

March 13th 2026

Headteacher's News

Congratulations to our **Science Club**, who won first place in the science competition at the Hertfordshire and Essex Science Fair this week.

Well done also to the **Gold Football Team** for finishing top of the league this season—an excellent achievement.

This week, we held an assembly to celebrate **Young Carers**. If you believe your child may be a young carer, please complete the **Google Form** so we can ensure they are supported in school.

Thanks to the PTA this week who organised a successful Mother's Day Shop.

The safety of our children is always our highest priority. This week we were made aware that a group of parents had created a poster encouraging thoughtful and **considerate parking** around the school to help keep children safe when arriving and leaving. We understand that feedback from other parents was shared, and amendments have since been made so the message reflects our values as an inclusive school community where all children can arrive safely.

While the school was not involved in the creation or distribution of the poster, we support the important message it promotes about keeping children safe. Safe and considerate parking is essential, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times. As part of our ongoing commitment to safety, we have again contacted the police and asked them to visit the school in the mornings to support safe parking and traffic behaviour around the site. We ask all parents and carers to please park thoughtfully, follow local parking regulations, and be mindful of the safety of everyone in our community. It would be devastating if a child were injured due to unsafe parking or driving.

Have a good weekend and Happy Mother's Day!

Enriching the curriculum

This week, parents from across the year groups joined their children for a fun maths session, playing games and looking through their work together. The activities developed key mathematical skills, including recognising numbers through practical play, solving problems, exploring advanced number strategies, and working collaboratively to strengthen children's mathematical thinking. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. The children always value these special opportunities to share their learning with their parents. Maths games are a great way to reinforce these skills, and we hope the activities provided some ideas for fun ways to support maths learning at home.



Important Dates

Mon 16th Mar	9am Reception Mothers Day Breakfast
W/C 9th Mar	Mother's Day Shop
Thurs 19th Mar	Stortford Youth Choir KS2 Assembly
Fri 20th Mar	Y 3/4 production 9:05 and 2:15
Sat 21st Mar	Pulse Volunteer morning
Wk beg 23rd Mar	Science week (Fab Science/House quiz)
Wk beg 23rd Mar	House Cross Country
Tues 24th Mar	8.55am—9.10am Parent Pulse presentation
Tues 24th Mar	9am Reception Easter Activity Morning
Tues 24th Mar	Y4 Local river walk
Wed 25th Mar	Rocksteady Concert pm
Wed 25th Mar	4.40pm Live Zoom for Parents re: Pulse.
Fri 27th Mar	Break the Rules Day
Fri 27th Mar	2pm Break up for Easter
30th Mar—10th April	Easter Holidays
Wed 15th April	PTA meeting/EGM
Fri 17th April	PTA school disco
Mon 20th April	10am Owls Visit to the Library
Wes 22nd April	11am The Library visiting Ducklings.
Thurs 23rd April	Y5 Instrumental Concert
Mon 27th April	10am Puffins Visit to the Library
Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 7th May	Y4 Instrumental Concert
11th—14th May	Y6 SATs
18th—22nd May	Neurodiversity Week
Tues 19th May	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
Thurs 21st May	Y3 Instrumental Concert
Fri 22nd May	End of term
25th—29th May	Half term
Mon 1st June	Inset day
Tues 2nd June	First day back at school
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Thurs 25th June	Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
29th June—3rd July	Y6 Residential PGL Overstrand Hall
Thurs 9th July	Move up day
Fri 10th July	Sports Day
Mon 20th July	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

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

At our school, we encourage children to know that there are **trusted adults** they can talk to if they feel worried, upset, or need help. Pupils can speak to their class teacher, a teaching assistant, or a member of the safeguarding team.

