



## Notes from the Headteacher's Study



### Summer has arrived!

I know we say this most years, but this year has gone way too fast. As we reached the final few weeks everyone felt July had crept upon us. I am very pleased to say that we can once more upload our Newsletters and send them out to you. I apologise for the lack of formal Newsletters, but we had no efficient way of distributing them. We sent letters, vox and SeeSaw messages, but going forward, the Newsletter is back!

I want to dedicate this final Newsletter of 2025/26 to the most wonderful cohort of children; our Year 6. This cohort has brought so much joy to Northway and King's Northway through their energy, personality, sense of humour, love of performing arts and sheer hard work.

They have achieved SATs results that met or outshone their calculated 'potential' and should be more than proud of the progress each individual child made. I am so proud of them.

More than that, they have been the ambassadors and heroes that I asked them to be back in September. They have **lived our Values for Victory** each day and led the way for others in school. At Dearne Valley we were proudly told this group were the politest group they had worked with. Amazing!

I dislike the last week of the year because I never like saying goodbye to children such as these. Despite this, I am a firm believer in the proverb: There is a time for everything, and everything has its time. This means that new chapters start, with an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth. **Year 6 are ready for their next chapter building on everything they have achieved already.**

Memories have been made and friendships secured. As they move on to Year 7, we say to our children:

Your time at King's Northway has come to an end, but a whole world of opportunity is waiting for you around the corner. Thank you for being **amazing! Don't stop believing!**

Once King's Northway ... always King's Northway. **Always be yourself, keep shining** and keep King's Northway and our **Respect Values for Victory** in your heart.

Trust / Courage / Compassion / Forgiveness /  
Perseverance / Hope

I wish each pupil, member of staff and member of our family the most fantastic summer, before we gather once more in September for another exciting year!

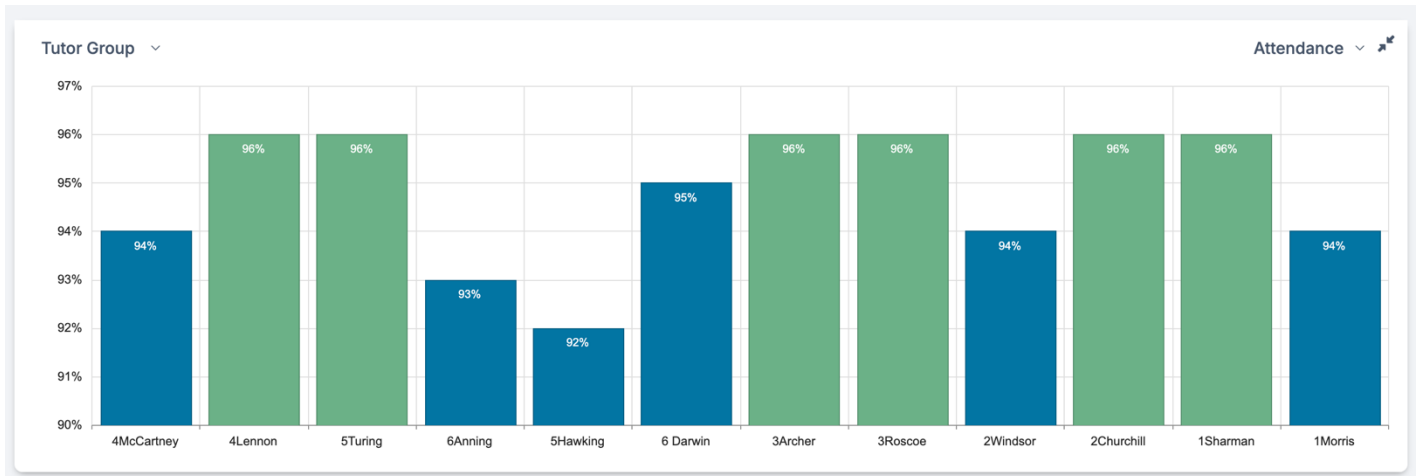
Mr Hargreaves  
HEADTEACHER / PRINCIPAL



## Attendance this year

Thank you for your amazing effort in keeping our attendance high this year. We unfortunately did not reach our target of 95% as a whole, but literally only by just a whisker! I have included a graph to show each class attendance so you can appreciate the hard work our child has put in.

