



HOUSE CHAMPIONS – 2024/2025

Norton House is named in **honour** of the highly successful local author, Mary Norton. She was one of the few well-known female authors of her time, best celebrated for *The Borrowers* and the books adapted by Walt Disney into the film *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*.

As a child, Mary moved to Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and used her home, Cedar's House, as the basis for the setting of *The Borrowers*. Her work and success embody the spirit of **Excellence** we champion in the House.

"We are what we repeatedly do. **Excellence**, then, is not an act, but a habit." (Aristotle)

In essence, doing a positive thing once is amazing, but when you make that positive act a **habit**, that is when you truly demonstrate Excellence.

Our House Identity and Aims

Our core aim is to offer a deeply **inclusive** set of events that foster a strong sense of **unity, camaraderie, and belonging** among all our students.

Our signature colour is **blue**, and you will see our logo displayed proudly around the school alongside those of the other three Houses.

A Word from the Head of House

My name is **Mr Bracey**, and I am Head of Norton House. This will be my second year leading Norton, and if it is anything like the first, it will end in **VICTORY!**

Last year, we achieved our first ever victory in the House Cup. I was incredibly proud of every student who participated in the competitions that contributed to our success.

Competing for the House Trophy

Each year, we compete vigorously for the House Trophy. Students earn points for Norton House in two key ways:

1. **Demonstrating** our core **VOICE** values: **V**itality, **O**ppportunity, **I**ndependence, **C**ommunity, and **E**xcellence.
2. **Competing** in the many exciting and varied House competitions run throughout the year.

Our competitions cover a wide spectrum—from **Christmas Tree decorations, Sport's Day and Bloomfield's Got Talent**. At the end of each week, we publish the running total of House points and the latest competition results, creating a real incentive for students to boost our position.

Our Charity and Leadership

A core part of the Robert Bloomfield House system is for each House to run events to raise money for a chosen charity. This year, all four houses will be donating to the same two charities – 'Caraline Charity' and the 'Ronald McDonald House Charity'. This is in honour of our former headteacher – Mr Steve Fox, who unfortunately, died earlier this year. These two very special charities are very close to the families' hearts, so we hope to raise as much money as possible in Mr Fox's memory.

We are also proud to introduce our wonderful new student leadership team:

- **House Captains:** Lilly and Theo
- **Deputy House Captains:** Savannah and Leo

Their crucial role is to act as the student voice for our House, ensuring all members are making the most of the opportunities provided and enjoying their experience.

Get Involved!

Hopefully, this has given you a great insight into our fantastic House.

To find out more about our activities, see photos of students and staff competing, and add your own comments, please follow us on Twitter: **@RBA_Norton**.

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