

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

2nd May 2025

Headteacher's News

This afternoon, we celebrated VE Day in the great way—by having an outdoor party full of games, and plenty of fun! The children looked fantastic, in a sea of red, white, and blue, really embracing the spirit of the occasion. They enjoyed playing exciting games, before watching the teachers take part in a hilarious dressing-up race. Afterwards, we all gathered to sing the National Anthem, proudly standing together to honor the occasion. To finish off our celebration, the children sat down to enjoy their party snacks, sharing the joy of the occasion with their friends. It was a wonderful way to commemorate this historic occasion together.

Well done to Year 4, who yesterday shared their learning from their music lessons, both performing with a recorder and singing beautifully two songs they have been learning. Our soloists also did some amazing performances. Thanks to Mrs Cheung for organising the event.

We hope you have a wonderful long Bank Holiday weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

VE Day Celebration:

What a wonderful afternoon in the sunshine! The whole school came together to play games in their classes and key stages. Games included musical statues, parachute games and circle games.



Important Dates

Mon 5th May

Tues 6th May

Wes 7th May

Thurs 8th May

12th –16th May

Thurs 15th May

Tues 20th May

Wed 21st May

Thurs 22nd May

Fri 23rd May

26th—30th May

2nd –6th June

2nd-13th June

Wb 9th June

W/C 9th June

Mon 9th June

Fri 13th June

Fri 13th June

Fri 13th June

Sat 14th June

Wed 18th June

Fri 20th June

Wed 2nd July

Thurs 3rd July

Fri 4th July

Thurs 10th July

Fri 11th July

14th—17th July

Mon 14th July

Tues 15th July

Wed 16th July

Thurs 17th July

Mon 21st July

Tues 22nd July

Tues 22nd July

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Wed 23rd July

2nd & 3rd Sept

Thurs 4th Sept

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Bank Holiday

9am Y1 Phonics screening information session for parents in Hall.

Y4 Viking Day

10.45am Y5 at VE Day Service.

Y6 SATS

2.40pm Y3 Instrumental Concert

Y1 Garg Animal Man

Y6 visit to Crucial Crew

End of half term

Inset day

Half term

Y6 School Journey

Y4 multiplication assessments

Year 1 phonics screening week

Father's Day Shop

Reception trip to Willows Farm

non-uniform day in return for a bottle for our Tombola'

Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip

Y5 Egypt experience

PTA Summer Fayre

Y1 Trip to Audley End

Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo

Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre

Y5/6 performance at South Mill Art.

Sports Day (details to follow)

School Transition Day

(Nursery closed all day)

Reserve Sports Day.

Challenge week. Sessions with parents

2.50pm—Nursery & Reception

9am – Year 3/4

9am—Year 5/6

9am—Year 1/2

9.15am Yr 6 Leavers' assembly am

Northgate's Got Talent

Break the rules day

2pm Break up for summer holidays

Occasional day

Inset days

Start of New School Year

Vacancy

We are looking for a casual Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA) to work as and when needed. This is a very good opportunity for anyone wanting to start working within a school setting. If you or someone you know is interested please email secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding:

Start the Day Right:

We all know a healthy breakfast is key to a successful day. It provides the energy and nutrients needed for better focus, mood, and learning. Whole grains, fruit, and protein help children stay alert and engaged. We are noticing a number of children who are missing meal are then are struggling with their work as they are hungry.

Enriching the Curriculum

Sport: Many congratulations to the year 5/6 boys football team who won against Thorn Grove at the KAS football tournament last Friday. They work so hard together as a team and received a trophy for their accomplishment. Well done!



Ducklings planting with parents: Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to plant runner bean seeds and flowers this week. Thank you for the donations of flowers; the children will see these grow this summer and it will bring so much colour to their garden.



Greek Day

On Monday, Year 3 kicked off their new topic with an exciting Greek Day. Students and staff arrived at school dressed in amazing costumes. The day began with the children learning about and admiring beautiful examples of Hoplon shields used by Ancient Greek soldiers. Inspired by these, they created their own shields. The children also learned the Greek alphabet and wrote their names in Greek. Later, each class made a delicious Greek Salad, chopping tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, feta cheese, and olives. They enjoyed trying this during a Greek feast in the afternoon. They also had fun practicing traditional Greek dancing in the hall. A big thank you to the teachers for giving the children a real taste of life in Ancient Greece!



Reminders and Updates

Headlice

Please check your child's hair over the weekend for signs of headlice, as we have been notified of a couple of cases in school. Please administer a treatment if required.

Donations of costumes

If you have any unwanted costumes from our school theme days, such as Roman, Greek, Egyptian, Victorian etc, we would be very grateful for your donations. These costumes will be passed on to families who may not have access to them, helping ensure every child can fully take part in our special events. Thank you for your support.

Medication forms

If your child needs to have medication administered at school, a medical form must be filled out online via our school website. Please note that we will only administer medicine that is required four times a day (three times a day can be given to the children before school, after school and before bed). It is essential that the medication is brought in, in its original box with labels and insert. Thank you.

Packed Lunches: As we have children with **nut allergies**, please be careful not to include food containing nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter, pesto, Bakewell tart, chocolate products or desserts which contain nuts.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Ducklings: Nyla and Filip

Puffins: Oscar **Owls:** Axl

'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: a fantastic description of Day of the Dead which included a range of sentence openers and for always putting in 100% effort and positivity into everything they do!

Well done to:

Robins: Iris

Starlings: Mara

Skylarks: Edy

Nightingales: Florence

Kestrels: Annabelle

Harriers: Marco

Wrens: Taria

Sparrows:

Swifts: Jess

Kingfishers: Anaya

Kites: Anastasia

Hawks: Sebastian



Blue Peter Badges

Following our suggestion on World Book Day, George from Robins and Charlie from Swifts, have both received their reading Blue Peter badges. Well done boys and enjoy the wonderful benefits for all your hard work! If your child would like to complete their badge, please click this link for more information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Northgate School Association

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. What an afternoon we have planned for you!

We're very excited that Russell Property is sponsoring our event, and they'll be there on the day too.

Summer Fayre Volunteers needed

With the Summer Fayre fast approaching, we are looking for lots of lovely volunteers to help us make it the best Summer Fayre ever! It can be for an hour or so, the whole afternoon, volunteer by yourself or team up with friends and family. Volunteer before, during or after hours, but PLEASE if you can, do volunteer!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-56183930-northgate>

The PTA team is amazing, but we can't run events like this without your support. The Fayre is our biggest fundraising event; we have so many fun and exciting things planned for our school, please help us make the event a success!

Summer Fayre Stalls

If you are having a clear out over the long bank holiday weekend of books and cuddly toys, please drop them off at the school office as we are planning to have these popular stalls at our Fayre.

Thank you for your continued support!

Hope you all have a relaxing long weekend!

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team