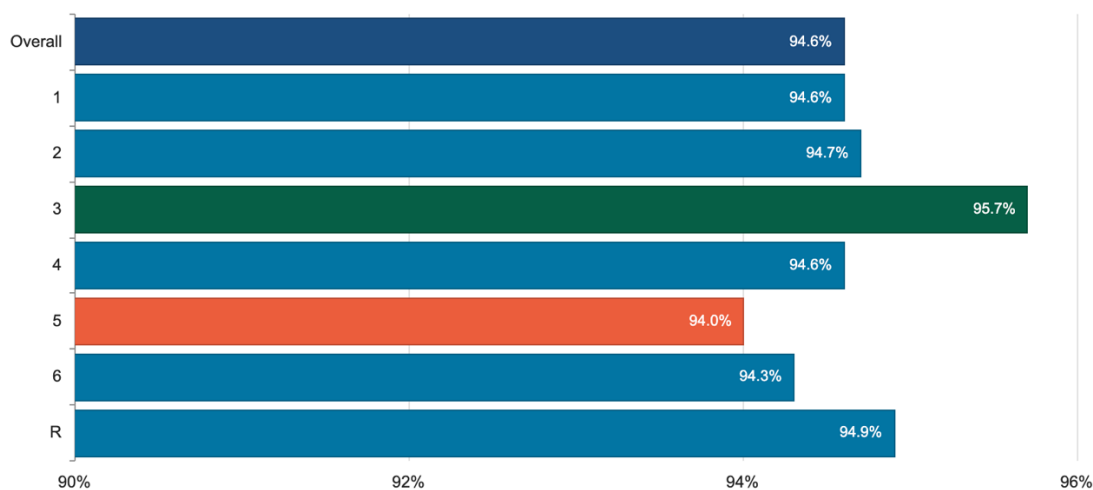
As a School we strive each year to reach 97% Attendance, being very happy with 95%+.



Well done **4Lennon**, **5Turing**, **3Archer**, **3Roscoe**, **2Churchill** and **1Sharman** who reached an amazing **96%** this year.

Who is the most successful Year Group for Attendance? It is... **Year 3!**

### Overall



## Who attends the most?

Thank you, girls, for that extra 0.7%! So close though!

### Groups



## Mary Poppins... practically perfect in every supercalifragilisticexpialidocious way!

Thank you everyone who came to support Mary Poppins and to everyone who contributed to make it happen. I spoke at each performance, explaining that each year we like to raise the bar and add even more endeavour or ambition to our performing arts. Miss Galvin, Mrs McNicholas and I were so proud of the actors and the dancers who showed so much stagecraft and sparkle! Thank you!

I want to thank Waterloo and Crosby Theatre Company and Cardinal Heenan Performing Arts for assisting with our props and staging sets. The amazing St Pauls, I was told, was painted by a student at the school ... fantastic work!

This year we had a core cast playing the roles of Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael, Mr and Mrs Banks, Suffragettes, Cook, Housekeeper, Nannies, Chimney Sweeps, Jockeys, Bankers and the Bird Man; all alongside dancers that included every child from Year 1 to Year 6. Familiar songs were used from the film and the stage show. It was fun incorporating our own AV to achieve the 'jumping into the chalk painting' and drawing Mary Poppins shadow.



It was lovely to be joined by the Principal of King's Leadership Wavertree, Michael Scott (Director of Education) and Steph Hutchinson (MarComs), all who came to support our children.

**Plans are already underway for our Performance of 2025/26. It is going to be epic!**

## Staff news...

The summer term is always sad when we have to say goodbye to staff who have worked with us for the year on Fixed Term Contracts or who have applied to begin a new chapter in their career.

