

June 19th 2026

Headteacher's News

As we come to the end of another busy week, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our pupils. They coped brilliantly with the exceptionally warm weather and showed great maturity and resilience in managing the challenging conditions. A heartfelt thank you also goes to all the parents who kindly lent and generously donated fans. Your support made a real difference and helped to keep the children comfortable, focused, and ready to learn throughout the week. I would also like to thank all of our staff, who remained positive and supportive despite the difficult conditions. Their dedication and commitment to ensuring the children continued to have a productive and enjoyable week is greatly appreciated.

On Friday morning, our SENDCo, Mrs Wallace organised an **ADHD information session** for interested parents. Thank you to our guest speaker from ADD-vance for sharing valuable information and advice with families.

We wish our **Year 6** children a fantastic time on their residential visit to PGL next week.

A reminder that **Nursery Sports Day** is planned for Wednesday from 9:00am–10:00am. The weather forecast currently looks much cooler, so we are hopeful that the event will go ahead as planned.

Finally, next Tuesday we say goodbye to **Martina Jeffcoate** from the office. Martina has made a significant contribution to our school and will be greatly missed by both staff and families. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication and wish her every success and happiness in her new position.

Please note that producing the weekly newsletter was one of Martina's key responsibilities. As we await the arrival of her replacement, the newsletter will be reduced to a single-page format for the next few weeks. Thank you for your understanding. Hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

During the current hot spell, the year groups have been taking turns to enjoy time in our shady woodland area, which has provided a welcome escape from the sunshine. **Year 1** particularly



enjoyed their session. Some children linked their activities to their current topic by searching for dinosaur bones, while others practised their mathematics by exploring capacity and the volume of liquids. The children showed excellent teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm as they explored the woodland and built dens. It has been lovely to see them making the most of the outdoor environment while staying cool in the shade.

Sport

On Friday 18th June, another Northgate Netball Team played brilliantly and worked together very well, and in the hot weather too! They won 6–4 against Reedings school. Well done children!

Important Dates

29th June–3rd July	Y6 Residential PGL Overstrand Hall
Wes 1st July	9am –10am Nursery Sports Day
Mon 6th July	10am Harriers visit to the Library
Wed 8th July	10am Hawks visit to the Library
Wed 8th July	2.30pm school drummers and djembe group perform in music assembly (parents of pupils performing only)
Wed 8th July	Consultations and transition meetings
Thurs 9th July	Move up day
Fri 10th July	Sports Day
Fri 10th July	3.30pm–6.30pm Sports Day After Party
13th–17th July	Art Week
Mon 13th July	10am Kingfishers visit to the Library
Mon 13th July	2.50pm KS1 Art work sharing with parents
Tues 14th July	2.50pm UKS2 Art work sharing with parents
Wed 15th July	10am Nightingales visit to the Library
Wed 15th July	2.50pm EYFS Art work sharing with parents
Wed 15th July	1pm/6pm Y5/Y6 Performance at South mill
Thurs 16th July	2.50pm LKS2 Art work sharing with parents
Mon 20th July	9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 21st July	2pm Break up for summer holidays
Wed 22nd July	Occasional day
23rd July–31st Aug	Summer Holidays
1st & 2nd Sept	Inset day
Thurs 3rd Sept	Start of New School Year
Fri 23rd Oct	Inset day
Mon 26th–Fri 30th Oct	Half Term
21st Dec–1st Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4th Jan	Inset day

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Message from Paul Baxter Chair of Governors

Could you be a School Governor at Northgate?

Northgate's Governing Board is looking for two new Governors to join us in our work.

Our function is about providing oversight of, and challenge and advice to, the Headteacher and the senior leadership team and to provide strategic guidance and direction for the school with a view to driving on-going improvement to school life and out the children's outcomes.

School governors usually attend six full governing body meetings per year, plus three sub-committee meetings, some in the school day and some in the early evenings.

Although becoming a school governor requires drive and commitment, it is a very rewarding position that can provide you with the chance to support young people's futures.

