

4th July 2025

Headteacher's News

It's been a busy week across the school, with plenty of exciting events and activities taking place!

On Tuesday, you received information about your child's new class teacher for the upcoming school year. For children in year groups that are mixing, transition activities will begin over the final weeks of term to help them adjust. If you feel your child needs additional support during this time, please don't hesitate to speak with their current class teacher.

You should have received your child's end-of-year report electronically yesterday. Alongside this, there is an opportunity to complete a short questionnaire to share your feedback with us. We really value your thoughts and reflect on common themes. Congratulations to all the Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the performance at South Mill Arts Theatre. You were fantastic, and we are so proud of your hard work and talent! The show was a real highlight and showcased the creativity and confidence of our children. A big thank you to all the staff who supported and prepared the pupils so brilliantly for the event.

Nursery Sports Day took place on Wednesday, with the rest of the school enjoying their events today. The children had a brilliant time showing off their energy and enthusiasm. It was lovely to see so many parents there to cheer them on and share in the fun. Be sure to check out the photos overleaf!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

On Monday, our Reception classes enjoyed a fantastic trip to Willows Farm. Despite the very hot weather, the children coped incredibly well and had a wonderful time exploring all the exciting activities on offer.

They encountered a wide array of animals and even got up close to many of them to stroke and feed them. During a tractor ride, the children had a memorable moment when they came across a Highland Cow cooling off in a puddle—who made it very clear she wasn't moving for anyone!

In keeping with their mini topic, a highlight for many was meeting Peter Rabbit and his friends, who performed on the Outdoor Show Stage to the delight of the children. The children also enjoyed playing in the Peter Rabbit Adventure Land.

A huge thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who supported the trip and made the day so enjoyable for everyone.



Important Dates

Thurs 10th July	School Transition Day (Nursery closed all day)
14th—17th July	Challenge week. Sessions with parents 2.50pm—Nursery & Reception
Mon 14th July	9am—Year 3/4
Tues 15th July	9am—Year 5/6
Wed 16th July	9am—Year 1/2
Thurs 17th July	9.30am Y2 Music festival with parents
Thurs 17th July	8.50am Eduthing Online Safety Talk
Wed 16th July	9.15am Yr 6 Leavers' assembly am
Mon 21st July	Northgate's Got Talent
Tues 22nd July	Break the rules day
Tues 22nd July	2pm Break up for summer holidays
Tues 22nd July	Occasional day
Wed 23rd July	Inset days
2nd & 3rd Sept	Start of New School Year
Thurs 4th Sept	Inset Day
Fri 24th Oct	Half term
27th—31st Oct	Half term
22nd Dec—2nd Jan	Christmas Break
Fri 13th Feb	Inset Day
16th—20th Feb	Half term
30th Mar—10th Apr	Easter Break

=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Meet the Teacher – September Dates

Parents, please come to the office upon arrival. A staff member will escort you to meet the teachers.

Wed 10th September Y2 3.00pm

Thurs 11th September Y3 2.50pm

Friday 12th September Y4 9.00am

Tues 16th September R 3.00pm

Wed 17th September Y5 9.00am

Wed 17th September Y1 3.00am

Thurs 18th September Y6 9.00am

Safeguarding:

Parking Reminder – Please Park Safely and Legally

We kindly remind all parents and carers to park responsibly around the school. Roads such as Willow Close and nearby streets are permit-only, and vehicles must not be parked there without a valid permit, regardless of the length of stay. Parking wardens are authorised to issue fines to any vehicle not displaying the correct permit.

We have received a **serious report** of a car being left unattended with the engine running and a small child inside. This is both unsafe and illegal under UK law. Leaving a vehicle with the engine running while unattended poses significant risks, including potential accidents or theft.

As a reminder, free parking is available at the Rugby Club, just a 3-minute walk from the school. We strongly encourage all families to make use of this facility whenever possible.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and respectful of our neighbours.

Enriching the Curriculum

Sports Day

Despite Wednesday's wet weather, the children's spirits remained high for nursery sports day in the hall. They had lots of fun and it was wonderful to see such a great turnout from parents. The skills they've learned and practiced truly shone through, making the day a memorable success! As part of their transition and to get them ready for next year, they watched a couple of the reception races in the shade.



Today, we were fortunate with the weather and enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day. The children demonstrated great determination, perseverance, and effort across all their sporting activities. It was wonderful to see such enthusiastic support from families on the side-lines.

A big thank you to Mr. Brown, Miss Powala and Miss Beales for organising the event, as well as our work experience students, and the pupils from The Bishop's Stortford High School and Herts and Essex for their invaluable help. Well done to everyone involved for making it such a memorable occasion! Congratulations to **Vikings** for winning the most points overall.



Fresh Produce at Northgate

Thanks to the warm weather we've been enjoying, Duckling's class have successfully harvested some of the vegetables they planted back in the autumn. Miss Powala is planning to cook a few of them for the children to taste during snack time—a fantastic way for them to learn about the journey of food from seed to plate!



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Ducklings: Finley and Izzy S

Puffins and Owls: The entire class for their sports day

Robins & Wrens: The whole class for sportsmanship

Starlings: The whole class for excellent sportsmanship

Sparrows: whole class for a positive attitude

Skylarks: Toby **Swifts:** Tate

Nightingales & Kingfishers: Both classes for sportsmanship

Kestrels: Gabriel **Kites:** Joshua

Harriers: Mille **Hawks:** Ruby

A special thank you to Finley, Sammy and Maya for stepping into roles in the year 5/6 show.



Good Luck!

Good luck to Bea, Lara, Orla, and Maisie in the Under 9s England National Netball Finals tomorrow!

Reminders and Updates

Transition Day

Please remember that move up day (transition day) is next Thursday the 10th July. Children will be getting to know their new teachers and environment for next year. Only the Nursery children who are moving up to Reception at Northgate are to attend school **9.30am to 10.30am**; Nursery will be closed the rest of the day for our current children.

Library books

All outstanding library books need to be returned to school by Friday 18th July. A charge of £5.00 will be made for each book not returned.

Reading books for Upper Key Stage Two

If you have any good quality reading books that you would like to donate to the school for the Year 5/6 age group, we would be very grateful.

Northgate School Association

Sports Day After Party

We hope you all have a fabulous time at the Sports Day After Party. Thank you to Rachel Spence and Natalie Gill for managing this event.

Ice Creams

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

PTA Roles

We are still looking to recruit a PTA Chair and Secretary! Without a doubt, the Chair is a busy volunteering role but such a rewarding and fulfilling one too.

We're looking for parents/carers with leadership skills, organisation skills, financial management experience, ability to problem solve and, above all, time and a sense of humour!!

If you are interested in the above roles, please contact me at ptanorthgate@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Hope you all have a relaxing weekend!
Gerri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team