### Miss Kilmore

Miss Kilmore has been at Northway and King's Northway for many years. Living on the Wirral, she had secured herself a post nearer her house and family. This means the commute time will be reduced which has to be a blessing for her! We wish Miss Kilmore, one of our Maths and Grammar Intervention gurus every success as she moves on into her new position. She will be greatly missed.

### Miss Skarratts

Miss Skarratts came to work with us in the Autumn term to cover Mrs Johnson's 5<sup>th</sup> day. Very quickly she transitioned into Year 5 and took up the position as 5Hawking's Teacher until the summer of 25. Miss Skarratts has been a great colleague to work with and to mentor and I hope it is not the last we see of her at KNPA.

### Ms McCombs

Ms McCombs joined KNPA for a year to cover a maternity leave. Whist with us, she had co-led PE and also organised some amazing trips to the World Gymnastics and Calderstones Park. Ms McCombs will take up a teaching position in another school in September. Thank you for working with us!

And finally...

In September we will be joined by **Ms Kehoe** who will be teaching 3Archer. Ms Kehoe brings a wealth of experience and has already made lots of connections with 2Windsor. I look forward to welcoming her into the KNPA family on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

	Current Class	Moving to	With	
EYFS	N1 Ladybird	N1 Ladybird	Miss Messham (MAT) Miss Blaggen MAT cover	Mrs Sudbury
	N2 Ladybird	N2 Ladybird		
	N2 Ladybird or another setting	RGruffalo	Miss McLachlan	Mr Lewinski
		RStickman	Miss Rimmer	Miss Bailey
	RGruff RStick	1Sharman	Miss Britteon	Miss Forsythe
	1Sharman	2Churchill	Mr Bayliss	TBC
LwrKS2	1Morris	2Windsor	Miss Bell	Mrs Hayes
	2Churchill	3Archer	Mrs McNicholas	Mr Dougherty
	2Windsor	3Roscoe	Ms Kehoe	Mr Poole
	3Archer	4Lennon	Miss Wood	Mr Owens
UprKS2	3Roscoe	4McCartney	Mr Taylor	Mr Dooley
	4McCartney	5Hawking	Miss Aliski	Mrs Lea
	4Lennon	5Turing	Mr Deane	Miss Byrne
	5Hawking	6Anning	Miss Flood	Ms Reynolds
	5Turing	6Darwin	Miss Galvin	Mr Hoey Mrs Hogan



# King's Northway Primary Academy – Term Dates

(No changes to the original published)



## Autumn Term

INSET for Staff: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

**Autumn 1:** Children start: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**Autumn 2:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

## Spring Term

**Spring 1:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Half Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Spring 2:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Summer Term

**Summer 1:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

(Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> are INSET Days)

Half Term: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Summer 2:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

(Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Twilight hours)



190 Days and 5 days INSET (some as Twilights)

## Principal's / Headteacher's Headlines

### SUMMER TERM HEADLINES

This term has been filled with enrichment, experience and resilience; creating exciting opportunities for our pupils, their parents / carers and our staff.

#### SATs

May saw our Year 6 pupils complete their SATs in true 'Values for Victory' style. At KNPA, our children learn that being victorious starts with a positive, courageous attitude. During SATs week, we remind them to '**look inside themselves and see a hero is born**'. SATs are not just assessments, but showcases, celebrating all the learning and knowledge they have developed over seven fruitful years.

Each child was a hero, demonstrating not only **courage** and **perseverance** but **hope** for their future. We are incredibly proud of them.

This year our pupils achieved SATS to be proud of. We have increased our outcomes once again showing the impact of our curriculum and teaching for learning. The two scores show the change after potential re-mark requests. Data will be validated and sanitised in the Autumn term. This is provisional data.

Comparison	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	EXS	GD	EXS	GD	EXS	GD
2024	67%	19%	71%	15%	81%	35%%
2025	<b>79%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>32%</b>
	<b>83%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>25%%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>34%%</b>

**Pot**

**Increase   Increase   Increase   Increase   Increase   Increase**

National	Reading	Writing	Maths
	75%	72%	74%

We are **above** National and very proud.

#### Mrs McNeil

Mrs McNeil will be beginning her long deserved Maternity Leave on Friday, as her baby is due in the summer holidays. Mrs McNeil has soldiered on in the way only she can, and we are so proud of her!