We welcome parents from any background but are particularly interested in parents with skills and experience in health and safety matters and risk management.

Please email me at paul.baxter@northgate.herts.sch.uk for more information. I look forward to hearing from you!

Safeguarding:

Extreme heat, Cars and children

- **Never leave children** in parked cars.
- **Check hot car buckles** to prevent skin burns.
- **Pre-cool the car** using air conditioning/**open windows**
- **Dress children in lightweight, light-coloured** clothing.

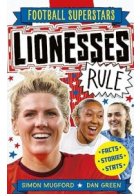
Enriching the Curriculum

This week, **Kites** visited Bishop's Stortford Library. Orla, Emily and Connor shared what happened. 'After walking to the library, the children learned about library etiquette and played a true-or-false game about the rules. They also discovered there are 47 libraries across Hertfordshire, with more than 212,000 books available to borrow.

The librarians read a poem called Goldilocks, before the children worked in small groups to find different books and series around the library. They then had the chance to borrow books or take home a library card application form. The librarians also highlighted the clubs, activities, computers and iPads available for visitors.'

Orla borrowed a book about the Lionesses, while Connor chose Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz, the first book in the Alex Rider series.

On Wednesday afternoon, our **Rocksteady** bands performed for their parents, showcasing how much they have learned and improved over the past few months. It was a brilliant performance!



Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Puffins: Sahill **Owls:** William

'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers and our school code.

Robins: Bonnie

Wrens : Liam

Skylarks: George

Swifts: Adam

Nightingales: Agnes

Kestrels: Oscar

Kites: Rosie

Harriers: Amber

Hawks: Otis

Ducklings, Starlings, Sparrows & Kingfishers: Everyone in these classes for coping so well with the heat!

Year 6 Residential—Please remember:

- Please drop children off at school between 9:00 & 9:30.
- All medications must be in their original packaging with a named pharmacy label where applicable
- Bring a day bag containing: a packed lunch for the first day in a disposable container/packaging and a named water bottle
- Named sun cream, body cream, shampoo and conditioner (must not contain nut ingredients)
- **Do not bring make-up.**
- No strappy tops
- No mobile phones or electronic devices, including smart watches. card games (e.g. Top Trumps) are allowed.
- No hairdryers, straighteners, or similar electrical styling devices
- Don't forget your sleeping bag and pillow

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled

Reminders and Updates

Bottle lids

As part of Art Week, each year group will be creating a display using plastic bottle lids. If you have any clean plastic bottle lids at home, we would be very grateful if you could save them and place them in the collection boxes in the school office.

Library Books

All school library books need to be returned by Friday 3rd July at the latest. As you know, books are very expensive and unfortunately, due to the number lost or damaged last year, we will be asking for a £5.00 donation on towards any unreturned books.

Uniform Discount

AVM Workwear & Embroidery, who are our official uniform supplier, are offering a 5% discount for all online orders before 31st August. Use code **S2JJ7PU4** to take advantage of this offer and get ready for the new school year!

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



"Read to the Beat"

The Reading Agency is encouraging children to take part in the free **Summer Reading Challenge 2026**, running from 20th June to 30th September. This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates the link between stories and music, inspiring children to explore their creativity through reading.

Children aged 4–11 can join at their local library or online, where they can create an avatar, set reading goals, log books, and earn digital badges and certificates. Reading regularly over the summer helps maintain confidence, develop skills and foster a lifelong love of books.

Strong reading skills are one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Reading builds vocabulary, improves communication, develops imagination, and supports learning across the curriculum. It also boosts confidence, independence and a love of learning.

We encourage all children to take part in the challenge and keep reading throughout the summer holidays!

Northgate School Association

Sports Day After Party

Join us on Friday 10th July, from 3.30pm–6.30pm, for the Sports Day After Party! Enjoy DJ, inflatables, ice cream and drinks (food vendors to be confirmed)

Tickets are available here: [Northgate School Association online ticket sales powered by TicketSource](#)

Important Notice

There is a huge pile of uniform in the front reception. All lost property must be collected by Monday morning, otherwise it will be disposed of.