

May 3rd 2024

### Headteacher's News

At Northgate we greatly appreciate all the fantastic fundraising efforts. They ensure that our school can continue to offer a wealth of support to all the pupils in a time of serious national budgeting challenges. Thanks to Mrs Conway, who initiated the Sensory Project fundraising, thanks for the support of so many families and friends, including the grant located by the Conway's, and the donation from SV Vincent Ltd, we have managed to embark on a fantastic sensory project. The first phase, the sensory room, is almost complete and many children have already been able to use the space. The sensory room is fully equipped with an infinity tunnel, projected light show, bubble tube, fibre optics, and sensory soft play resources. It has been greatly appreciated by children with sensory needs or children who have needed to have a calming space. The children love the room and have made comments such as, 'This is the most amazing thing I have ever seen!', 'This room makes me happy!', 'It gets 10 out of 10 and a thumbs up for me!'. The next phase, the sensory walkway, is now underway. Parents will have the opportunity to come and have a look at the space at the Stepping Stones coffee morning on Friday 7th June.



Thanks also go to all those who supported the Tesco blue coin campaign, initiated by Mrs Homer. Our bid has successfully won us **£1500** to spend on play equipment to enhance lunchtimes. Your support is really very much appreciated. Have a great Bank Holiday weekend!

### Enriching the curriculum

On Monday, both Reception classes went on their first trip on a coach to Willow's Farm. The children had an inspiring day learning all about how to care for farm animals including watching cows being milked. They loved feeding and petting the animals including a little cuddle with cute guinea pigs. The children were then delighted to go on a bumpy tractor ride through a rather deep puddle! To add to this immersive experience, we then watched a show about Peter Rabbit. We are very proud of our children's outstanding behaviour. All the children have been chosen for EYFS's Star of the Week.



### Important Dates

Thurs 9th May	2.30pm Y4 Music concert
Fri 10th May	2pm PTA committee meeting
Sat 11th May	Working party to level ground for the music 'garden room' (help needed)
13th—16th May	Y6 SATS
Fri 17th May	Y4 Viking day
WB 20th May	Neurodiversity week
Mon 20th May	Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.30pm Y3 Music concert
27th—31st May	Half Term
<b>Mon 3rd June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
W/C 3rd June	Y4 National multiplication assessments
3rd—7th June	Y6 School Journey, Kingswood
<b>Fri 7th June</b>	<b>Non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fayre tombola</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Stepping Stones coffee morning with Nicky Chamberlain from SPACE
Sat 8th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 10th June	PTA Father's Day Shop
Mon 10th June	Y1 National phonics, screening.
Mon 10th June	Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
Thurs 13th June	Visit from Herts & Essex Music Group
Fri 14th June	Y5 Egyptian workshop
Thurs 20th June	Visit from Woodwind Stortford
Fri 21st June	Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Fri 21st June	Y4 Stansted Mountfitchet Visit
Wed 26th June	Y1 Trip to Audley End
Wed 26th June	Year 2 Music Festival at South Mills (parents able to watch from 2.15pm—3.00pm information to follow)
Mon 1st July	Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre (timings TBC)
Tues 2nd July	Y5/6 performance (timings TBC)
Fri 5th July	PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run
Wb 8th July	History week
Wb 8th July	History with Parents /work sharing 9am (see below)
Thurs 11th July	School Transition Day
Tues 16th July	Take over day
W/C 15th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Thurs 18th July	9.15am Y6 Leavers' assembly
Fri 19th July	PTA Break the Rules Day
Fri 19th July	2pm Last Day of Term
<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sept</b>	<b>Inset days</b>
<b>Wed 4th Sept</b>	<b>First day of the school year</b>

### Safeguarding

Children can not be left in the school unattended outside of school hours. This includes music lessons or watching friends play sport for example. You must accompany your child if they are waiting for a music lesson and be there for prompt collection afterwards. If they want to watch a sporting event, you will need to wait with them. If you are going to be late for pick up, it is your responsibility to arrange for another adult to collect your child. Thank you for your support.

### Is your child interested in music composition?

Please click the link below to find out more about the Bishops Stortford Young Songwriters Competition, which is open to all young people Year 3 to Year 13 from the town and surrounding villages. The aim is to encourage young people to express themselves through music. There are three categories: solo artist, group or class. Each winner will win a terms scholarship to the Derosa Music Academy and will have their song recorded in a studio. Good luck!