In light of this in September, to cover various roles, Mr Newton will continue as AP for Inclusion, Mrs Dang AP for Learners Who Need More and Miss McLachlan AP for Quality Of Education. Mrs McNeil will return as VP / DHT once she returns from Maternity Leave.

## Y6 Hoodies and Sleeping under the stars

At the end of SATs week, we presented the children with their 'Y6 Class of 25 Hoodies' and then captured the moment in a Y6 picture, complete with confetti cannons. This marked the achievement and milestone in their journey.

The following week, we headed to Dearne Valley in Doncaster for a three day residential. We love a residential, but the Class of 25 were exemplary in their attitude – true Value for Victory Ambassadors. 📸 Check out the photos on Instagram: [@northway\\_primary](#). #AllValued

## Reception Graduation

On Tuesday Reception used their performance skills and showcased their learning in front of their parents. Following this, each child received their Certificate and Trophy. They were wonderful! Mrs Field and Mrs Bailey had the children so prepared and ready to **shine**! Thank you.

## Great Schools Trust Video - Blinded By Your Grace

Some of our pupils had the greatest honour to spend the day at King's Leadership Academy Liverpool on Tuesday. Following Reception Graduation, 14 pupils, Mrs McNicholas and Mr Hargreaves met a whole host of Pupils from KLAL and 4 others from King's Leadership Academy Warrington. Together we sang, moved and spoke to create our part of what looks to be an epic video. The performer Stormzy has given Great Schools Trust permission to use his composition: Blinded By Your Grace as the musical backdrop to the video. Working with a Director, Camera, Sound and Technicians was a real-life professional experience. The children were superb, and the students of King's Liverpool **were exceptional** in the way they looked after our children. We described it as visiting your extended family.

The video will be published for September. I will let you know when you can enjoy it.



## **SEMH**

Mr Owens has been working hard this year completing many courses relating to SEMH, including Bobby Image and Eating Disorders. Most recently he has completed his ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training with the Educational Psychology Team. This enables him to work with children on ELSA projects and impact the SEMH of our school family. This links with his Drawing and Talking and Lego Therapies. **#AllValued**

## **SEND**

Mrs McNicholas has almost completed a full term of her SENDCo Training to assist Mrs Dang and the team. Mr Deane will also be beginning his SENDCo training to add further capacity for 2025/26. **#AllLearner #AllValued**

## **Pioneering Projects**

One of my favourite parts of the year is our **Pioneering Projects Celebration Event**. Staff selected an area from our Development Plan or School Charter to develop as their personal Pioneering Project. We have Kaizen Leadership at KNPA and this directly feeds into it. Mark Burns and I heard presentations from every member of the Team, Teachers, TAs, 1:1s and Senior Leads, showing the impact of their projects. Next year we will be in our 4<sup>th</sup> cycle, and we will be looking at Plus 1 Kaizen Lesson Study. **#AllLearner #AllAchieving**

## **Writing competition winners**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, it was an honour to accompany Reeve and Andrew from Year 3 to read their Tree Poems by the Allerton Oak in Calderstones Park. They won a writing competition and will be published authors in a new anthology. Well done – amazing work.

## **Chinese visitors**

Through our partnership with Jenny and Tracy, KNPA proudly welcomes pupil from China either on short term placements or as a whole cohort. During the last week of term, we welcomed two pupils who wanted to experience English education before returning home to China into Year 2 and Year 6. They enjoyed their week with us and Mary Poppins final preparations!

## **Sports Day**

What an event! We our three planned Sports Days, only having to postpone one! Sports Day at KNPA is fully inclusive, where children compete in mixed aged teams to earn points for their Houses. There is a healthy level of competition and skill, with activities designed to showcase athleticism and agility. Children earn points for their Houses, as individuals and from Value for Victory recognition, showing leadership and character.



