

June 19th 2026

Headteacher's News

Thank you to the PTA for running our **Father's Day Shop** this week. The funds raised this year have been invaluable in helping us launch PULSE and purchase our new large climbing equipment, *The Oak*. Please take a moment to read the recent email regarding the recruitment of additional PTA trustees. In particular, we are looking for someone with a financial background who may be interested in taking on the role of Treasurer.

It was lovely to see so many **fathers and grandfathers** attending the EYFS sessions this week. Thank you for your support and involvement.

I hope that parents of children with **SEND** found their recent meetings with teachers helpful. I would like to remind parents that a diagnosis helps us to identify and implement appropriate adaptations within school to support a child's needs. However, a diagnosis does not automatically result in additional funding being allocated, as national SEND funding remains extremely limited. As we approach the end of the school year, we would be grateful if **all payments** to the school could be made promptly. If you are experiencing any difficulties with payments, please contact our Finance Officer, on finance@northgate.herts.sch.uk as soon as possible so that we can discuss support options.

We recognise that we offer a wide range of **educational visits** and trips, which can become costly for families. If you would like to provide feedback on this area, please email us at interact@northgate.herts.uk.

Hope you have a wonderful hot and sunny weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle on Monday, where they explored the medieval castle and village and learned about life in Norman England. Friendly animals roamed freely around the site, including deer, goats and sheep. The children were so enthusiastic, curious and impeccably behaved throughout, making it a really memorable and enjoyable learning Experience for everyone.



Also on Monday, Year 6 took part in a valuable CPR and basic first aid session led by volunteers Glenis and Geraldine. They learned how to assess a situation, call 999, place someone in the recovery position and perform chest compressions using British Heart Foundation training manikins. This session is designed to help pupils feel more confident in responding to emergencies. We are very grateful for this valuable experience, thanks go to Glenis and Geraldine for taking the time to teach these life saving skills.

Important Dates

Mon 22nd June	10am Kites visit to the Library
Wed 24th June	Y1 trip to Audley End
Wes 24th June	1.45pm Rocksteady pupil performance (Parents of pupils performing welcome)
Wed 24th June	5.30pm—6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening for children starting in Sept
Fri 26th June	9am ADHD information session
29th June—3rd July	Y6 Residential PGL Overstrand Hall
Wes 1st July	9am—10am Nursery Sports Day
Mon 6th July	10am Harriers visit to the Library
Wed 8th July	10am Hawks visit to the Library
Wed 8th July	2.30pm school drummers and djembe group perform in music assembly (pupils only)
Wed 8th July	Consultations and transition meetings
Thurs 9th July	Move up day
Fri 10th July	Sports Day
Fri 10th July	3.30pm—6.30pm Sports Day After Party
13th—17th July	Art Week
Mon 13th July	10am Kingfishers visit to the Library
Mon 13th July	2.50pm KS1 Art work sharing with parents
Tues 14th July	2.50pm UKS2 Art work sharing with parents
Wed 15th July	10am Nightingales visit to the Library
Wed 15th July	2.50pm EYFS Art work sharing with parents
Wed 15th July	1pm/6pm Y5/Y6 Performance at South mill
Thurs 16th July	2.50pm LKS2 Art work sharing with parents
Mon 20th July	9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 21st July	2pm Break up for summer holidays
Wed 22nd July	Occasional day
23rd July—31st Aug	Summer Holidays
1st & 2nd Sept	Inset day
Thurs 3rd Sept	Start of New School Year
Fri 23rd Oct	Inset day
Mon 26th-Fri 30th Oct	Half Term
21st Dec—1st Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4th Jan	Inset day
*Red = New Item / Change to Item	

Sport

Last Friday, our Year 5/6 girls' netball team played brilliantly against Windhill, earning an outstanding 25–2 victory for Northgate. The girls showed great teamwork, skill, and determination throughout the match, with strong performances across the court. This fantastic result reflects their hard work and commitment. Congratulations to all of the girls on such a wonderful achievement—you should be very proud of yourselves!



