

April 24th 2026

### Headteacher's News

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising such a fantastic school disco. It was a wonderful event that brought so much fun to our children, and we are very grateful for all the hard work that made it such a success. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their time to help on the evening. Your support with setting up, supervising, serving refreshments and clearing away was greatly appreciated. Events like this would not be possible without your generosity. A special thank you goes to Mr McFarlane, our DJ, who worked tirelessly to keep the KS1 disco going despite unexpected technical difficulties. His enthusiasm and determination ensured the children still had a fun evening. We would also like to thank Mrs Conway, who organised the fantastic SEND disco, which was greatly appreciated by both the children and their parents.

The PTA are busy organising their next significant fundraising event, the Summer Fayre, which is on the Saturday 6th June. If you can spare an hour to help, please let a member of the PTA know. More details on the next page.

Our new termly letters can be found on google classrooms and on the school website.

Hope you have a fantastic weekend!

### Enriching the curriculum

This week Owls and Skylarks started the scheduled summer term visits to the local Library. The children learnt about becoming a member and how they can borrow books from the library. The librarians explained where they could find different genres of books within the library and listened to some stories too. Thank you to all the parent helpers that attended. On Wednesday the Library came to us and visited Ducklings and explained how wonderful the library is!



### Planting Morning in Reception

The Owls and Puffins staff are very grateful for the fantastic turnout of parents, as well as for their generosity in bringing plants, flowers and soil, and for giving up their time to support their planting morning. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into the soil, planting and bedding in the flowers, and watering them. The garden is already looking fantastic, and it will only get better as things grow.



**EVERY CHILD**  
**EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

### Important Dates

Mon 27th April	10am Puffins visit to the Library
Wed 29th April	10am Robins visit to the Library
<b>Mon 4th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Tues 5th May	9.15am Reception visit from Karate coach
Thurs 7th May	Y4 Instrumental Concert
11th—14th May	Y6 SATs
Mon 11th May	10am Swifts visit to the Library
Wed 13th May	9am Y1 meeting re Phonics Screening.
Fri 15th May	Y4 Viking Day
Fri 15th May	10am Kestrels visit to the Library
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
<b>25th—29th May</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
Tues 2nd June	First day back at school
2nd -12th June	Y4 National Multiplication tests.
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 8th June	Y1 Phonics screening
Mon 8th June	Reception trip to Willows Farm
Mon 8th June	10am Sparrows visit to the Library
<b>Wed 10th June</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
Mon 15th June	10am Starlings visit to the Library
Wed 17th June	Y5 Egyptian Day
Wed 17th June	10am Wrens visit to the Library
Mon 22nd June	10am Kites visit to the Library
<b>Wed 24th June</b>	<b>5.30pm—6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening for children starting in Sept</b>
Thurs 25th June	Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Thurs 25th June	Y6 Performance at South mill (details TBC)
29th June—3rd July	Y6 Residential PGL Overstrand Hall
Mon 6th July	10am Harriers visit to the Library
Wed 8th July	10am Hawks visit to the Library
<b>Wed 8th July</b>	<b>Consultations and transition meetings</b>
Thurs 9th July	Move up day
Fri 10th July	Sports Day
13th—17th July	Art Week
Mon 13th July	10am Kingfishers visit to the Library
<b>Mon 13th July</b>	<b>2.50pm KS1 Art work sharing with parents</b>
<b>Tues 14th July</b>	<b>2.50pm UKS2 work sharing with parents</b>
Wed 15th July	10am Nighthales visit to the Library
<b>Wed 15th July</b>	<b>2.50pm EYFS work sharing with parents</b>
<b>Thurs 16th July</b>	<b>2.50pm LKS2 work sharing with parents</b>
Mon 20th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 21st July	2pm Break up for summer holidays
<b>Wed 22nd July</b>	<b>Occasional day</b>
<b>23rd July—31st Aug</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
<b>1st &amp; 2nd Sept</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
Thurs 3rd Sept	Start of New School Year
<i>*Red = New Item / Change to Item</i>	

### Safeguarding

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. They will work with you and your family to create a package of support. The service is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18

**Issues they can help with are:** Parenting, mental and physical health problems, drug or alcohol dependency, domestic abuse, school related concerns – such as your child is not attending school, debt problems and risk of becoming homeless.

To learn more click: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx>

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Year 5 instrumental concert

On Thursday, 13 Year 5 musicians performed in a special concert for parents and peers, showcasing their talents on instruments, including



piano, drums and guitar, as well as one vocalist. It was a wonderful mix of talent and we look forward to more pupils sharing their skills at future events.

### Year 3 Greek Day

Year 3 had an exciting Greek Day on Monday as part of their Ancient Greece topic. The children dressed in Greek costumes, learned to write their names in the Greek alphabet, and designed hoplon shields. They also practiced simple Greek phrases and made a traditional Greek salad with pitta bread and hummus.

Throughout the day, they explored Greece's location, history, and culture, including theatre, the Olympics, and mathematics.

The day ended with Greek dancing and enjoying their food.

Special thanks to Mrs Cotterell and Mrs Pratt for organising such a great experience.



## Reminders and Updates

### Lateness

Please ensure you leave enough time in the morning to get your child to school in time for registration at 8.50am. Lateness is very disrupting for the teacher and class. If you do have a valid reason for being late, please call the school office in advance and we will inform the teacher. Children who arrive after 9.30am are marked as an unauthorised absence for that session, unless there is evidence of an appointment.

### Temperatures

On hot days please ensure that a high SPF sun cream is applied to your child before school and please remember sun hats and water bottles. Children must also have a raincoat for days that maybe wet.

### Jewellery and Smart Watches

Children are **not** allowed to wear earrings or other jewellery or smart watches in school.

## Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

**Ducklings:** Eleanor and Ronnie

**Puffins:** Shaye **Owls:** Mason

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

Well done to:

**Robins:** River

**Starlings:** JJ Porter

**Skylarks:** Mia

**Nightingales:** Charlie

**Kestrels:** Mason

**Harriers:** Agnes

**Wrens:** Teddy

**Sparrows:** Alisha

**Swifts:** Maxwell

**Kingfishers:** Maya

**Kites:** Denise

**Hawks:** Emma

## Sporting Achievement

### Football Tournament

On Wednesday, two girls' teams from Years 5 and 6 competed against 13 other local schools at Manuden, with both teams finishing in third place—well done, girls!

On Friday morning, two Year 4 teams—one girls' and one boys'—took part in a tournament. The girls played really well but were unfortunately defeated; however, Northgate entered the only girls' team in the tournament, which is something to be proud of! The boys' team won five games, progressed to the final against Summercroft, and secured a fantastic victory!

In the afternoon, boys from Years 5 and 6 also competed. The B team played really well and deserved to go further but unfortunately didn't make it to the next round. The A team got to the final against St Michael's but lost during penalties. Well done children for all your efforts.

Thank you to Miss Beales and Mr Dunn, who kindly volunteered, for their support, encouragement and guidance. Thanks to all the families that supported too.



## Northgate School Association

### School Disco

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our recent school disco. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the evening, and we're very grateful for your help in making it such a success.

We were also proud to host our first SEND school disco. It was a truly special event, giving children who may not have been able to attend the main disco the chance to enjoy a calm, inclusive evening - the smiles said it all. A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time to make it happen. We're excited to build on this and create more events to support our SEND community.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £3,000. These funds will go towards our PULSE project as well as contributing to the climbing frame for the children to enjoy.

We truly appreciate your continued support.  
The PTA Team