

# Northgate Primary School

## Newsletter

December 5th 2025

### Headteacher's News

It has been lovely to see many of our unwell children returning to school this week. Please continue to keep your child at home until they are fully recovered, as this helps us prevent illness from spreading further. We send our best wishes to those children who are still unwell—get better soon!

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to our upcoming Christmas events.

A reminder for the Year 6 Carol Service at St Michael's Church on Monday evening—due to the number of children attending from multiple schools, only *one* adult per child may attend the church.

For the school nativity performances, each family will receive *one* ticket. Please ensure you bring your ticket with you on the day.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the 'Elfridges' pop-up shop this week—the children absolutely loved it! If you would like to get involved or support future events, please contact the PTA via their email.

Please keep an eye on the Christmas dates, as the final two weeks of term are very busy, with some different pick-up arrangements for Key Stage 2.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

### Important Dates

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| Mon 8th Dec                             | Year 6 Church service  |
| Tues 9th Dec                            | EYFS Christmas production: 9.15am 2.40pm                               |
| Wes 10th Dec                            | 9.00am Nursery Christmas Carol Concert                                 |
| Fri 12th Dec                            | KS1 9.10am/2.40pm Christmas production                                 |
| Mon 15th Dec                            | Reception posting letters to Santa                                     |
| Tues 16th Dec                           | 11.30am EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch                                       |
| Wed 17th Dec                            | Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Fun Run                                     |
| Wed 17th Dec                            | 9.00am Volunteer Coffee Morning  |
| Wed 17th Dec                            | 12.30pm KS2 Christmas Lunch  |
| Wed 17th Dec                            | 2.00pm Rock Steady Concert   |
| Thurs 18th Dec                          | KS2 2pm Church service St Michaels Church<br>(pick up from church TBC) |
| Fri 19th Dec                            | Break the Rules Day  |
| <b>Fri 19th Dec</b>                     | <b>2pm finish Break up for Christmas</b>                               |
| 22nd Dec—2nd Jan                        | Christmas Holidays   |
| <b>Mon 5th Jan</b>                      | <b>Inset Day</b>   |
| <b>Tues 6th Jan</b>                     | <b>School term starts</b>  |
| Mon 26th Jan                            | Y6 Victorian Day   |
| Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan                | Y2 Old Northgate School walk   |
| <b>16th—20th Feb</b>                    | <b>Half Term</b>   |
| Fri 27th Mar                            | 2pm finish Break up for Easter   |
| <b>30th Mar—10th April</b>              | <b>Easter Holidays</b>   |
| Thurs 22nd May                          | End of term  |
| 25th—29th May                           | Half term  |
| <b>Mon 1st June</b>                     | <b>Inset day</b>   |
| <b>Thurs 25th June</b>                  | <b>Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo</b>                                    |
| Thurs 9th July                          | Move up day  |
| Tues 21st July                          | Break up for summer holidays   |
| <b>Wes 22nd July</b>                    | <b>Occasional day</b>  |
| <b>*Red = New Item / Change to Item</b> |  |



### Enriching the Curriculum

Our children had a fantastic time visiting Eldridge's shop this week, carefully choosing special presents for their loved ones. Their excitement and smiles lit up the whole school!

A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support.



The PTA funds raised will help us provide even more enriching events and experiences for our children throughout the year.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to our amazing PTA for funding this year's production of *Aladdin* by Hurricane



Productions for EYFS and KS1. This much-loved annual treat brings so much joy and excitement to our younger children. The atmosphere was warm and festive, and the children were captivated from start to finish—their smiles and enjoyment throughout the performance were great to see!



### Safeguarding

We believe safeguarding works best when school and home work together. As parents and carers, you can help by:

- Making sure the school always has up-to-date information for all adults with parental responsibility, emergency contacts, and any other persons authorised to collect your child. Please update Arbor with any changes yourself via your child's account. This will then be checked and approved by the office.
- Letting us know about any change in legal or safeguarding circumstances — e.g. court orders, custody arrangements, or any situation that may affect who collects your child. Please call or email the office on [admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk)
- Talking to your children about keeping themselves safe — including online safety, healthy relationships and what to do if they feel worried or unsafe. There is lots of advice on the NSPCC website.  
[www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/)
- Getting in touch with us if you have any concerns — no matter how small they may seem. Early communication helps us act quickly to support every child.

