

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

6th June 2025

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a good half term. We are looking forward to the next busy half term. Please look at the dates—there will be more details on timings to follow.

Thank you for your feedback on communication. In response to your preferences, we've launched new **social media channels** to help keep you and our community even more connected with school life. These platforms will showcase the many successes and special moments that make our Northgate community so unique. It will not replace our key communication within this newsletter.

Follow us on Instagram: @northgateprimarieschool

Like our page on Facebook: Northgate Primary School

We look forward to sharing more of what makes Northgate such a special place to learn and grow! As with other school pages, these are not private groups. However, please be assured that all content shared will adhere strictly to our safeguarding policies, and no images or information involving children will be published without the appropriate permissions.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week at PGL, enjoying a new venue on the beautiful Norfolk coast. This residential is always a special time for our pupils, giving them the chance to develop new skills, build confidence, and create lasting memories. A big thank you to the staff team who organised the trip and supported the children throughout the week. Please see the next page for more details. Good luck to all our **Year 4** children who will be completing the National Multiplication Assessments next week. This important assessment helps ensure that schools and families are supporting pupils in learning their times tables, which are fundamental to many areas of mathematics. The **Year 1** Phonics Screening will also take place next week. This is a valuable opportunity for children to share their phonic knowledge one-to-one with their teacher in a calm and supportive setting.

Please remember smart school uniform for the class photos on Wednesday.

Have a great weekend.



Important Dates

2nd-13th June	Y4 multiplication assessments
Wb 9th June	Year 1 phonics screening week
W/C 9th June	Father's Day Shop
Tues 10th June	9.00am Reception celebration of Fathers/ special men in our lives.
Tues 10th June	3pm Nursery Father's Day performance
Wed 11 th June	Class photos
Thurs 12th June	Non-uniform day in return for a bottle for our Tombola'
Thurs 12th June	9am Nursery Father's Day performance
Fri 13th June	Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Fri 13th June	Y5 Egypt experience
Sat 14th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Wed 18th June	Y1 Trip to Audley End
Fri 20th June	Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Wed 25th June	5.30pm—6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening for children starting in Sept
Fri 27th June	Y4 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet
Mon 30th June	Reception trip to Willows Farm
Wed 2nd July	Y5/6 performances at South Mill Art.
Fri 4th July	Sports Day (details to follow)
Thurs 10th July	School Transition Day (Nursery closed all day)
Fri 11th July	Reserve Sports Day.
14th—17th July	Challenge week. Sessions with parents
Mon 14th July	2.50pm—Nursery & Reception
Tues 15th July	9am—Year 3/4
Wed 16th July	9am—Year 5/6
Thurs 17th July	9am—Year 1
Wed 16th July	8.50am Eduthing Online Safety Talk
Thurs 17th July	9am Y2 Music festival (at school)
	9.30am Y2 challenge session
Mon 21st July	9.15am Yr 6 Leavers' assembly am
Tues 22nd July	Northgate's Got Talent
Tues 22nd July	Break the rules day
Tues 22nd July	2pm Break up for summer holidays
Wed 23rd July	Occasional day
2nd & 3rd Sept	Inset days
Thurs 4th Sept	Start of New School Year
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Enriching the curriculum

This term, **Year 4** have been exploring the world of the Vikings. For their homework project, pupils chose to create a PowerPoint, poster, Viking shield, or model longboat. The results were fantastic—from detailed Norse shields to longboats with sails and oars. The classroom is now full of creative and well researched work. Well done, Year 4!



Our **Reception** children have been enjoying the classic tales of *Peter Rabbit* this week. Alongside reading the stories, the children have been learning fun songs and practising their writing skills by creating their own sentences about rabbits. The children in Owls class have also created a collage of Peter Rabbit full of texture and colour, which is proudly displayed for everyone to admire.



Reminders: getting ready for the Summer fayre

Non-uniform day

Don't forget next **Thursday 12th June** it is non-uniform day at school in return for a bottle for our Tombola.

We're still looking for more volunteers—please sign up here to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-56183930-northgate>

Safeguarding:

Important Notice: Parking Outside the School

Parents are continuing to park on the double yellow lines outside the school. This is not only illegal but also poses a serious safety risk to our children.

On Tuesday, a concerning incident was reported by a parent who witnessed unsafe conditions caused by such parking.

We urge all parents and carers to please think carefully about where you park. The double yellow lines are there for a reason—to protect our children.

Let's work together to ensure the safety of every child.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 6 have had an unforgettable time on their school journey this week, staying at beautiful Overstrand on the Norfolk coast. For many of the children, it was their first time spending a few nights away from home — and what a fantastic experience it's been! From exciting outdoor activities by the sea to bonding time with friends, every child has embraced the adventure with enthusiasm and resilience. Whether it was tackling team challenges, exploring the local area, or simply enjoying time outdoors, the trip has been filled with laughter, learning, and lots of lasting memories.



Reminders and Updates

Whole school class photos

Photos will take place on Wednesday 11th June. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform. If your child has PE that day, please bring their PE kit including trainers, in a named bag to change into.

Dinner Money Accounts

Please can parents ensure that their children's dinner money accounts on school grid are in credit at all times.

Have you moved house or changed telephone numbers?

It is essential that the school office have the correct contact details for parents in case of illness or an emergency. Where there are safeguarding concerns, home visits may be necessary. Please log onto your child's Arbor account to make the necessary changes yourself, these will then be verified by the office.

Preparing for all weathers

Please make sure your child has a coat when rain is forecast — children will go outside in drizzle or in changeable conditions. Please make sure items are named.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:



Ducklings: Ivy VZ and Izzy

Puffins: Max **Owls:** Chit

'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers. **Well done to:**

Robins: Sara

Wrens: Darcy

Starlings: Max

Sparrows: Ivar

Skylarks: Charlie

Swifts: Phoebe

Nightingales: Alice

Kingfishers: Olivia

Kestrels: Cora

Kites: Sebastian

Bishops Stortford Library Family Festival



This weekend (7th–8th June 2025), to celebrate Hertfordshire Libraries' centenary year, Bishop's Stortford Library is hosting a "Join the Library" weekend, aiming to recruit 100 new members! There will be lots of exciting activities on both Saturday and Sunday, such as crafts, LEGO challenges, poetry workshops, and an Escape Room-in-a-Box (bookable for teams of up to six people aged eight and over). For more information, please visit:

<https://discoverstortford.co.uk/events/library-family-festival/>

Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre

We can't believe our PTA Summer Fayre is only a week away! We're looking forward to seeing you all there from 12 noon on Saturday 14th June 2025. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Just a reminder, please can you return your **raffle ticket stubs** and money to the school office or your school teacher. With over 50 prizes to be won, it's a fantastic raffle to enter!

Don't forget to bring a bottle for our tombola stall on Thursday 12th June in exchange for non-school uniform. Again, everyone loves to win a bottle!

We still need 6 more volunteers for our 1.30pm slot on the day. Please, if you can, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-56183930-northgate>

Father's Day Shop

Our popular Father's Day shop, to celebrate all the fantastic men in our lives, is taking place from Monday. We have some lovely gifts all priced at £4. Sales will be held during the morning break. Please bring cash on the day for your Year Group.

Monday: Nursery, Years 1, 3, 5 and 6

Tuesday: Reception, Years 2 and 4

Wednesday: All Years

Sports Day After Party

A date for your diaries- at the conclusion of School Sports Day on Friday 4th July, we are holding our Sports Day After Party from 3.30pm to 7.30pm with inflatables, food, drink and our wonderful colour run! Tickets can be purchased from www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association

Lots of lovely PTA events for you to enjoy! Thank you for your continued support.