## Fieldtrips and end of year trips

Reception and Nursery visited Farmer Ted's, Year 1 and Year 2 Knowsley Safari Park, Year 3 Story Barn, Year 4 'Woodland Warriors' and Year 5 and Year 6 Liverpool Water Sports. Year 5 and Year 6 said it was the best School trip they had ever been on! How amazing was that! End of year trips build enrichment into the curriculum but are also designed for celebration and fun!

## Moel Famau

As part of our transition to Year 6, we took Year 5 to Moel Famau to spend time with their new teachers, Miss Galvin and Miss Flood. It was a fantastic opportunity to interact and for the children to show leadership, character and Values for Victory in action.

Climbing Moel Famau requires trust, courage, perseverance, compassion and the hope of a McDonalds at the end! That challenge gave opportunity to live five of our Values and work on three Adventure Pledges.

The climb was fantastic ... and the wind on top of Moel Famau was something we had never experienced before! We didn't take individual photographs as planned on the Jubilee Tower as it really was too windy.

We look forward to repeating this challenge with Year 4 during September when they progress to Year 5. Thank you, King's Adventure Team Tom and Danny who assisted on this expedition.

## Football Champions

'This girl can'... and our girls did! Not only did our newly formed squad consist of Y4 and Y6, playing against well-established Y6 teams at the LFC Kirkby training Academy, we reached the final of the LFC Foundation Cup.

The final was a great match, tense and full of teamwork and determination. The result was a KNPA celebration and a well-deserved McFlurry!

Proud does not sum up the feeling Miss Galvin and I had.



## Four generations of Northway meet at KNPA

In June we welcomed more special guests - it was the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of a former Northway pupil. To celebrate, her family arranged a surprise return to her former school with her children, siblings, grandchildren and her great grandchild who is still a pupil of KNPA. The family enjoyed looking through our historical pupil logbooks to find their names. It was a real joy to make this multi-generational event happen.

## American students and professors from Hope College Michigan



We love professional development as much as sharing our Vision and Values at King's Northway. This year we had the honour of hosting American trainee teachers and their Education Professors once again. After spending the morning learning about English Education and our pedagogical approach, they spent two weeks with us, team teaching and developing their skills. Their enthusiasm brought an infectious, trans-Atlantic

energy to school, creating special memories as well learning from each other.

**Professor Dr Deborah Vriend Van Duinen** wrote:

*"For nearly 20 years, teacher trainees from Hope College (Holland, Michigan) have spent their June term immersed in British classrooms through a longstanding partnership with King's Northway Primary Academy in Liverpool, England. This cross-cultural experience provides them with the opportunity to learn firsthand about the British education system, engage with British culture, and, most importantly, observe and participate in high-quality teaching and learning. Many alumni of our program describe their June term experience as a defining moment in their personal and professional development."*

*Over the years, we continue to be inspired by the warm and welcoming environment at King's Northway, the thoughtful and engaging instruction taking place in classrooms, and the ways the Values for Victory are lived out across the school. We remain especially grateful for Mr. Hargraves' leadership, vision, and sense of humour. As a professor in the Hope College Education Department, I am deeply grateful for the continued hospitality, generosity, and collaboration with the King's Northway community and look forward to many more years of shared learning and partnership."*

What an amazing summer term! There really is no place like KNPA!

## Principal's / Headteacher's Headlines

Reminder of the Spring Term

### SPRING TERM

#### Barnstondale

Year 5 were very excited to visit Barnstondale for their Residential trip, where they tackled individual and team challenges, showing **courage**, **trust** and **perseverance**. For many, it was their first time away from home on their own, so it was an even bigger moment. Nestled in the Wirral countryside, Barnstondale provided the perfect setting, and the weather was very kind too. From High ropes to Nightline, Climbing, Shooting, and lots more, we made precious memories, together. 📸 Check out the photos on Instagram: [@northway\\_primary](#). #AllValued

#### We became King's Northway Primary Academy

1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 was the day we began a brand new chapter in the life of our school and community. Our new logo represents who we are as a school and seeing it worn by the children was a proud moment. We live by our Values for Victory and now wear a symbol of our School with pride.



#### SEMH

Brighter Days Ahead continued to work at KNPA twice a week, offering top up therapies and counselling to some of our children. Mrs Cawley and Mrs Jones also hosted our first SEMH (Social, Emotional & Mental Health) Wellbeing Breakfast Workshop for families—an encouraging start to a new initiative. #AllValued.



## Pioneering Projects

At KNPA, each year we collaborate with educational author and speaker Mark Burns, to refine our pedagogy and Teaching Sequence. Staff gather and share evidence of the impact of their training with colleagues at the end of the year. This is always a highlight exemplifying our kaizen approach.

This year, each staff member is leading a **Pioneering Project** linked to our School Development Plan, recognising that we are **#AllLearners**—working together to ensure every pupil can **#Achieve #Always**. In March, Mark also delivered a powerful session on giving ‘difficult feedback’ with care and collegiality.

## Class Assemblies

Almost every class has invited parents into school to lead their own Assembly already this year. Each class plans and performs their own Collective Worship linked to the time of year or the Value for Victory that we are exploring that half term. 1Sharman, 3Roscoe, 3Archer, 4Lennon and 4McCartney have all completed theirs this half term.

## Cross Country

Our Cross Country Team have competed in each Liverpool Primary Cross Country race this year and last week entered the City Championships. I love attending the Cross Country, because not only are **courage** and **perseverance** on show, **friendship**, and **teamwork** are demonstrated everywhere you look. I am so proud of every runner, always working to beat their personal best and especially proud of India-Rose who came 6<sup>th</sup> and Liam 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City Championships. **#AllValued**

## Science

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we concluded science week with a ‘Rocket’ launch competition. Mr Taylor was in his element being ‘master of science’, facilitating children from Reception to Year 6 take part and demonstrate their knowledge.

## Gratitude, Lent, Ramadan and Inter-Faith Week

At King’s Northway we love to celebrate the faith and culture of the families that make up our school family. Lent is a time each year we think about how to detox and make better decisions for ourselves but also how we can make a difference to others. This followed a half term thinking about ‘thankfulness’ and developing an ‘attitude of gratitude’. Ramadan began shortly after Lent, and we used this opportunity for Muslim children who chose to fast to share their experiences with others. The last week of term will culminate with Inter-Faith week, where knowledge from major world religions will be celebrated and parents invited into school to participate in our learning.

## Paddle Ball

Mr Owens organised for some of our children to give ‘Paddle Ball’ a go! This is a fairly new sport and we were fortunate to have two free training sessions in Aigburth. Children loved the experience and have been invited to go and train.



## World Book Day

Wow! World Book Day is always an exciting day at KNPA. Seeing the whole school dressed as a book character was amazing and especially the way some children and teachers planned their costume with friends and colleagues and were 'themed'. We had 4Mc lead Assembly in the morning and the day ended with a Parents In The Classroom Big Read, where over 150 parents joined their children. We **love** reading! Thank you Miss Galvin for organising our day.

## Gymnastics

Ms McCombs took a group of Gymnasts to an Inter-School Competition at the beginning of March. They were outstanding! Their skills and attitude shone throughout the morning. Resting from competition, we were fortunate to have 70 tickets to watch the Opening Ceremony and Day 1 events of the Artistic Gymnastics British Championship on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025. KNPA were commended on their behaviour and enthusiasm and for this, two gymnasts came for a photoshoot with their medals and our children. Victorious Attitude rewarded. Thank you, Miss McCombs, Mrs McNicholas and Mr Hoey.

## Mary Poppins Auditions

Auditions are underway for Mary Poppins our whole-Academy Production for 2025. I cannot wait for this, building on our previous success of Matilda, Lion King and Wizard of Oz/Wicked. Alongside performance skills, children will also explore historical themes such as the **Suffragette movement**.

## And finally...

At King's Northway we love finding ways to deepen the knowledge of our children so they can achieve academically but equally endeavour to build character and personal development. Through enrichment, values, and a spirit of togetherness, we aim to ensure every pupil feels **valued**, and understands their **route to victory**—in school and in life.

Values for Victory: **together**.

Mr Hargreaves