

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

October 3rd 2025

Headteacher's News

Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their child to have a school lunch on Thursday for Census Day. With school funding becoming increasingly stretched, every little bit really does make a difference, and we are very grateful for your support.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Harvest celebrations. Reception's assembly will take place at 9:00am on Tuesday and will be followed by a phonics workshop, while Year 1 and Year 2 will hold their assembly at 9:00am on Wednesday. Please enter the school through the main office for these events. Unfortunately, due to limited space, we are unable to invite parents to the KS2 assembly, and we thank you for your understanding. As in previous years, our Harvest collection will support the local food bank, with details of the items most needed included on the next page. Donations will be gratefully received from Monday onwards.

On Friday 10th October, at 9am, Mrs Rogers, our pastoral leader, will be holding a Tea & Talk session for parents- focused on supporting mental wellbeing. We hope you can join us for an informal opportunity to chat, share ideas, and access helpful information over a cup of tea.

Thank you for your continued support and have a good weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Black History Month 2025

Northgate is celebrating Black History Month this October. In Monday's assembly, Mrs Ahwe introduced the programme of activities taking place throughout the month. Students will be learning about inspiring black, brown and mixed-heritage British people—past and present—through a range of engaging activities. They will also enjoy daily explorations of different music genres, with a focus on the contributions of black artists. Special visitors will include Mr. Olusola Adebisi, a storyteller and drummer, and Aida Kiraya, a local author, who will be sharing her new book with us - "Wonderful and Different" (<https://wonderfulanddifferent.com/pages/about-us>). In English, students will be reading a selection of related stories, such as *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin, which celebrates the Windrush generation, and *The Story of Ruby Bridges*, highlighting her role in advancing equality and education. They will also enjoy traditional African tales, including Handa's Hen.

Drama Workshop

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Marisa from Perform on Monday 29th September. The children in KS1 and Reception had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Castles, Knights and Princesses and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Please see the flyer attached showing local lessons.

Sport: Football Team

What a brilliant start for the Northgate Football teams! The Silver A team won 7-1, and the Gold team won 7-0 away against Summercroft.

We were also lucky to have a special guest coach, Mr Dunn. Thank you to him!



Important Dates

Mon 6 th Oct	Visit from local author Aida Kiraya
Tues 7 th Oct	Reception 9am Harvest assembly (parents) 9.20am phonics parent workshop
Wed 8 th Oct	KS1 9am Harvest assembly (parents)
Fri 10 th Oct	Tea & Talk for Parents – Mental wellbeing
Mon 13 th Oct	Visit from Mr Adebisi - African storytelling and drumming
Thurs 16 th Oct	Y2 walk to Waytemore castle
Fri 17 th Oct	Y3 Visit from Spirit of the Wild
Fri 17 th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card Day (wear red on the day)
Mon 20 th Oct	EYFS 9am reading with parents
Tues 21 st Oct	Y3/4 9am reading with parents
Wed 22 nd Oct	Y1/2 9am reading with parents
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Y5/6 9am reading with parents/information workshop.
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Cultural Heritage Day / World Afro Hair Day (non-school uniform day) and Black History Month Quiz
Fri 24 th Oct	Inset Day
27 th –31 st Oct	Half Term
Fri 7 th Nov	PTA Fireworks Night (Details to follow)
Mon 1 st Dec	PTA Elftridges shop for EYFS, Y1, Y3 and Y6
Wed 3 rd Dec	PTA Elftridges shop for Y2, Y4 and Y5
Tues 9 th Dec	EYFS Christmas production: 9.15am-2.40pm
Fri 12 th Dec	KS1 9.10am/2.40pm Christmas production
Thurs 18 th Dec	KS2 2pm Church service St Michaels Church
Fri 19 th Dec	2pm finish Break up for Christmas
22 nd Dec—2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 6 th Jan	School term starts
Tue 27 th Jan	Y2 Old Northgate School walk
16 th —20 th Feb	Half Term
Fri 27 th Mar	2pm finish Break up for Easter
30 th Mar—10 th April	Easter Holidays
Thurs 25 th June	Y2 Hertfordshire Zoo

=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Community News

The charity 'Carers in Herts' are running an online session over Zoom for Parents/Carers on understanding self-harm in children and young people. This will explain strategies and practical help to support children. The guest speaker is a clinician who works at CAMHS. **For more information or to book your place: Call: 01992 58 69 69**

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events

Safeguarding

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)?

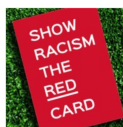
Each school must have appropriate senior members of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the Designated Safeguarding Lead role include: referring any concerns to social care, ensuring all staff are aware of how to raise safeguarding concerns, ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect, monitoring children of concern, maintaining child protection records, raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring these are implemented and reviewed regularly.

At Northgate the DSLs are: **Mrs Tanner, Mrs Clynes, Mrs Layer and Mrs Wallace**

**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

Enriching the Curriculum

We will be taking part in the nationwide **Show Racism the Red Card** event on **Friday 17th October**. Everyone is encouraged to wear one red item — this could be clothing or an accessory such as socks, a ribbon, or a sticker.



The event supports the work of [Show Racism the Red Card](#), a charity that educates against racism.

Children will also take part in PSHE lessons focusing on anti-racism, equality, and inclusion, helping them understand the impact of racism and the importance of standing up against discrimination.

Heritage and Cultural non-school uniform day.

On the last day of this half term, **Thursday 24th October**, we invite all children to come to school in non-uniform to celebrate their heritage and culture. Children are encouraged to wear suitable clothing that reflects their background—for example, the colours of a national flag or a football kit from a particular country.

As part of our celebrations, we will also be recognising World Afro Hair Day. On this day, children are encouraged to wear their hair naturally—just be you!

We kindly ask for a £1 donation to help fund special visitors who will be running interactive workshops with the whole school throughout the month.



Reminders and Updates

Absences

Absences If your child is unwell please call the office on 01279 652376 or email absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk. Please ensure that, when reporting an absence, you provide the specific reason why your child cannot send school. Stating that they are simply "unwell" is not sufficient, and failure to provide a clear explanation will result in this absence being recorded as unauthorised.

Lost Property

There is already a large pile of unnamed lost property in the boxes in the school reception. Please come and claim your items. Please ensure that your child's clothes and belongings are clearly labelled.



Amazon Wish Lists

Below are links to each year group's Amazon wish lists containing books and items that teachers have carefully selected for their classes. We suggest this as an alternative to birthday sweets. If you are able to support the school in this way, please take a look. If you see something you would like to buy, simply follow the same process as when ordering for yourself. Items will be delivered directly to the school, marked for the attention of the relevant teacher. Thank you for your support; it is much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Louisa Layer, our Assistant Head.

SEND Wish List	Nursery Wish List	Reception Wish List
Year 1 Wish List	Year 2 Wish List	Year 3 Wish List
Year 4 Wish List	Year 5 Wish List	Year 6 Wish List

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week are:

Ducklings: Rupert and Taraoluwa

Puffins: Meredith

Owls: Inayra



'Learner of the Week' focus on Learning Powers and the School Code. Well done to:

Robins: Hamza

Wrens: Eva

Starlings: Nevaan

Sparrows: William

Skylarks: Max

Swifts: Harvey

Nightingales: Manuel

Kingfishers: Charlie

Kestrels: William

Kites: Emily

Harriers: Rory

Hawks: Dawud



Harvest Festival

We started our collection for Harvest Festival today. Please bring all food donations to school by **Wednesday 8th October**. There will be boxes in each class for items to be placed in. These will be displayed during our Harvest Assembly before being donated to the **Bishop's Stortford Food Bank**.

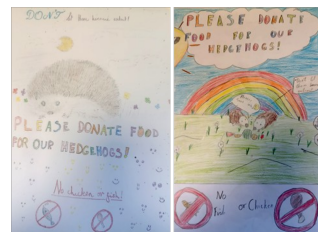
Wanted items include: crisps, chocolate, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, sponge puddings, biscuits, coffee, tea, fruit juice, cereal, tinned meat/fish, jam, honey, pasta sauces, canned tomatoes, rice puddings, UHT milk, soup, sanitary items, toilet rolls, toiletries, cleaning items, and nappies (sizes 4/5/6).

Hedgehogs

At this time of year, Mrs Morgan collects donations of **cat and dog food** for the charity **Herts for Hedgehogs**.

She kindly takes the food to them on behalf of the school. Please bring any donations to the school office. Please note hedgehogs **do not like** fish or chicken flavours!

To help spread the word, some children have designed posters for Mrs Morgan to display around school — and



Northgate School Association

Fireworks Night

Tickets are still on sale for our **PTA Fireworks Night on Friday 8th November 2025**. We're also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success these events wouldn't be possible without your support.

If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-59161326-northgate>

Thank you for supporting our school community!

Calling All Business Owners & Decision makers!

Can you help us make a BIG difference to Northgate Primary School?

We're looking for local businesses who'd love to support our school through sponsorships, donations, and collaborations throughout the year.

Your support helps us:

- Fund amazing learning experiences
- Improve school resources & facilities
- Bring the community together at events

Contact Josh: jconnectsltd@gmail.com to hear more about the opportunities available.

Together, we can make a huge impact for our children and the community. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, The PTA.