

March 27th 2026

### Headteacher's News

**Thank you** to all the parents and staff who came into school on Saturday morning to support work on the grounds in preparation for our new play approach, PULSE, which is launching after Easter. Your time, effort and positivity were greatly appreciated. We hope you found the presentations about the initiative informative. Special thanks to Mrs Layer for leading this project.

I am receiving an increasing number of reports of **inappropriate communication** within our school community. While concerns are understandable, please ensure they are shared in a respectful manner. It is important that we all model positive and considerate communication for our children. We ask all members of our community to reflect on their tone when communicating. Thank you.

This week we celebrated **Science Week**, with pupils taking part in a range of practical investigations and collaborative activities across year groups. The workshops and class experiments provided valuable opportunities for children to develop their curiosity and scientific thinking. Thank you to Miss Cottrell and Mrs Hickey for organising our week. Thanks also to the PTA, who funded the Fab Science workshops, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Hope you have a wonderful Easter .

### Enriching the curriculum

**Science Week** has been full of curiosity, discovery, and fun!

On Monday's *Mix-Up Day*, children worked in mixed-age groups, exploring concepts such as chromatography, static electricity, pond dipping, aerodynamics, physical and chemical reactions, and the density of liquids.

Throughout the week, Fab Science enriched learning through hands-on experiments and experiences, including layering liquids to create colourful "potions," and dry ice experiments demonstrating sublimation. These activities created fog, bubbles, and magical moments—making science fun and memorable.



### Important Dates

**Mon 13th April**

Wed 15th April

Fri 17th April

Mon 20th April

Wed 22nd April

Thurs 23rd April

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Mon 27th April

Wed 29th April

**Mon 4th May**

Thurs 7th May

Mon 11th May

11th—14th May

Fri 15th May

18th—22nd May

Tues 19th May

Thurs 21st May

Fri 22nd May

**25th—29th May**

**Mon 1st June**

2nd -12th June

Tues 2nd June

Sat 6th June

**Mon 8th June**

**Mon 8th June**

**Mon 15th June**

**Wed 17th June**

Thurs 25th June

**Mon 22nd June**

29th June—3rd July

Thurs 9th July

Fri 10th July

**13th—17th July**

Mon 20th July

Tues 21st July

**Wed 22nd July**

**23rd July—31st Aug**

**1st & 2nd Sept**

Thurs 3rd Sept

**First day of summer term**

**7.30pm** PTA meeting/EGM

PTA school disco

10am Puffins visit to the Library

11am The Library visiting Ducklings.

Y5 Instrumental Concert

10am Skylarks visit to the Library

10am Owls visit to the Library

10am Robins visit to the Library

**Bank Holiday**

Y4 Instrumental Concert

10am Swifts visit to the Library

Y6 SATs

10am Kestrels visit to the Library

Neurodiversity Week

Y6 visit to Crucial Crew

Y3 Instrumental Concert

End of term

**Half term**

**Inset day**

Y4 National Multiplication tests.

First day back at school

PTA Summer Fayre

**Reception trip to Willows Farm**

**10am Sparrows visit to the Library**

**10am Starlings visit to the Library**

**10am Wrens visit to the Library**

Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo

**10am Kites visit to the Library**

Y6 Residential PGL Overstrand Hall

Move up day

Sports Day

**Art Week**

Y6 Leavers Assembly

2pm Break up for summer holidays

**Occasional day**

**Summer Holidays**

**Inset day**

Start of New School Year

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

### Attendance this term

Yr	%
R	95.9
1	94.9
2	95.3
3	95.4
4	95.5
5	95.0
6	96.1

Our target	96%
Whole school	95.5

0 days off	100%	Fantastic
5 days off a year	97%	Good
10 days off a year	95%	Slight concern
20 days off a year	90%	Concerned
30 days off a year	85%	Very concerned

We appreciate that some children at times struggle to come into school. If you would like support with this, please speak to your class teacher or email Mrs Rogers, our pastoral leader.

Our school attendance policy is available on our website for further information, in particular if you are interested in finding out more about fining for unauthorised absence.

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Easter Reading Challenge

Over the Easter break, we would like the children to complete the attached reading challenge sheet to help promote a love of reading. The aim is for children to explore as many different types of texts as possible and to read in a variety of ways. To complete the challenge, they should colour in an egg and write what they have read. Some eggs have been left blank to encourage creativity, so children can come up with their own ideas too.