Safeguarding:

Important Safety Reminder – Children Cycling

For the safety of all pupils, children must not ride any bikes or scooters through the school grounds. We kindly ask parents and carers to remind their child to dismount and walk their bike once they enter the school site. This helps to prevent accidents and keeps everyone safe, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

Enriching the Curriculum

This week, **Nursery and Reception** celebrated fathers, special men and significant adults in the children's lives. Reception enjoyed sharing activities in maths and writing with their guests, before performing a song and exploring their current storybook together. Nursery delighted everyone with a performance of Flower in the Garden by Nick Cope. Inspired by the song, the children gifted handmade daffodils and cheese sandwich cards with a cheeky dad joke inside. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special occasion.



Wednesday was Egyptian Day at Northgate for **Year 5**. 'History off the Page' came in and gave the children an amazing insight into Ancient Egypt learning through a range of hands-on activities, including baking, amulet making and embalming. This created an immersive experience and brought their history topic to life. The looked fantastic in their costumes. Thank you to the parents for helping.



Today, we were delighted to welcome **Paralympian** Laura Sugar, Annabelle in Hawks' aunt, to our whole-school assembly. Laura shared her inspiring journey, speaking about the dedication and resilience behind her success. The children were fascinated by her achievements and inspired to believe in themselves and strive for their goals.



Reminders and Updates

No Extreme hair cuts

Please remember that extreme hairstyles, including tramlines and other shaved patterns, are not permitted at school.

Donations Needed

We would be grateful for the following donations:

Themed costumes (e.g. Egyptian or Viking Day) – these can be reused by other families, helping to reduce waste and save money.

Blue fabric – Year 6 are creating a sea-themed backdrop for their school production and would welcome any shade or quantity of blue material.

Plastic bottle tops – Mrs Venning is collecting coloured plastic bottle tops for a whole-school art installation in the playground. Required before Art week on 13th July 2026. Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you.

Library Books

All school library books need to be returned by Friday 3rd July at the latest. As you know, books are very expensive and unfortunately, due to the number lost or damaged last year, we will be asking for a £5.00 donation on towards any unreturned books.

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Ducklings: Arielle and Tadiwa

Puffins: Filip **Owls:** Myles

'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers and our school code.

Children were praised by their teachers for: great effort, being respectful, kind and responsible.

Robins: Vinnie

Wrens: Amelia

Starlings: Charlotte

Sparrows: Betsy

Skylarks: Anaaya

Swifts: Hayden

Nightingales: Jess

Kingfishers: Rex

Kestrels: Anaya

Kites: Teddy W

Harriers: Erin

Hawks: Charlie

50km Peak District Challenge Northgate Fundraiser



Miss Beales from Northgate Primary School will be taking on a 50km ultra challenge in the Peak District on 4th July to **raise funds for our SEN and PE departments**. Money raised will go towards new sensory and sports equipment, including a canopy area for the Quad, spin chairs and basketball hoops, helping to support regulation, confidence and active play across the school. Any donations would be greatly appreciated in supporting this worthwhile cause. To donate please click <https://gofund.me/00efdbe65>

Parent courses/workshops

DSPL3 (Delivering Special Provision Locally) is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership that works with schools, professionals, and local services to **support children and families**. DSPL3 offers a range of free courses and workshops for parents and carers, covering topics such as emotional wellbeing, behaviour, autism, ADHD, and additional needs.

For more information about the support available, please visit: [DSPL3 Advice and Services Page](#)

Northgate School Association

Sports Day After Party

Join us on Friday 10th July, from 3.30pm–6.30pm, for the Sports Day After Party! Enjoy DJ, inflatables, ice cream and drinks (food vendors to be confirmed)

Tickets are available here: [Northgate School Association online ticket sales powered by TicketSource](#)

The Parents Lottery

Support Northgate Primary and be in with a chance to win up to £25,000!

The Parents Lottery is a weekly fundraiser with tickets costing just £1 each. There are weekly prizes, including a jackpot, with draws taking place every Friday.

To sign up and support our school, please visit:

<https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/northgate-association-northgate-primary-school1779864551>

Every entry directly supports our school community so please share with friends and family!

The PTA Team