

November 17th 2023

## Headteacher's News

I would like to say a massive thank you to last year's PTA who have raised over £18,000 for the pupils and the school. This is an amazing amount of money which has been used to support so many different activities and resources for the children, these included paying the artists to help the children produce the amazing art work in the entrance hall and new books for classes.

I would also like to thank you to all of those people who have donated on the [Go Fund Me page](#). So far we have raised a fantastic £5,365 against our target of £10K. With your incredible generosity and support, we are raising money for a multi-sensory room, sensory walk within the school and the SEND dept. The room itself will be a multi-purpose area, used to help many children across the school including those who are neurodiverse. It will also be a central base for our new pastoral lead to work with small groups or individuals on such things as developing social and emotional skills. Any child will be able to use this calming space when needed. A sensory walkway will help children to regulate their sensory systems, improve their motor skills, as well as prepare their bodies and minds for learning.

The PTA have also received a further significant donation from a local business to help towards our multi-sensory project.

We look forward to welcoming our new pastoral lead, Mrs Rogers on Monday. She is very excited about getting to know the children..

Hope you have a fantastic weekend.

## Enriching the Curriculum

Today was the final of the [House Geography Quiz](#). The top scoring pupils from each class competed and the winners for KS1 were the Saxons and

KS2 the Normans. We were very impressed with the children's geographical knowledge! Well done everyone!

'On Monday, Year 6 went to the war memorial in town to remember the brave people of Bishops Stortford who fought for England in WW1

and WW2. We all had little booklets so that we could log information and write it up in our topic books. We all had a good time and it was nice to remember the war hero's and show our respect'. By Penelope Class 11

This week [Nursery](#) walked up to the forest area. In forest school, the children looked for shapes in the environment and then created their own shapes using natural resources. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and this simple activity gave us an opportunity to talk about various shapes and focus on what makes each shape unique.



## Important Dates

Mon 20th Nov  
**Tues 21st Nov**  
Fri 24th Nov  
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28th—29th Nov  
**Fri 1st Dec**  
**Fri 8th Dec**

Mon 11th Dec

Tues 12th Dec

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Wed 13th Dec  
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**Fri 15th Dec**  
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Mon 18th Dec  
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Tues 19th Dec  
**Tues 19th Dec**

Fri 12th Jan  
Fri 26th Jan  
Wed 31st Jan  
Mon 4th Mar  
Fri 22nd March  
Fri 10th May  
13th—16th May  
Mon 20th May  
Mon 24th May  
Mon 3rd June  
3rd—7th June  
Mon 10th June  
Fri 14th June  
Fri 21st June

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1pm Nursery visit from the Police  
**Reception—Year 6 Flu immunisations.**  
9am Nursery visit from the Police  
Year 5 Stortford Fields trip  
Dogs Trust in School  
**Year 3 Geography Field Trip, (Walk to Waitrose).**  
**Stepping Stones Christmas coffee morning**  
**9.00am—10.00am**  
2.45pm Nursery Christmas concert (details to follow).  
1.30pm KS2 Pantomime at South Mills (pick up from theatre)  
1.30pm KS1 Hurricane Panto visit  
Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch  
KS2 Christmas Lunch  
9.15am and 2.30 am KS1 Christmas production  
**Christmas Jumper day at school**  
8.45am Nursery Christmas concert (details to follow).  
Volunteer coffee 9am  
2pm KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)  
Break the rules day  
**2pm End of term**  
2pm PTA Committee Meeting  
Year 5 Visit from Wonder Dome  
Young Voices Choir—O2  
7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting  
Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle  
2pm PTA Committee Meeting  
Y6 SATS  
Year 6 Trip to the 'Crucial Crew'.  
7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting  
Y4 national multiplication assessments  
Year 6 School Journey Kingwood  
Y1 National phonics, screening.  
Year 5 Egyptian Workshop  
Year 2 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

## Safeguarding

This week has been 'Anti Bullying Week 2023'. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise about Bullying'

This Anti-Bullying Week urges adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what is meant by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. Together, we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying.

**Below are a few examples of how your child could make a noise about bullying:**

- They could let friends know if they think that they have gone a little too far with 'banter' by saying 'you may not have meant to, but I think you may have hurt our friends' feelings when you said that'.
- If your child feels someone is being bullied, they could ask if they are ok and encourage them to speak to an adult about it, they could even offer to go with them for support.
- Encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult about what they have seen.
- Show kindness to those being bullied. Maybe ask them to join in your games, sit beside them at lunch, or be your partner in a class activity.