### Easter Activities

On Tuesday, EYFS enjoyed a fun Easter Activity Morning, filled with creative crafts, games, and seasonal activities. Thank you to those parents who came in to help.



### Year 4 Local River Walk

Our Year 4 classes took a walk to the River Stort this week as part of their ongoing topic "Rivers and Oceans". They explored two contrasting areas of the river—one naturally formed over time and the other carefully managed. The children sketched both scenes and labelled key features, applying their geography skills.

### Music

Congratulations to all the children who performed in the Rocksteady Concert. It is great to see how much you have achieved this term!

### Charity

Well done to the Year 6 pupils held a charity bake sale after school last Friday who raised £158.00, for **The Donkey Sanctuary** and **RSPCA**.

## Safeguarding

NSPCC have a website that supports parents in keeping their children safe. This covers areas such as, early parenting advice, managing family life, children's friends and relationships, staying safe online and much more. Please click below for more details.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>. If you are worried about a child, you can contact the NCPCC for advice from a children protection specialist.  
Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) Phone: 08088005000

## Reminders and Updates

### PE Uniform

Please ensure that children **do not** wear any branded sportswear for PE. T-shirts should be plain white or with the school logos and shorts or joggers should be plain green, with no logos, except the school's.

### House Points

Congratulations to Normans who achieved the most house points this term. The final scores were:

Normans: 3028, Romans: 2931, Saxons: 2940 and Vikings: 2746

### School Grid Dinner Money Account

As we approach the start of the new term, please ensure that your child's dinner money account is paid up and in credit.

### Clubs at Northgate

All clubs are now set up on Arbor ready for next term. Please log in to Arbor and go to Activities/Clubs to book for your child. Please see our clubs list attached

## Celebration of Achievements Excellence Awards



The following children were nominated for an Excellence Award this term for their consistent positive attitude to learning and exemplary behavior. To celebrate, each child received a certificate and enjoyed an afternoon tea with the Senior Leadership Team. Many congratulations children.

**Ducklings:** Nikhail and Margot

**Puffins:** Bethany

**Robins:** Florence

**Starlings:** Oscar

**Skylarks:** Mara

**Nightingales:** Israel

**Kestrels:** Imogen

**Harriers:** Polly

**Owls:** Jessica

**Wrens:** Dylan

**Sparrows:** Sara

**Swifts:** Harriet

**Kingfishers:** Tito

**Kites:** Lucy

**Hawks:** Gabriel

## Sport

### Football

The Northgate Gold team played a semi-final match against St Michael's last Friday. At full time, the score was 0-0, so the game went to penalties. Unfortunately, Northgate lost 5-4. Well done to all the players.

### House Cross Country

Children from all houses competed in cross country this week, **Vikings** were the overall winners, followed by Normans, Romans and Saxons. Well done!

## Art Week

During Art Week, commencing on 13th July, the children will be creating a bright mosaic installation for the outside area. We are collecting hard **plastic lids of all colours and sizes** and will be relying on donations from Northgate families and staff.

Please ask family and friends to help collect, perhaps you know someone that works in a café etc? Your help would be greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Please send them in with your child.

## Northgate School Association

We will be holding a PTA meeting/EGM at 7.30pm

**Wednesday 15th April 2026 at school**. The purpose of the meeting is to pass a resolution to update our constitution, and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### School Disco

We will be **closing sales for the school disco** on the **10th April**, so please book tickets on link below if you have not already done so. Please note there will only be a Margarita or Gluten Free Margarita to choose from for dinner options. Please note these events can **only** go ahead with your support in volunteering. So please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AAE23AAF85-62361653-disco>

As usual there will be two separate events and tickets are available to buy now:

**EYFS & KS1** (Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2): 5pm - 6.15pm - parents / carers must attend. Click below for tickets:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/eyfs-key-stage-1-disco/2026-04-17/17:00/t-plqneeve>

**KS2** (Y3-Y6): 6.45pm - 8pm - drop-off & pick-up. Click below for tickets:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/key-stage-2-disco/2026-04-17/18:45/t-plqneeng>

Thank you so much, the PTA Team.