

11th July 2025

## Headteacher's News

As part of Take Over Day, some of the Year 6 children took on the role of Headteacher and helped write parts of this week's newsletter.

### Take over day By Vito Corrarello

Take over day is an opportunity for children in Year 6 to take over many jobs that teachers and headteachers alike usually do. For example, our pupils can teach a lesson, do a teaching assistant (TA) job and help the school office. The children I taught were very respectful and I was able to deliver my lesson and get them to do a worksheet without failure. "Teaching was very fun! I would recommend it to any future Year 6's!" -Girl in Year 6 "It was very fun and my class were very sensible! If you want to be a teacher this is a good taster!" -Boy in Year 6



### Music across the week by Luca, Joshua and Ben



Rocksteady is a opportunity to learn about rock and pop music including Electric Guitar, Drums, and so many more. We had many bands including 'The Loaded Dippers' singing Fireworks by Katy Perry, 'Steve Lava Chicken' singing Shotgun by George Ezra and last but not least, 'The Champions' performing We will rock you.



### Birchwood Visit By Luca and Joshua and a interviewed Student (Otis Year 5).

Once the students had arrived at Birchwood they split into two groups. The players included 1 trumpet player, 1 piano player, 5 drum players and a handful of glockenspiel players. Also, thank you to Evan Badcock, an ex-Northgate student and member of the National Youth Theatre, who came back to school yesterday to give a classical music presentation.

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic SATs results – we're incredibly proud of all their hard work and determination. Next Wednesday, 16th July at 8:50am, Eduthing, our IT support company, will be delivering a 30-minute Online Safety Talk for parents. All parents are welcome to attend, though the session is particularly aimed at those with children in Key Stage 2.

We are all looking forward to our Challenge week next week – children are in PE kit most of the week. Please ensure you read the relevant emails.

Have a great weekend—hope you enjoy the sunshine.

## Important Dates

14th—17th July	Challenge week. Sessions with parents
Mon 14th July	2.50pm—Nursery & Reception
Tues 15th July	9am – Year 3/4
Wed 16th July	9am—Year 5/6
Thurs 17th July	9am—Year 1/2
Thurs 17th July	9.30am Y2 Music festival with parents
Wed 16th July	8.50am Eduthing Online Safety Talk
Mon 21st July	9.15am Yr 6 Leavers' assembly am
Tues 22nd July	Northgate's Got Talent
Tues 22nd July	Break the rules day
Tues 22nd July	2pm Break up for summer holidays
<b>Wed 23rd July</b>	<b>Occasional day</b>
<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sept</b>	<b>Inset days</b>
Thurs 4th Sept	Start of New School Year
<b>Wed 10th Sept</b>	<b>Y2 3.00pm Meet the Teacher</b>
<b>Thurs 11th Sept</b>	<b>Y3 2.50pm Meet the Teacher</b>
<b>Friday 12th Sept</b>	<b>Y4 9.00am Meet the Teacher</b>
<b>Tues 16th Sept</b>	<b>R 3.00pm Meet the Teacher</b>
<b>Wed 17th Sept</b>	<b>Y5 9.00am Meet the Teacher</b>
<b>Wed 17th Sept</b>	<b>Y1 3.00am Meet the Teacher</b>
<b>Thurs 18th Sept</b>	<b>Y6 9.00am Meet the Teacher</b>
<b>Fri 24th Oct</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>27th –31st Oct</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>19th Dec</b>	<b>2pm finish Break up for Christmas</b>
<b>22nd Dec—2nd Jan</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>13th Feb</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>16th—20th Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>27th Mar</b>	<b>2pm finish Break up for Easter</b>
<b>30th Mar—10th April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
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## French Summer Challenge

Many KS2 children have been sharing that they are going on holiday to France during the Summer. Therefore, for those that wish to, Mme Edwards has produced a Summer Challenge they can do over the holidays and hand in on our September return. Children who attended the Year 2 lunchtime club de francais are also very welcome to join in with the challenge. Mme Edwards wishes all the children "bonnes vacances". The challenge details are attached to the email containing this newsletter.

