

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

22nd May 2025

Headteacher's News

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve engagement with our school community, we are looking at launching Northgate social media channels. These platforms will provide an additional avenue for us to share important events, achievements, and school news with you. We are interested in your views so please complete the google form as sent in the letter yesterday <https://tinyurl.com/Social-Media-NG>

If your child is interested in song writing and looking for something to do over the holidays, please see The Stortford Young Songwriters Competition at <https://stortfordsongwriters.org>. The deadline for entries closes on Sunday 15th June 2025. DeRosa Music in Bishop's Stortford will be offering a term's scholarship to the winners of each category, plus an opportunity for their song to be recorded in a studio. The competition was launched in memory of Claire Newman - an ex-parent and member of staff.

Hope you have a fantastic half term—fingers crossed for some sunshine. We look forward to welcoming the children back in on Monday 2nd June.

Enriching the curriculum

On Tuesday, [Ducklings](#) and [Year 1](#) had an amazing visit from the Garg Animal Man. The children got to see and stroke some wonderful animals



[Reception](#) finished off their mini-topic on Peter Pan with a special picnic this week. They wrote invitations to their friends before everyone got dressed up as lost children, pirates and fairies to celebrate. There was lots of dancing, bubbles, party games, healthy fruit, vegetables and a few sweet treats!



Thank you to Aspects for providing some wonderful interactive sessions at Crucial Crew on Wednesday. [Year 6 pupils](#) learned about personal safety, with information and guidance on a range of topics including e-safety, first-aid, dangerous substances, road safety, fire safety, managing money, bullying and inclusion. The children also visited the Thirst Café stand where they enjoyed refreshments and had the opportunity to find out more about the café in the town, which is a safe space for children aged 11-18 years.

PTA Summer Fayre Saturday 14th June

We still need lots of lovely volunteers to help us make it the best Summer Fayre ever! Please, if you can, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-56183930-northgate>

Safeguarding:

Water Safety—Float to Live

It's important for everyone including children to learn how to float in case they find themselves struggling in water. Please click on the RNLI link below for a video showing guidance and practice tips <https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>

Important Dates

2nd –6th June
Wed 11th June
2nd-13th June
Wb 9th June
W/C 9th June
Mon 9th June
Thurs 12th June

Fri 13th June
Fri 13th June
Sat 14th June
Wed 18th June
Fri 20th June
Wed 25th June

Fri 27th June
Wed 2nd July
Thurs 3rd July
Fri 4th July
Thurs 10th July

Fri 11th July
Wed 16th July
14th—17th July
Mon 14th July
Tues 15th July
Wed 16th July
Thurs 17th July
Mon 21st July
Tues 22nd July
Tues 22nd July
Tues 22nd July
Wed 23rd July
2nd & 3rd Sept
Thurs 4th Sept

=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Y6 School Journey
Class photos
Y4 multiplication assessments
Year 1 phonics screening week
Father's Day Shop
Reception trip to Willows Farm
Non-uniform day in return for a bottle for our Tombola'
Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Y5 Egypt experience
PTA Summer Fayre
Y1 Trip to Audley End
Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
5.30pm—6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening for children starting in Sept
Y4 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet
Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre
Y5/6 performance at South Mill Art.
Sports Day (details to follow)
School Transition Day
(Nursery closed all day)
Reserve Sports Day.
8.50am Eduthing Online Safety Talk
Challenge week. Sessions with parents
2.50pm—Nursery & Reception
9am – Year 3/4
9am—Year 5/6
9am—Year 1/2
9.15am Yr 6 Leavers' assembly am
Northgate's Got Talent
Break the rules day
2pm Break up for summer holidays
Occasional day
Inset days
Start of New School Year

Attendance this term

Yr	%
R	96.7
1	95.6
2	94.4
3	96.1
4	96.4
5	96.6
6	96.4

Our target	96%
Whole school	96%

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, please speak to your class teacher or email Mrs Rogers, our pastoral leader.

As you will be aware, we were required to make changes to our school attendance policy this year, in particular around fining for unauthorised absence. Our policy is available on our website for further information.

EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY