

June 12th 2026

Headteacher's News

A huge congratulations to all of our **Year 1 pupils**, who took part in the Phonics Screening Check, and our **Year 4 children**, who completed the Multiplication Tables Check. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude & resilience shown by all the pupils. As we approach the end of the academic year, we have some **staffing changes** to share. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to several valued members of staff. **Mrs Pratt** will be retiring after an incredible 22 years of dedicated service to Northgate, while **Mrs Tedder** will be retiring after 21 years at the school. Both have made a significant contribution to the lives of countless children and families over the years, and we thank them for their commitment and dedication. **Mr Sainsbury** will be leaving Northgate as he relocates to Australia with his family. **Miss Adams** will be leaving us to extend her teaching experience and work in a school close to her childcare. We will also be saying goodbye to **Martina Jeffcoate** from our school office team, who will be joining Hertfordshire County Council's HR Department at the end of this month. I would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work and support, and wish every success in their new roles. We will miss them all!

Whilst it is always difficult to say goodbye to valued colleagues, we are excited to **welcome new staff** to Northgate in September. Joining our teaching team will have Mrs Hall, a highly experienced teacher, who is currently working at a school in Ware, and Miss Williams, who is joining us from another local school. After many years of dedicated service as a teaching assistant and French teacher, Mrs Edwards will become one of our class teachers. What a fantastic **Summer Fayre** despite the mixed weather! We are delighted to share that the event has raised a total profit of **£5,476.** for our school. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, and supported the event. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the day and helping to create such a brilliant community atmosphere. A particularly heartfelt thank you goes to **Mrs Herniman, Mrs McFarlane, and Mrs Reeder** and our incredible **PTA team**. Their dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of hard work made the event possible. The amount of planning and effort that goes on behind the scenes is truly remarkable, and we are so grateful for everything they do for our school. The money raised will make a real difference to the opportunities and experiences we can provide for our children. Thank you for your continued support of Northgate and our amazing PTA.

Enriching the curriculum

On Monday, our two Reception classes enjoyed an exciting trip to Willows Farm. The weather wasn't great, but the children had a fantastic time. They saw a variety of farm animals up close, fed the ponies, learned about milking a cow, and even had a go on a model. They also enjoyed a tractor ride and playing in the adventure playground. It was a wonderful day full of fun, learning and new experiences for everyone. The children were so well behaved, and we would like to thank the parents who volunteered to help during the day.



**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

Important Dates

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| Mon 15th June | Y4 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet |
| Mon 15th June | 10am Starlings visit to the Library |
| Tues 16th June | 9pm –9.30pm Reception class celebration of Fathers/significant males |
| Wes 17th June | 9pm –9.30pm Nursery class celebration of Fathers/significant males |
| Wed 17th June | Y5 Egyptian Day |
| Wed 17th June | 10am Wrens visit to the Library |
| Fri 19th June | 9.00am Visit from Paralympian Laura Sugar |
| Mon 22nd June | 10am Kites visit to the Library |
| Wed 24th June | Y1 trip to Audley End |
| Wes 24th June | 2pm Rocksteady pupil performance (Parents of pupils performing welcome) |
| Wed 24th June | 5.30pm—6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening for children starting in Sept |
| Fri 26th June | 9am ADHD information session |
| 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 (pupils only) |
| Wed 8th July | Consultations and transition meetings |
| Thurs 9th July | Move up day |
| Fri 10th July | Sports Day |
| 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 | Y6 Performance at South mill (details TBC) |
| 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 |

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Donations Needed



Year 6 Play – Fabric and Bottle Tops for Art Project



Our Year 6 children are preparing for their school production and are looking for donations of blue fabric to create a sea-themed backdrop. If you have any spare blue material, in any shade or quantity, we would greatly appreciate it.

Mrs Venning is also still in need of coloured plastic bottle tops for our whole-school art installation in the playground. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Safeguarding: Class photos

We kindly ask that you do not share class photographs on social media. Some children do not have permission for their images to be shared publicly, and it is important that we respect the privacy and wishes of all families. We would be grateful if all parents and carers could help us by ensuring that any photographs taken during school events remain for personal use only.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Enriching the Curriculum

Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Today Year 3 visited Celtic Harmony in Hertford as part of their exciting 'Tribal Tales' topic. They enjoyed a fantastic trip where history truly came to life. The children stepped back into pre-historic Britain, discovering what daily life was like for our ancient ancestors. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of hands-on activities, including learning about hunting and gathering, practising traditional fire-making techniques, and creating their own dock leaf and herb soup. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with nature while bringing their classroom learning to life through exploration and adventure. It was a memorable day filled with curiosity, teamwork, and plenty of fun!



Reminders and Updates

Important Information – Sun Cream and Lip Balms

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child arrives at school wearing sun cream and brings a named sun hat. Sun cream should be applied at home before school.

Please also ensure your child has a named coat when rain is forecast, as children will still go outside in light rain or changeable weather.

To help keep all pupils safe, please check that any sun creams or lip balms do not contain nut oils (e.g. sweet almond oil), as some children have severe nut allergies.

Please note that children should not bring sun cream or lip balm into school. If your child requires either during the school day, a completed medication form (available on the school website) must be submitted and the item handed in to the school office.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Money owing

It is essential that all outstanding payments for school trips and clubs are paid by Tuesday 30th June. Please check your child's Arbor account to see if there are any unpaid balances.

Dinner money accounts on SchoolGrid must also be settled before the end of term.

Thank you for your cooperation. School Library books

All 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.

Leavers' Trophies

We would be grateful if anyone who has one of our leavers' trophies at home, awarded to a leaver last year, could return it as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Ducklings: Aliana and Parker

Puffins: Joshua **Owls:** Bodhi

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

Children were praised by their teachers for: considering their language choices before writing; showing individual creativity and style in art; reflecting carefully on their learning and developing resilience; using kind hands and kind words with their peers; writing an amazing dinosaur poem that impressed their teachers; demonstrating excellent self-regulation in Music lessons; showing great resilience when managing their emotions; and displaying fantastic knowledge of Ancient Egypt while asking thoughtful questions to deepen their understanding.

Robins: Tillie

Wrens: Edward

Starlings: Sophie

Sparrows: Chloe

Skylarks & Swifts: Everyone for being so well behaved at Celtic Harmony.

Nightingales: Lilly

Kingfishers: Sophie

Kestrels: James

Kites: Charlie S

Harriers: Methuli

Hawks: Annabelle

Changes in circumstances for next year?

If your child will not be returning to school in September, please let us know as soon as possible. This will help us accurately assess the number of available places for children currently on our waiting list.

Thank you for your support!

Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre—Thank you

Despite wet and windy weather, Northgate PTA's Summer Fayre was a fantastic success. Families enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, live music, games, crafts, shopping and delicious food from a range of local businesses.

The event opened with performances from Northgate pupil singers, followed by displays from the Northgate Allstars Cheerleaders and KBD Dance. Traditional stalls and activities kept visitors entertained throughout the day. We would like to thank all of our volunteers, performers, local businesses for their generous raffle donations, and everyone who supported the event and helped make it possible.

Although final figures are still being confirmed, we are delighted that the fayre is expected to have raised almost £5,000 for the school. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this fantastic community event.

Fathers Day Shop

Next week our Fathers Day Shop will take place during morning break in the dining room. There are certain days for each year group.

Mon 15th June—EYFS, Years 1, 3 & 6

Wed 17th June—Years 2, 4 & 5

Thurs 18th June—All Years

All gifts are £5.00 each. Cash only