## Safeguarding:

Please find below a link to the UK Safer Internet Centre, an excellent resource to help keep your children safe online. It covers a wide range of important topics, including social media use, online bullying, parental controls, and managing screen time effectively.

The site also features engaging videos that you can watch together with your children. These are designed to encourage open and honest conversations about staying safe while using the internet.

We highly recommend exploring these resources to support your family in navigating the digital world safely, especially during the summer holidays. You can find the resources here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays>

## Reminders and Updates

### Library Books Reminder

Mrs. Booth has noted that there are currently **91 books outstanding** for KS1 and KS2 — that's quite a lot! Please take a moment to check at home for any school library books. Any books not returned by **Tuesday, 15th July** will incur a **£5.00 charge**. Thank you for helping us keep our library stocked and available for all the children!

### Are you moving from the area? Is your child moving school?

If your child no longer needs their place at Northgate in September, please email admissions as soon as possible using the following address: [admissions@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@northgate.herts.sch.uk). We have many children waiting for a place here and we would like to ensure that all these families are contacted in advance. Thank you.

### Pupil Premium

If you claim any benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and other funding to help cover the cost of trips, and additional interventions your child may require. To find out please apply directly and confidentially via the following link: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.

Mrs Ferdinand is willing to assist you with the application, if you need help.

### Debts

Your child's dinner money account must be in credit and certainly any debts paid before the end of term. Please also look at any money outstanding from clubs that your child has attended this term.

### Lost Property

Please come and claim any lost property, - such as jumpers, cardigans etc from the white bins in the office Reception area. Items left over at the end of term will be either sold on as preloved or recycled.

### Volunteer Reading Update

Please note, there will be no volunteer reading next week. A huge thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have supported guided reading throughout the year — your help has made a wonderful difference to the children's learning and progress!

### Painting the dining room

We're looking for helping hands to paint the school dining room this summer as it could really use a freshening up, and your support would make a big difference!

If you're available and willing to lend a hand, please contact Mrs Morris, our School Business Manager on email [sbm@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@northgate.herts.sch.uk) — we'd be incredibly grateful for your time and effort.

## Sport

### KAS Cricket Final

On Tuesday, ten children from Years 4–6 represented our school at the KAS Cricket tournament at Thorley Cricket Club. Against seven schools, they showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Sophia and Sebastian said the competition was intense but fun. The team played three matches, winning their final game. Well done to all for their effort and for representing the school!



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

**Ducklings:** Sofia and Jessica

**Puffins:** Elijah

**Owls:** Rosa



'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers. Children were praised for:

**Robins** Sebastian W

**Wrens:** Everleigh-Mae

**Starlings:** Teiga

**Sparrows:** Alicia

**Skylarks:** Jonas

**Swifts:** Riley

**Nightingales** Lottie

**Kingfishers:** Teddy

**Kestrels:** Dolly

**Kites:** Methuli

**Harriers & Hawks:** The whole class for their brilliant SAT's results. Well-done Children!

## Earrings Policy

At Northgate, it is our policy that jewellery, including earrings, must not be worn in school for safety reasons. If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, we recommend scheduling this early in the holidays. This will help ensure the earrings can be safely removed by the start of the autumn term.

To support this, we will allow children to come to school with newly pierced ears wearing covered earrings next week only.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**DSPL3** offer **SEND families** access to support and services.

Their website [www.dspl3.org.uk](http://www.dspl3.org.uk) is jammed packed with helpful information and details of free training courses and workshops, SEND parent coffee mornings, Service Directories and much more.

## Northgate School Association

### Ice Creams

Assuming that the weather continues to be wonderfully warm, we will be holding our ice cream event next week on Thursday 17th July at pick up. Lots of yummy ice creams and lollies! There will be card machines available.

### Break the Rules Day

Don't forget it's Break the Rules day on our last day of term, Tuesday 22nd July. An opportunity to be a little bit naughty breaking the rules below! **Children must be in full school uniform with the exception of:**

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

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!**  
**Gerri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team**