[Stortford Young Songwriters Competition \(stortfordsongwriters.org\)](http://stortfordsongwriters.org)

### Enriching the Curriculum

On Thursday afternoon, a group of children from Year 1 took part in a Hertfordshire multi skills event in Stevenage run by The Sports Partnership. The children played various ten minute activities run on rotation. These included parachute popcorn, polybat, precision bean bag, new age kurling, boccia blast, flight path, skittles, slam dunk, Messi football skills and table cricket. The children really had a fabulous time learning some new sports and relished the opportunity to represent Northgate as part of a team. They all received certificates of achievement. Well-done to you all!



As part of their topic 'growing', EYFS held a lovely event on Wednesday morning where family members who could come into school, helped plant flowers and vegetables in pots. The sun was shining and the children really enjoyed this interactive experience. This year the grounds are going to look so colourful, thanks to all of you! Robin and Vayna from R2 said "We put soil into containers, carefully put the flowers into the soil and then watered them."



### Celebration of Achievements

**Nursery:** Pippa and Freya



**The whole of Reception** this week were awarded star of the week! This was for their outstanding behaviour on their trip to Willow's Farm.

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Science". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: Great participation in our investigation on friction using ramps with different surfaces, working well in a group, using scientific vocabulary really well to describe the life cycle of a butterfly, putting 100% into every lesson, excellent recall of the human life stages, enthusiastic participation in the class digestive system experiment, being a fantastic scientist, using words such as 'low density' when explaining how their boat would float, designing a brilliant boat that had features to make it Buoyant, showing a great understanding of what is being taught and challenging concepts.

Class 1: Ivar	Class 7: Hugo
Class 2: Zorawar	Class 8: Sienna
Class 3: Charlie	Class 9: Viktor
Class 4: Rex	Class 10: James
Class 5: Henry	Class 11: Theo
Class 6: Charlie	Class 12: Jack



### Northgate School Association

#### Tesco Blue Coins

So the outcome is in and.....we won! Thank you to everyone who placed their Tesco's blue coins in the slot for Northgate Association. We have been lucky to win £1,500 towards: Sensory items, Gardening Equipment, Music Equipment and Sports Equipment. Thank you to Katie Homer for taking the lead on this initiative.

#### PTA Summer Fayre

We are still looking for lots of lovely volunteers to help us make it the best Summer Fayre ever on Saturday 8th June. If you fancy running a game or a stall, please sign up below to help- there are lots of roles available.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/?#!/showSignUp/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-48892296-northgate>

We can't run our events without your support, so please do sign up if you can. Thank you.

#### Easyfundraising

And just a reminder about Easyfundraising whilst you are shopping! You can help raise funds for our school without having to donate anything yourself. Over 7,500 brands and sites will donate to us every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself. This means you can raise money for us every time you buy clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, school supplies or anything else you might be buying online. It's easy, completely FREE and will make a BIG difference to our school.

Please sign up and help us raise more: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northgate-association/?utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=raisingforaschool-fb1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northgate-association/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=raisingforaschool-fb1)

Thank you for your continued support.

**Hope you all have a relaxing weekend.**  
Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team

### Reminders and Notices

#### Club List and Terms Dates 2024/2025

The summer term club list has now been updated on the school website. Please find an attachment showing terms dates 2024/2025.

#### Charity Swimmathon

The Tiger Sharks swimming team are took part in a swimmathon at Grange Paddocks pool last Sunday. Many children from Northgate challenged themselves to swim 1Km (40 lengths) each. Well done children! They have raised £9,103 so far for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. Wow, what an achievement children.

#### Can you help please?

##### History Week at Northgate

We are planning a car show to take place on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We would love to have a range of cars that span the ages for the children to look at, so if you/grandparents/friends of Northgate own an old car that you would be happy to display on the school playground, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Miss Cotterell on the Class 10 email or Mr Sainsbury on the Class 1 email, listing the make/ model and year of the car you would be willing to display. Alternatively please call the school office.

##### Outdoor Music Room

We are having a working party to level ground for the music 'garden room' on Saturday 11th May between 10am and 3pm. If you can spare any time to help, please contact the school office. Many thanks.