

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

13th June 2025

Headteacher's News

Many thanks for all the bottles that were brought in yesterday for the bottle tombola for the **Summer Fayre** tomorrow. The weather is looking good and we have an amazing range of events and stalls. All money raised is for the school and supporting your child's educational experience. If you could spare 30 minutes to help on the stall, or to tidying away at the end, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-56183930-northgate>. Your support is really appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre tomorrow: 12pm–3pm.

This week, our Year 4 children have been completing their national multiplication tables check. They have approached it with focus and confidence, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts.

Our Year 1 children have also been working hard during their Phonics Screening Week. This check helps us to ensure all children are making good progress with their early reading skills. The children have shown great enthusiasm and perseverance, and we're delighted with how well they've done.

A big thank you to staff and parents for your ongoing support in preparing the children for these assessments

A huge thank you to our PTA and volunteers who helped to organise and run the Father's Day Shop. It was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed choosing gifts for the special male figures in their lives.

It was wonderful to see so many dads and special people visiting our EYFS classes this week to join in with songs, and stories. See overleaf for more details.

Have a wonderful weekend. Hopefully see you at the fayre.

Enriching the curriculum

Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony – Tribal Tales Come to Life!

Today, as part of their topic '*Tribal Tales*', Year 3 visited Celtic Harmony and enjoyed an amazing prehistoric experience. The children reconnected with the natural world and explored the traditions of life in ancient Britain. They learned about hunting and gathering, practiced fire-making techniques, and even made dock leaf and herb soup. It was a fun, hands-on day full of learning and adventure!



Important Dates

Wed 18th June
Fri 20th June
Wed 25th June

Fri 27th June
Fri 27th June
Mon 30th June
Wed 2nd July
Fri 4th July
Thurs 10th July

Fri 11th July
14th–17th July
Mon 14th July
Tues 15th July
Wed 16th July
Thurs 17th 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

Fri 24th Oct
27th–31st Oct
22nd Dec–2nd Jan
Fri 13th Feb
16th–20th Feb
30th Mar–10th Apr

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Y1 Trip to Audley End
Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
5.30pm–6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening for children starting in Sept
Y5 Egyptian workshop
Y4 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet
Reception trip to Willows Farm
Y5/6 performances at South Mill Art.
Sports Day (details to follow)
School Transition Day (Nursery closed all day)
Reserve Sports Day.
Challenge week. Sessions with parents
2.50pm–Nursery & Reception
9am – Year 3/4
9am–Year 5/6
9am–Year 1
8.50am Eduthing Online Safety Talk
9am Y2 Music festival (at school)
9.30am Y2 challenge session
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

Inset Day

Half term

Christmas Break

Inset Day

Half term

Easter Break

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.

We also still have a few places available in both our current and next year's Reception classes. If you know any families who may be interested in joining our school community, please feel free to spread the word or encourage them to get in touch with us.

Safeguarding:

- For safety on our school site, children **must not** ride bikes or scooters on the grounds before or after school.
- Please do not allow your children to play on our playground equipment or in the EYFS play area before or after school, as this would have been set up for the next day's learning.
- Parents should not bring dogs on site at anytime, including after school hours.

Enriching the Curriculum

This week, both Nursery and our Reception classes celebrated fathers, special men, and significant adults in the children's lives. Reception enjoyed a shared storytime, helping to foster a love of reading. Each adult received a delicious cornflake cake, a beautiful handmade card, and was treated to a delightful performance of *Peter Rabbit* by the children. Nursery impressed everyone with an array of cheerful songs, sung with their very best voices. Thank you to everyone who joined us—your wonderful turnout made the occasion truly special for the children.



Music

On Thursday, Ben Carvell, a private music teacher who teaches both piano and cello at Northgate, introduced the children to the unique sounds and playing techniques of these two beautiful instruments. It was an inspiring and engaging session that sparked curiosity and excitement among the students. If your child is interested in lessons, please see contact details for Ben on our school website.

At lunch the children from Year 4 and 5 had their first Young Voices Choir practise in preparation for next year's event! They are already sounding wonderful. Details to follow shortly.



Reminders and Updates

Costume Donations – Themed Days & School Plays

Do you have any dressing-up costumes from past themed days or school plays that you no longer need? Are happy donating to these to school? These costumes can be reused by other children, helping families who may be managing tight budgets and supporting our efforts to be more environmentally friendly.

Dinner Money Accounts

Please check your child's dinner money account on School Grid. Accounts should always remain in credit. As we approach the end of the school year, we kindly ask that any outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible.

Library Books

Please check at home and return any books your child may still have. Any books outstanding at the end of the year will incur a charge.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:



Ducklings: Alfie and Rishant

Puffins: Sky **Owls:** Olivia

'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers. Children were praised for: understanding and producing a lovely piece of work about the seven life processes, for always asking interesting questions, for showing wonderful imagination with their story plan, for showing a mature attitude towards their learning and being sensible, using initiative, and careful practice of cutting food in technology.

Well done to:

Robins: Arliyah

Wrens: Lucas

Starlings: Sophie & Anaaya

Sparrows: Nate

Skylarks & Swifts: Both classes for being so well behaved and engaged today at Celtic Harmony

Nightingales: Jaycee

Kingfishers: Anaya

Kestrels: Sahishnu

Kites: Felix

Harriers: Evie & Daniel

Hawks: Elsie

Sun Safety Reminder

As the weather gets warmer, we kindly remind all parents and carers that children **must bring a sun hat** and **wear sun cream** to school each day. Please apply sun cream before arrival. Let's work together to keep everyone safe in the sun!

Northgate School Association

We can't wait for you to join us at the Northgate Summer Fayre from 12 noon to 3pm. We have spent months planning this special event for you, so we hope you have lots of fun with your families and friends. There is so much to choose from on the day- we have plenty of games for you to play, we have a vast amount of bouncy castles, glitter tattoos/face painting, shopping from our wonderful stall holders. In the Performance Arena, we have dancing, karate, cheerleading, singing, the rock band jamming plus our annual tug of war!!

We also have the brilliant Spirit Of The Wild petting zoo joining us for three special shows at 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. It is such a special treat to meet these animals. Don't be scared!

Plus we have food, drink and lots of sweet treats for you to enjoy!

Come and join us, relax and raise a load of money for our children's school!

Thank you to Russell Property for sponsoring our event plus all the wonderful volunteers who have signed up to help. We simply couldn't do this without you.

And, of course, on Sunday, we hope all the wonderful men in our lives enjoy their Father's Day gifts this weekend chosen by your children.

Hope you all have a relaxing Summer Fayre/Father's Day weekend!

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team