternatively bring in a packed lunch in a clearly labelled unbreakable container. Please do not send fizzy drinks or sweets in packed lunches nor any glass items.



The school also provides free fruit to all infants and infants have the opportunity to have milk daily which can be organised online with Cool Milk.

The school works closely with the school nurse team, to ensure that the health and wellbeing of all children is being met and they can offer advice and support to all parents.

We would ask that any child who has had vomiting or diarrhoea does not come into school for at least 48 hours after the last incident. This will help us to prevent the spread of possible infection.

The majority of the school staff are trained first aiders and any injuries that are deemed as significant will be reported to parents at the earliest opportunity.

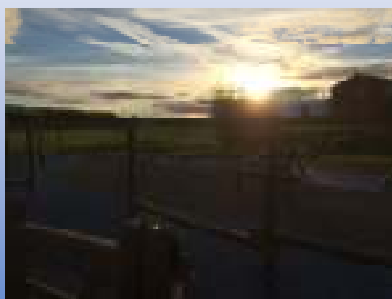
Our Governing Body

Our Governors play a very important role within the life of all who attend our school and ensure that the school runs smoothly and effectively so that all pupils can achieve their full potential. The Governing Body meets termly.

To contact any of our governors, please call the school office on 01229 471781.

Chair of Governors	- Mr A Brewerton
Vice Chair of Governors	- Mrs J Dickinson
Clerk to the Governors	- Mrs J Swarbrick
Governor Representatives	
Co-opted Governors	- Miss C Mountford
	- Mrs E Milligan
Local Authority Governor	-
Parent Governors	- Mrs E Birrell
	- Mrs V Bonner
Staff Governor	- Miss F Gilmour
Headteacher	- Mr P Slater

We are currently looking for new governors. If you have any skills which could help the school to continue on its journey forward then please do get in touch and find out more.



A Place of Learning - for all

North Walney School is an inclusive school which nurtures emotional and physical well-being and encourages a positive contribution by all our children. We encourage tolerance towards others and value the diversity of people on Walney Island and the wider world.

We believe in a positive partnership with parents to support and encourage children to achieve their potential and we communicate in a wide variety of ways so that parents, staff, pupils and governors all remain fully engaged in all that the school provides.

North Walney provides a stimulating environment which, together with high expectations in learning and behaviour, provides a learning space which meets the needs of all children and all learners; developing independence through excellence and enjoyment.

As North Walney continues to develop, its core values of friendship, support, guidance and quality learning remain central to its mission—making our school a school to be proud of.



We are an equal opportunity school and ensure that all activities are available to all children irrespective of additional needs, race, colour or gender. We want all children to make a full and worthwhile contribution to life within the community of Walney Island and Barrow.

In order to provide a place of quality learning for everyone we expect children to behave at all times and have a clear Behaviour Policy in place which supports praise and makes clear the sanctions that may be put in place should behaviour not be as expected.

Should you wish to discuss particular needs for your child, then please do not hesitate to contact the school's SENCO, Miss Mountford.

Our School Day

Pre-School and Nursery

Our morning CORE session runs from 8:45am to 11:45am

Our afternoon CORE session runs from 12:15 to 3:15pm

Lunchtimes are from 11:45am-12:15pm

Nursery children can attend morning and lunchtimes and pay for wraparound care.

Nursery and Reception

School begins at - 8:45am for Reception

Morning session - 8:45am to 11:45am

Children have a rolling snack which is taken during the morning

Lunchtime - 11:45 to 12:45pm

Afternoon session - 12:15 start for Nursery, 12:45 for Reception

School finishes - 3:15pm

Years 1-6 (as of September 2016)

School begins at - 8:45am for Registration

Assembly - 9:00am

Session 1 - 9:15am to 10:30am

Playtime - 10:30am to 10:45am

Session 2 - 10:45am to 12:00

Lunchtime - 12:00 to 12:45pm

Guided Reading - 12:45pm to 1:05pm

Session 3 - 1:05pm to 2:00pm

Playtime - 2:00pm to 2:10pm

Session 4 - 2:10pm to 3:15pm

Assemblies are based on our Values Scheme and the SEAL (Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning) themes and may be based on religious stories or texts. For full details please see the school website where you will also find examples of recent assemblies.

Safeguarding

As a school we take the safeguarding of children very seriously and therefore all adults within school have been submitted for a check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (used to be called Criminal Records Bureau—CRB).

The school has 2 Designated members of staff who have been trained on Child Protection procedures and these are:

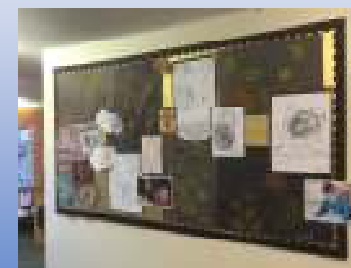
Miss Mountford

Mr Slater

All other staff and governors receive training on Safeguarding every 3 years and the school works closely with all other services including Social Services, Health and the Police, to ensure that children are protected and safeguarded at all times within school.

Should any concerns be raised the school will make contact with families and a meeting may be called to discuss these concerns. This may be called a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting.

We want to work with all families to ensure that children are kept safe and secure at all times so that they can blossom within school and achieve their true potential as learners.



School Uniform

All children should come to school clean and presentable in appearance. We encourage the children to wear the school uniform because it helps create the feeling of belonging to, and pride of, North Walney School.

