

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

20th June 2025

Headteacher's News

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for the fantastic Summer Fayre on Saturday—they have raised around £5,000 so far! Thank you to everyone who came along, joined in, and helped create such a special day for our school community. A heartfelt thank you goes to Geri Wren and our amazing PTA team, whose dedication, time, and effort made the event such a great success. These events don't happen without a huge amount of work behind the scenes, and we're incredibly grateful. Geri will be greatly missed on our PTA next year—therefore we will be looking for new members so we can continue offering such fantastic experiences for our community. The funds raised are vital to our school and help provide opportunities, resources, and experiences that benefit every child.

As you are aware, school budgets have tightened considerably over the last 2 years. Please can you ensure all payments to the school are made promptly and you communicate with Karen Paggett, our finance officer, if you have any problems with payments. We appreciate that we run a lot of trips, which can become expensive. If you would like to give us any feedback in this area, please email us on interact@northgate.herts.uk.

Hope you have a fantastic hot weekend!

Enriching the curriculum

A group of year 4 and year 5 art enthusiasts visited Bishop's Stortford College to take part in an art workshop. The children learnt how to use chalk to draw 3D shapes. The children were perfectly behaved and produced some beautiful pieces of art work, some of which the teacher said would rival her year 9 class who do the same project! We are really proud of our talented Northgate artists!



Natalia Varkentin, a local musician who teaches both violin and piano, visited school yesterday to give the children a wonderful introduction to the violin. We're excited to share that Natalia will be offering lessons at Northgate starting in September. If your child is interested in learning the violin or piano, please contact her directly at: natalijaviola@hotmail.com



Important Dates

Wed 25th June	5.30pm—6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening for children starting in Sept
Fri 27th June	Y5 Egyptian workshop
Fri 27th June	Y4 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet
Mon 30th June	Reception trip to Willows Farm
Wed 2nd July	9am—10.30am Nursery Sports Day
Wed 2nd July	Y5/6 performances at South Mill Art.
Fri 4th July	Sports Day After Party & Colour Run
Thurs 10th July	School Transition Day (Nursery closed all day)
Fri 11th July	Reserve Sports Day.
14th—17th July	Challenge week. Sessions with parents
Mon 14th July	2.50pm—Nursery & Reception
Tues 15th July	9am—Year 3/4
Wed 16th July	9am—Year 5/6
Thurs 17th July	9am—Year 1
Wed 16th July	8.50am Eduthing Online Safety Talk
Thurs 17th July	9am Y2 Music festival (at school)
	9.30am Y2 challenge session
Mon 21st July	9.15am Yr 6 Leavers' assembly am
Tues 22nd July	Northgate's Got Talent
Tues 22nd July	Break the rules day
Tues 22nd July	2pm Break up for summer holidays
Wed 23rd July	Occasional day
2nd & 3rd Sept	Inset days
Thurs 4th Sept	Start of New School Year
Fri 24th Oct	Inset Day
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
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Safeguarding:

Important Safety Reminder: Children Cycling

Children must **not ride their bikes** through the staff car park. This area is extremely busy and poses a potential safety risk to both cyclists and drivers. Please talk to your child about this to keep them safe.

Important Information – Sun Creams and Lip Balms

For the safety of all our pupils, **please check the ingredients of any sun creams and lip balms** for nut oils or nut-based products. Some children at Northgate have **severe nut allergies**, and certain ingredients—such as *Prunus amygdalus dulcis* (sweet almond oil)—can be found in sun protection products. **Please note:**

- Sun cream **should not** be brought into school by your child. Apply sun cream generously at home in the morning to ensure your child is protected throughout the school day.
- If your child requires a top-up during the day, a **medication form** must be completed (available on our website), and the sun cream must be handed in to the school office.
- **Lip balms** are also classed as medication and should be handed in to the office along with a completed form.

Enriching the Curriculum

On Wednesday, as part of their recent topic 'Enchanted Woodlands', Year 1 enjoyed a magical trip to Audley End Miniature Railway. The adventure began with a scenic ride through the woodland on a miniature train. After the train journey, they embarked on the Fairy Walk, where they discovered a world of fairy houses, castles, and woodland magic. At the end of the trail, each child had the chance to make their own magical wand.



Today, as part of their current topic 'Animal Habitats', Year 2 visited Hertfordshire Zoo for a day filled with learning and excitement. The children enjoyed a perfect blend of education and fun, discovering fascinating facts about a wide range of animals—including mammals, primates, reptiles, and birds. One of the highlights of the trip was the life-sized animatronic dinosaurs in the zoo's 'World of Dinosaurs' attraction, which the children found absolutely brilliant!



Sport

The cricket season has officially started! Some of our children are playing matches for the very first time and are gaining great experience and enjoyment.

Last week, our team played Windhill at home, and last night they competed against St Joseph's away. The mixed groups performed really well and managed the extreme heat impressively. Keep up the great work, children!

Reminders and Updates

Uniform Discount

Please find attached a Flyer from AVM Workwear and School wear who are our official uniform supplier. The Flyer offers a 5% discount for all orders before 31st July, plus free delivery for orders over £30.00.

Take advantage of this offer to get ready for the new school year!

Important: Library Books

All school library books need to be returned by Friday 4th 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 towards any unreturned books.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:



Ducklings: Jude and Ilaria

Puffins: Thea

Owls: Aasiyah

'Learner of the Week' certificates were focused on learning powers. Well done to:

Robins: Betsy

Starlings: Sofia

Wrens: Thaleia

Sparrows: The whole class for their behaviour today!

Skylarks: Isobel

Nightingales: Shay

Swifts: Willow

Kingfishers: Thea

Kestrels: Dolly

Harriers: Cian & Olivia

Kites: Rory

Hawks: Luca

Parent courses/workshops

Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL3) is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership that brings together local schools, professionals, and services to review and develop support provisions for the local community.

As part of their work, DSPL3 offers a wide range of free courses for parents and carers. These include both online and in-person options, covering key areas such as: "Strategies for Spelling" and "Guides to Parenting Children with Autism and ADHD" and much more.

These resources are designed to support families and improve outcomes for children and young people with additional needs. For more information and to view available courses, please visit:

<https://www.dspl3.org.uk/page/?title=Training+%26amp%3B+Courses&pid=60>

Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre

What an amazing Northgate Summer Fayre we had! We are so incredibly delighted and overwhelmed by the number of families who joined us at our event and the weather stayed beautiful for us! The school looked fantastic, there was laughter, excitement and lots of fun being had!

We hope you enjoyed all the stalls, activities, performances and animals we had on offer for you and there was something for everyone!

A massive thank you to our awesome PTA members who did our school so proud. These events take months to organise but oh they are so worth it!

Thank you to every parent/carers and staff volunteer who supported us in the run up, during and clear up of the event. We simply couldn't do it without you.

Thank you also for all your lovely comments during and after the event- you made our day!

Money is still coming in but we've made about £5,000 which is just totally awesome. Thank you!

Sports Day After Party

Our popular Sports Day After Party is taking place on Friday 4th July from 3.30pm to 7.30pm after the School Sports Day. There will be inflatables, food, drink and our wonderful colour run! Tickets can be purchased from www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association. Lots of fun to be had!

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team