

April 4th 2025

### Headteacher's News

This week, our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Science Week! The students had an amazing time, engaging in hands-on experiments, creative investigations, and thrilling scientific discoveries.

One of the highlights was our Monday class mix-up, where the children got the chance to work with pupils from across year groups and with different teachers. This fun change gave them the opportunity to explore a variety of scientific topics. Thanks to the PTA, who funded our Fab Science workshops, where students participated in interactive demonstrations and experiments. Throughout the week, each class conducted their own investigations, putting their scientific skills to the test. Based on the theme of 'What is the best toy?', the children asked questions, made predictions, and recorded their findings like real scientists.

Science Week was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to develop their curiosity and love for learning. A huge thank you to Mrs Hickey and Miss Cottrell who made this event so special, and to our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work!

Huge congratulations to our Gold football team who won the KAS football league—see below for more details.

Well done to Year 5 for captivating their audience with their outstanding musical talents, both as solo performers and as a united year group. Thanks to Mrs Cheung for organising this event.

A massive thank you to all the parents who have supported my just-giving page for my charity skydive in the Easter holidays.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents for their support this term — it is greatly appreciated!

Hope you have a wonderful Easter .

### Important Dates

Fri 4th Apr  
7th- 21st April  
Tues 22nd April  
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  
Wed 2nd July  
Fri 4th July  
Fri 11th July  
Tues 22nd July  
**Wes 23rd July**  
Thurs 4th Sept  
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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  
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

### Enriching the curriculum

#### Sport: Gold for the Gold Team!

Well done to Northgate's Gold football team, who won the KAS League final on Tuesday. Seb, Matilda, Teddy, and Ollie shared their thoughts: "Matilda scored early in the first half, giving us a huge boost. The second half saw some fresh legs with substitutions. St. Joseph's equalised. Our defence was solid, our attack was very strong, and with just three minutes to go, Matilda scored again, sealing the win! We celebrated with all the supporters after the whistle blew." Mr. Dunn and Mr. Brown said, "Staff are thrilled with the team's victory and proud of all the students who participated in the league this year."



#### Science Week: A week of curiosity, discovery, and fun!

On Monday's Mix-Up Day, children worked in mixed-age groups, exploring capillary action, circuit building, and oobleck, through hands-on experiments. From Tuesday to Thursday, Fab Science enriched learning with a forces presentation for KS1 and electricity experiments for KS2.



### Attendance this term

Yr	%
R	97.2
1	95.7
2	94.3
3	96.2
4	96.4
5	96.6
6	96.2

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, and 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.

### Safeguarding:

The SWGFL charity website offers valuable guides on popular platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, and Roblox including providing helpful tips on parental controls, managing friendships, reporting issues, and blocking or deleting users.

[Instagram final AW screen \(swgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.swgfl.org.uk/instagram-final-AW-screen)

[Snapchat checklist final AW \(swgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.swgfl.org.uk/snapchat-checklist-final-AW)

[Facebook checklist 2023 final AW \(swgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.swgfl.org.uk/facebook-checklist-2023-final-AW)

## Enriching the Curriculum

Year 5 performed their instrumental concert for parents and carers yesterday. Both classes resighted a rondo that they had composed as a collaboration, which was very impressive.



### French

A small group of Year 2 children graduated from 'le club francais' on Thursday. Over the half-term, they have practised saying hello, my name is, numbers 1-5 and goodbye. They have shown such enthusiasm for learning a new language and we look forward to teaching them more French in Year 3. Bravo!

### Winning House for the Spring Term

As a reward for earning the most house points this term, the children from Norman house watched a short film on Wednesday lunchtime and enjoyed popcorn. We hope you all enjoyed this and keep up the good work!

**House Cross country** was won by Vikings. Well done to everyone who took part.

### Competition Success!

Congratulations to Aditi from Hawks for her recent success in a competition hosted by the Pop-Up Gallery in Jackson Square!

### Eid Mubarak!

Our Muslim families at Northgate enjoyed their Eid celebrations. Mrs. Javid and Eilaf from Harriers wore beautiful henna designs, a tradition celebrated worldwide during Eid. Thank you to Mrs Yousef for the cakes!



## Reminders and Updates

### Next Term

School starts again on Tuesday 22nd April.

### School uniform

School uniforms should be smart and presentable. Jumpers and cardigans should either have the school logo or be plain bottle green. Branded clothing is not allowed. Children should wear school shoes, with trainers only permitted on PE days. After Easter, our second-hand uniform will be available for sale, with more details to follow.

### Mrs Tanner's charity Sky Dive

Over the Easter break, Mrs Tanner will be taking on a big challenge: a **charity skydive** to raise money for **Isabel Hospice**. She is doing this in memory of some very special members of our school community who are sadly no longer with us. If you would like to support her, any donation – no matter how small – would be hugely appreciated and will help the hospice continue their vital work for other families. please click: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-tanner-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-tanner-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



## Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following children for achieving our 'Excellence award'. This is for a consistent positive attitude to learning and exemplary behaviour. They received their certificates this morning from Mrs Tanner and Mrs Clynes and celebrated with cakes and refreshments. Well done all!



**Ducklings:** Ilaria and Lucia

**Puffins:** Ted **Owls:** Aasiyah

**Wrens:** James

**Starlings:** Duru

**Skylarks:** Emily

**Nightingales:** Lena

**Kestrels:** Dawud

**Harriers:** Maya

**Robins:** Hollie

**Sparrows:** Cinar

**Swifts:** Xavier

**Kingfishers:** Henry

**Kites:** Ailbhe

**Hawks:** James



## Coordination Group Publications Discount

20% OFF CGPBOOKS FOR PARENTS with code: EASTER20  
The UK's favourite books for KS1, KS2 and preparation for SATS. Parents can save 20% until 30th April  
<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books>



## Northgate School Association

### Thank you!

We hope you all had a little fun today breaking a few of our school rules! Thank you for all your amazing support with our PTA events over the last few weeks. It's been a busy one, but we've raised lots of funds for our children's school. THANK YOU!

**Summer Fayre:** After the Easter holidays we head towards one of our biggest events of the year, our Summer Fayre.

We are holding our PTA Summer Fayre on Saturday 14th June 2025 from 12pm to 3pm. Our theme this year is 'Jungle' and we're very lucky to have a petting zoo join us for three shows! In addition, we have lots of inflatables, games, shopping, emergency services, performances and food/drink vendors.

If you are interested in having a stall at our event, please contact me on [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com). We love to support local and parent/carers businesses.

In addition, if you are interested in sponsoring our event or able to donate a raffle prize, please email me.

We will be holding a second hand book sale at the Fayre, so if you have any books you would like to donate, please leave them at the school office.

Furthermore, we are holding our popular teddy tombola again, so if you're having a clear out over the holidays, we would appreciate any cuddly toys in a very good condition. Again, please leave them at the school office.

Please look out for opportunities to volunteer at the event after Easter- we will need lots of support!

**Hope you all have a relaxing and well deserved Easter break.**