Mrs Malone in the school office has the following items of School Uniform available in the school office:

Caps with school logo - £2

Book bags with logo - £5

Reversible waterproof coat/fleece with logo/hood, age 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 - £7

Sweatshirts with logo age 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 - £9.50

White polo shirt with logo age 4-5 - £3



What OFSTED said...

Our school was last inspected in June 2013 and here are the headlines of what the inspectors found:

- √ Pupils thrive in this happy and welcoming school. The supportive atmosphere helps them grow in confidence and feel safe.
- √ Achievement is good. Pupils make good progress in reading, writing and mathematics. Reading is a particular strength as is work in art, design and music.
- √ Teaching is good and there is some that is outstanding. There are many interesting lessons which pupils enjoy. They are involved with exciting topics that capture their imagination.
- √ Pupils' behaviour is good. They are keen to learn and work well together.
- √ Governance is good, ensuring that the Headteacher and staff are held to account.
- √ Parents have confidence in leaders and teachers. They report that their children are happy, feel safe and enjoy school

What the school needed to do to improve further:

1. Ensure that even more teaching is outstanding by providing further guidance to pupils on how to further improve their work
2. Standards in mathematics and ICT are not as high as English by the end of Year 6



What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

What is PPG?

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is additional funding given to schools to help pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds make greater progress and achieve higher attainment.

The funding is based on children registered for free school meals, which is why it is still really important for parents who are entitled to benefits or government subsidies to register for PPG with the local Area Education Office on 01228 606060. All you need to do is give them your name, date of birth and National Insurance number and they should be able to tell you straight away whether there is further funding for the school to support your child. If you'd rather complete a form in school, then pop into the school office and speak to one of the staff who will be only too willing to help.

This funding can mean that the school gets a further £1300 per child registered for PPG, which is used in a variety of ways (detailed on the school website) including supporting families who wish their children to take part in school trips and events (e.g. the PPG money is used to partly fund the residential trips for children entitled to PPG funding).

How much does the school receive?

So...if you think you might be entitled to claim this funding for your child and for the school, please make sure you ring the Education Office on 01228 606060 without delay! No phone call, no funding, no support in school.

All Infant children are now entitled to receive a free school meal—the PPG funding is not part of this so please make the call anyway.

Admissions Policy

As a school we follow the Local Authority policy for admissions. If you wish to visit the school at any time then please contact the school office on 01229 471781 or email office@northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk

Our published admission number is 23 for 2016.

For main school, we have one entry point during each year which is September. For Pre-School and Nursery we have entry points usually at the beginning of each term, but if you come into school to discuss your needs we will try and accommodate them as soon as we can.

For Pre-School:

A child must be 2 years old prior to the term they start with us in Nursery.

For Nursery:

A child must be 3 years old prior to the term they start with us in Nursery. Full details about starting at Pre-School and Nursery can be requested from the school office.

For Reception:

If a child's birthday falls between 1st September of the current year and the 31st August of the next year then they will be admitted to school in September of this year.

Parents/carers will be asked to express a preference for a school in consultation with the published Local Authority admission document. Full details will be in the published guidance issued in the Autumn term.

For further details of admissions please contact the school office in the first place, or contact the Local Authority office on 01228 221582.

Care, Welfare and Attendance

North Walney is a very caring school and the children's care and welfare is our top priority—if the children do not feel happy and safe in school then they will not learn.

We therefore work very closely with all parents and also provide support for families with issues which may be affecting their child's education. All staff are available before and after school to meet with parents should the need arise and communication between the school and home is strong.

If, at any time you have concerns about school, about your child or about anything that may be affecting your child's education, please do not hesitate to come and discuss this with school. By working together we can make a difference and support families as best as possible.

Part of this support is centred around making sure children are in school on time and every day. We appreciate that children are ill on occasion but we want children to be in school as much as possible and certainly to be punctual every day. Every minute lost in your child's education means that they have missed part of their learning and this could mean that they will fall behind their peers. Please make sure your child is in school and is on time—every day.

If your child is absent for any reason, then please notify the school office as soon possible on 01229 471781.



All significant absences are followed up termly by Mr Slater and Miss Mountford and letters are issued reminding parents of the importance of ensuring their child is in school.

Holidays within term time will now be counted as unauthorised, following the latest guidelines issued by the Local Authority.

Our Curriculum

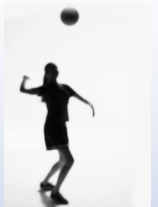
We believe that children learn better if the curriculum encourages creativity, investigation and exploration of all subjects. Therefore over the coming year we are re-developing our school curriculum to ensure that the children are immersed in their learning and have opportunities to explore all aspects of learning in a safe and supportive environment.



In the Pre-School, Nursery and Reception classes, this approach is centred around the Early Years Framework 2012 which covers 7 aspects of learning: Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal, Social, Emotional Development; Mathematics; Literacy; Understanding the World; and Expressive Arts and Design.

Through Years 1 and 2 the children will experience all subjects of the National Curriculum and these will be taught mainly through topics so that children can transfer skills learnt within particular subjects to other lessons.

As the children enter the juniors they then will start their journey through a greater depth of learning in all subjects. All subjects are taught and experiences are provided to extend learning outside the classroom through visits to other places and visitors coming into school.



Our curriculum is available for all children to enjoy and achieve in . If you can help with any aspect of the school curriculum or would like to help in school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Details of our curriculum for all year groups can be found on the school website.