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In relation to their topic *Land Ahoy!*, the children in Year 2 have been busy making lighthouses in Design and Technology this week. Working independently, they selected their own materials and used a range of skills such as measuring, cutting, combining and joining using glue, masking tape and other resources. They showed great creativity and resilience as they designed and assembled their very own lighthouse models. As part of the topic, the children are also learning about famous pirates. They have enjoyed exploring the lives of well-known historical figures, discovering fascinating facts and using these to inspire their wider learning.



## Christmas Reminders and Updates

### Monday 8th December

- **Deadline for ordering Christmas lunch.**
- **Year 6 Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church**  
**Rehearsal:** Pick up your child from St Michael's church at 3.00pm, unless alternative arrangements have been made with school. Please note that Y6 children cannot take school bags to the church. Please send packed lunches in a disposable bag.



If your ordering a packed lunch from school please order in advance.

Children attending Night Owls will be walked back.

- **Evening Performance**—Please return your child to St. Michael's by 6.40pm in school uniform ready for a 7.00pm start. One person to attend per child please. Service ends at 8.00pm. If your child is not attending this performance, please collect them from school at 3.20pm as normal.

### Tuesday 9th December

- **Reception Christmas Production**  
Performances at 9.10am and 2.30pm in the main hall.

### Wednesday 10th December

- **Nursery Christmas Carol Concert** 9:00–9:30am in the Nursery classroom.

### Friday 12th December

- **KS1 (Years 1&2) Christmas Production**  
Performances at 9.10am and 2.30pm—one ticket per performance.

### Monday 15th December

- **Reception local walk** to post letters to Father Christmas 9:00–9:45am.

### Tuesday 16th December

- **EYFS Christmas Activity Morning**
- **EYFS/KS1 Christmas lunch**  
KS2 children need to bring a packed lunch from home.

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### Wednesday 17th December

- **Food Bank Donations** (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- **Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas fun run** — £1.00 donation to **Crisis**.
- **Rocksteady Invite-Only Concert** Timings will be emailed directly to invited families by Rocksteady.
- **KS2 Christmas Lunch**—Please order before by 8th December  
EYFS/KS1 children need to bring a packed lunch from home.

### Thursday 18th December

- **Food Bank Donations** (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- **KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St. Michael's Church** - Service begins at 2.00pm  
Pick up from St. Michael's church at 3.00pm  
Children attending Night Owls will be walked back to school. Please note that children cannot bring school bags. Packed lunches should be sent in a disposable bag.  
EYFS /KS1 siblings will be supervised at school if parents are slightly delayed.

### Friday 19th December

- **Food Bank Donations** (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- **Break the rules day** - school finishes at 2.00pm

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week are:

**Ducklings:** Jonas and Tarla

**Puffins:** Finley **Owls:** Ivy B

'Learner of the Week' focus on **being a kind friend and adult directed activities.**

**Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers this week for a range of skills.**

Well done to:

**Robins:** Isabella

**Starlings:** Sienna-Rae

**Skylarks:** Tauras

**Nightingales:** Vaarin

**Kestrels:** George

**Harriers:** Miken

**Wrens:** Rosa

**Sparrows:** Leah

**Swifts:** Evelyn

**Kingfishers:** Matilda

**Kites:** Charlie M

**Hawks:** Peter



## Northgate School Association

We hope all the children enjoyed *Snow White* at Southmill Arts last Friday and Tuesday's visiting pantomime, *Aladdin*, funded by the PTA. It's wonderful to give the children such a treat at this time of year.

Don't forget to take a look at the Christmas jumpers available in the pre-loved uniform shed. Payment can be made by QR code.

We had a hugely successful Elfridges shop and sold out of gifts, raising a fantastic amount of money for the school. Thank you for your support — this money will go a long way.

**We hope you all have a lovely weekend.**  
**The PTA Team**