

March 28th 2025

Headteacher's News

Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 4 children on their amazing production of *Olivia* on Thursday! They showcased their incredible talents in singing, dancing, and mastering many lines. A huge thank you to the parents for their support, especially with costumes, and to Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Venning, and all the staff for their hard work in creating such a fantastic show.



Thanks to the PTA who have been very active this week! They have run a very successful Mother's Day Shop, book fair and there is our school disco tonight. These fund events, such as Fab Science, who are coming to run workshops as part of our Science Week, next week. Our Science Week will kick off with a class mix-up event on Monday, where students will collaborate with peers from different classes and participate in a variety of exciting investigations. Throughout the week, there will be additional opportunities for students to enhance their scientific skills through fun and engaging experiments.

Good luck to the Gold football team who are in the final next Tuesday! As it is next week is the last week of term, we will finish at 2pm on Friday.

Have a good weekend and Mother's Day.

Enriching the curriculum

Art

Year 2 have been exploring sculpture, drawing inspiration from artists like Dame Barbara Hepworth and Lars Fisk. They began by sketching a sports ball, then brought their designs to life by sculpting them in clay. Afterwards, they painted and glazed their creations, resulting in some truly impressive 3D artwork.



Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle

As part of their current project on the Romans, Year 3 visited Colchester Castle today, Europe's largest Norman Keep and a key English Heritage site. They experienced a Roman workshop as well as explored the castle, dressed in vibrant knight's tabards, and experienced life in the past. The children were amazed by the interactive exhibits, they explored the hidden underground Roman vaults and learned all about Boudica's revolt and its impact on people's lives.



Important Dates

WK beg 31st Mar
Thurs 3rd April
Fri 4th April
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7th- 21st April
Tues 22nd Aril
Thurs 1st May
Mon 5th May
12th -18th May
Thurs 15th May
Wed 21st May
Thurs 22nd May
Fri 23rd May
26th—30th May
2nd -6th June
W/C 9th June
Mon 9th June
Fri 13th June
Fri 13th June
Sat 14th June
Fri 27th June
Wed 2nd July
Fri 4th July
Fri 11th July
Tues 22nd July
Wes 23rd July
Thurs 4th Sept

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Science week—Visit from Fab Science
Y5 Instrumental Concert
Break the Rules Day
Term Ends 2pm
Easter holidays
Children back to school
Year 4 Instrumental Concert
Bank Holiday
Year 6 SATS
Year 3 Instrumental Concert
Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
End of half term
Inset day
Half term
Y6 School Journey
Father's Day Shop
Reception trip to Willows Farm
Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Y5 Egypt experience
PTA Summer Fayre
Y4 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle
Y6 Performance at South Mill Art.
Sports Day (details to follow)
Reserve Sports Day.
Break up for summer holidays
Occasional day
Start of New School Year

Pupil Voice Network

This week, our Executive Council participated in the Pupil Voice Network at Bishop's Stortford College. During the event, they had the opportunity to meet the Town Mayor, enjoy lunch together, engage in various leadership activities, and hear from local speakers. It was an enriching educational experience for the group. A big thank you to Miss Hartley for leading this event.



Safeguarding:

NSPCC have a website that supports parents in keeping their children safe. This covers areas such as, early parenting advice, managing family life, children's friends and relationships, staying safe online and much more. Please click below for more details.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>. If you are worried about a child, you can contact the NCPCC for advice from a children protection specialist.

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk Phone: 08088005000

Enriching the Curriculum

Nursery and Reception Mother's Day celebration

This week, we hosted a special celebration in both Reception and Nursery to honour mums and the important women in the children's lives. It was a lovely opportunity to share a sweet treat and for the children to perform a special song. Nursery sang "Happy Mothers Day" and Reception sang "I Love You So". The children also created beautiful cards for their mums. A special mention goes to Larna from Puffins, who wowed everyone with her beautifully handwritten song lyrics. We hope you all have a wonderful Mothering Sunday!



Football Semi-Final at Manor Fields

Congratulations to the Northgate Gold Football Team who won their semi-final on Wednesday night against Manorfields. Two players, Dennis M from Kites and Matty S from Kestrels, shared their accounts of the match.

"In the first half, Teddy had a few good shots at goal, but they were saved. Finally, Dennis scored two goals within two minutes, putting us 2-0 up. The other team had quite a few shots on target, but Sebastian made some great saves. We worked really well as a team and encouraged each other throughout. Finley Berry was brilliant in defence, winning many tackles, and Matilda dominated the midfield, creating numerous chances."

The final will take place at Manuden Village Community Centre on Tuesday, 1st April, against St Joseph's. If you want to come and support, you are more than welcome! This is a rematch from last year when we lost on penalties. Fingers crossed for a better outcome this time.

Reminders and Updates

Nursery Session Payments & School Dinner Accounts

All outstanding payments for nursery sessions and any school dinner debts **must be paid by Monday 31st March**.

Break the Rules Day is next Friday, rules that can be broken are listed in the PTA section opposite. It is **not** a non-uniform day.

New Summer Menu

A new summer menu from HFL has gone live on School Grid. Please take a look at all the delicious summer dishes. Please ensure that your child's dinner money account is in credit before the start of the summer term.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your donations for Comic Relief; we raised £546.45 which is just simply fantastic!

Donations of cushions for Reception

Reception are looking for cushions with or without covers. They would like to make their outdoor writing shed more comfortable for the children.

Easter Holidays

School finishes for Easter on Friday 2pm and the children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:



Ducklings: Shaye and Freddie

Puffins: Ivy **Owls:** Alexander
'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers and our school code. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: approaching learning with a positive attitude and writing an incredible balanced argument.

Well done to:

Robins: Fintan

Wrens: JJ

Starlings: Juliet

Sparrows: Eleanor

Skylarks, Swifts, Nightingales and Kingfishers: Every child in each class for their hard work and fabulous performances in Olivia. Great work children!

Kestrels: Eliza

Kites:

Harriers: Rose

Hawks: Aditi

Tiger sharks charity swim



The Tiger Shark swimming club are helping fight cancer with two incredible charities, Cancer Research and Marie Curie.



Cian in year 6, Rory, Erin, Ailbhe in year 5, Nicolae in year 4 and their siblings are swimming in this year's swimathon on Saturday 29th March at Grange Paddocks. If you would like to sponsor, please use the following link: <https://www.givengain.com/project/tiger-raising-funds-for-cancer-research-uk-marie-curie-and-swimathon-foundation-93324>

Northgate School Association

A massive thank you to all our volunteers who supported the PTA Mother's Day Shop and Book Fair this week. We simply couldn't do it without you.

A huge thank you to Sarah Colby and Meryl Herniman who are leading our Disco event tonight. We hope you have lots of fun dancing and eating!

Break the Rules Day

Don't forget it's Break the Rules day on our last day of term, 4th April. An opportunity to be a little bit naughty breaking the rules below!

1. Wear grey socks/tights
2. Wear your tie (UKS2)
3. No nail varnish
4. No coloured hair
5. No hair gel
6. Only green hair accessories
7. No jewellery
8. No trainers/fashion shoes
9. No squash in your water bottle

And only these rules, please!! Please pay 50p for every rule you break.

Hope you all have a relaxing weekend celebrating all the wonderful women in our lives.

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team