Today **Year 3** planted lots of vegetable seeds for a science investigation about different growing conditions and what works best to produce healthy plants. Their investigations focused on fair testing and understanding different variables. We look forward to reporting on their conclusions soon!

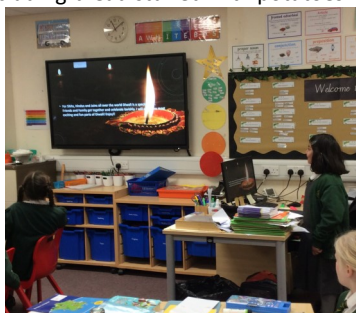
The **Reception** children have been working with their friends to make amazing models out of different materials. Including a huge dinosaur and playdough sea creatures. They have been so creative.



On Thursday, Aditi from **Class 9** who is a wellbeing, diversity and inclusion councillor, gave a talk about Diwali to class.

"She told us about the three religions that celebrate Diwali, which was celebrated last Friday and over the weekend. She described her favourite foods that they eat for Diwali, including bread stuffed with potatoes and different types of sweets. One type of sweets is shaped like a diamond and coloured silver. She went to a festival in Trafalgar Square at the weekend."

by Joshua Class 9.



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Eva and River

R1: Abby R2 James

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on "Computing" Well done for: good descriptions of different perspectives when using shapes on Tinker CAD, using Chrome to come up with a great tune, for independently developing their skills on Tinker CAD outside of lessons and creating some amazing 3D designs, for excellent resilience while coding on Turtle Academy, a great understanding of digital devices, explaining how keyboard short cuts can make working with technology more efficient and creating fantastic Vector graphics.

Class 1: Frank  
Class 2: Novanna  
Class 3: Ben  
Class 4: Chloe  
Class 5: Connor  
Class 6: Oscar

Class 7: Henry  
Class 8: Marquis  
Class 9: Samuel  
Class 10: Kai  
Class 11: Stanley  
Class 12: James



## Enriching the Curriculum - Sport

**Football matches at Summercroft this week.**

'On Thursday afternoon, Northgate's gold team played against Summercroft. It was a very interesting match but Northgate just scrapped a 3-0 victory. The goals were scored by Brandon, Mathew and Sebastian after some fantastic assists from Brandon and Oscar!' By Albie and Brandon Class 11.

It was a great match for the silver A team at Summercroft on Thursday. We won 4-1 and everyone played well. The people who scored were Finn, Anton and Mekhi. Unfortunately, the other team scored an unlucky own goal. The man of the match was Summercrofts goalkeeper after a brilliant performance!' By Theo TR Class 11.

## Stepping Stones

This is your social group for parents and carers at Northgate who have children with ASD. The aim of the group is to bring parents and carers at together, enable experiences and ideas to be shared and friendships to grow. We will meet on Friday 8th December at 9.00am -10.00am for an informal Christmas coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Northgate School Association

### Easyfundraising

Black Friday is coming!

Most companies have doubled their contributions - over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Sign up below!

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### PTA Update

Look out next week for an update regarding the PTA following our Annual General Meeting on Monday!

**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Gerri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team**

## Reminders and Updates

### Toy donations

We are looking for donations of toy food and toys knives that attach with Velcro. Such as Vegetables, fruits, cake etc. This is for role play in our Woodland group. Thank you.



### Parking on the grass verge opposite the school:

Please can we ask you to refrain from parking on the grass verges outside of the tennis club grounds. Cricketfield Lane is a very busy road and having cars parked on both sides is extremely dangerous. Parents have to cross the road with their children and this creates greater potential for a serious accident. Please make use of the rugby club car park and our crossing patrol person. This is for the safety of our families and the wider public.

Also we have been approached by someone linked with the tennis club regarding parents parking there. They are concerned that the ground is being churned up, potentially damaging the spring bulbs which have been planted underneath.

**Christmas dinners:** You can now order Christmas dinners for your child on the school grid. Orders must be completed before Tuesday 5th December.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** is Christmas lunch day for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** is Christmas lunch day for Reception and Year 1 and 2.

On the day that it is not your child's year group's Christmas lunch your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from home that they will eat in their classrooms.