Some children also help care for a family member at home. If a child has worries or caring responsibilities, we encourage them to speak to a trusted adult so we can offer the right support. Parents and carers are also welcome to contact the school if they would like to discuss support for their child. For further advice on keeping children safe, including family life, friendships, and online safety, please visit the NSPCC website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

If you are worried about a child, you can contact the NSPCC:

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Phone: 0808 800 5000

Enriching the Curriculum

Sealife Centre

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to **Sealife Adventure** in Southend this week. During their visit, the children explored a variety of exciting ocean zones and immersed themselves in the wonders of life on our planet. They journeyed through environments inspired by the mysteries of the oceans as well as the rich diversity of jungles and deserts. To finish, the children had a run around on the beach and collected shells. It was a memorable day filled with discovery, learning and plenty of excitement for everyone involved.



Science

Five girls from **Year 5** attended the **Big Bang Science Fair** on Tuesday to showcase their project they've been working on for the past two months. They investigated how different wind turbine blades affect the speed a wind turbine spins. They had a brilliant day and spoke to the judges confidently. They won the KS2 category!



Music and drama

Eight children from **Year 6** displayed their talents while performing in the **Year 6 instrumental concert** on Thursday.



They were inspirational, well done children!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic **drama workshop** with Perform on



Monday. The children stepped into an enchanted toyshop where forgotten toys like Belle Ballerina, Rebel Racer and Grumble the Dinosaur came to life. Parents can download a free iPad/iPhone app with games, activities and videos based on the theme [here](#).

French

The children have been enhancing their **French** learning in a variety of ways. **Year 3 and Year 6** matched French book titles to the correct picture book covers, while Year 4 consolidated their Salon de Thé learning by role-playing ordering at Mme Edwards' tearoom.

They practised key phrases such as "Je voudrais un croissant, s'il vous plaît" and even had the opportunity to try grenadine, a traditional French drink. **Bon appétit, Year 4!**

"In French we got to practise how to say what we would like to order." — Georgia, Nightingales

"I really liked ordering from Mrs Edwards' café and I loved my pain au chocolat." — Rex, Kingfishers



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Ducklings: Olive and Ayaz

Puffins: Casey **Owls:** Nala

'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers.

Well done to:

Robins: Romeo

Starlings: Thaleia

Skylarks: Edith

Nightingales: Nicolae

Kestrels: Leto

Harriers: Anastacia

Wrens: Ethan

Sparrows: Ralph

Swifts: Harriet

Kingfishers: Emily

Kites: Maisy

Hawks: Nia



Sport

On Tuesday, the Gold football team played away at Windhill and won 3–1. This fantastic result means the team has finished top of the league. The semi-final match will take place after school next Thursday against Richard Whittington. Well done to the team and good luck in the semi-final!

Reminders and Updates

Lost property will be cleared at the end of term. Please come and look through the white boxes in reception for any missing items your children might have lost.

Music: Piano Lessons

If you would like your child to have piano lessons at Northgate, sessions are currently available.

The school currently has three piano tutors.

Parents should contact a tutor directly to arrange lessons.

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Ben Carnell—b.carnell00@icloud.com

Northgate School Association

Mothers Day Shop

We would like to thank all Northgate families for your wonderful support this week with the PTA Mother's Day shop. The turnout was amazing, and most of our goods were purchased.

All profits will help fund school equipment, events, and trips for all children. Thank you for helping us support and enrich the school community.

Break the Rules Day—Friday 27th March. Details to follow.

School Disco—Friday 17th April. The Milky Bar Kid will be on the decks, we have pizza (must order in advance), glitter tattoos, snacks and glow items. As usual there will be two separate events and tickets are available to buy now:

EYFS & KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2): 5pm - 6.15pm - parents / carers must attend.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/eyfs-key-stage-1-disco/2026-04-17/17:00/t-plqneev>

KS2 (Y3-Y6): 6.45pm - 8pm - drop-off & pick-up.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/key-stage-2-disco/2026-04-17/18:45/t-plqneng>

As always, we need volunteers to enable events like this to happen, so please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-62361653-disco>

The PTA Team