

June 5th 2026

Headteacher's News

We hope you had a wonderful half-term break and are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term ahead. Please take note of the upcoming dates below; further details will follow.

The **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** will take place next week, giving children the opportunity to demonstrate their phonic knowledge in a calm, supportive one-to-one setting with their teacher.

Good luck to all our **Year 4** pupils who will be completing the National Multiplication Assessments next week. These assessments help ensure children are developing secure times table knowledge, which is fundamental to many areas of mathematics.

Thank you to all our families for supporting today's non-uniform day and for the generous bottle donations for the tombola. Your contributions are greatly appreciated to help make our Summer Fayre a success.

We hope everyone enjoys the **Summer Fayre** tomorrow and look forward to seeing you there. The PTA are also busy preparing a wet weather plan. If needed, stalls and games will be relocated to classrooms and the dining hall so that the event can still go ahead. Please do come along to support our PTA, who fund so many amazing projects for the school.

Please remember that children should wear full school uniform for **class photographs** on Wednesday. If it is their PE day, they should bring their PE kit in a bag.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Hopefully see you at the fayre.

Enriching the curriculum

On the first day back, Year 2 took a trip to Hertfordshire Zoo, in relation to their topic 'Living things and their habitats.'

Ada from Starlings explained, "We walked around the zoo looking at all the animals. At first, the lions were asleep, but later we saw them climbing on the rocks. I liked the capybaras because they were so cute. The meerkats were funny and did lots of digging! There were also reptiles such as lizards, snakes and tarantulas."

After lunch, we were able to play in the play area, and then we got the coach back to school."



Year 2 also released their butterflies after watching the fascinating transformation from caterpillar to butterfly. The children enjoyed observing the life cycle up close and were delighted to see the butterflies emerge before releasing them into our school grounds.



Important Dates

2nd -12th June

Sat 6th June

W/C 8th June

Mon 8th June

Mon 8th June

Wed 10th June

Fri 12th June

Mon 15th June

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Tues 16th June

Wes 17th June

Wed 17th June

Wed 17th June

Mon 22nd June

Wed 24th June

Wed 24th June

Fri 26th June

29th June—3rd July

Wes 1st July

Mon 6th July

Wed 8th July

Wed 8th July

Wed 8th July

Thurs 9th July

Fri 10th July

13th—17th July

Mon 13th July

Mon 13th July

Tues 14th July

Wed 15th July

Wed 15th July

Wed 15th July

Thurs 16th July

Mon 20th July

Tues 21st July

Wed 22nd July

23rd July—31st Aug

1st & 2nd Sept

Thurs 3rd Sept

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Y4 National Multiplication tests.

PTA Summer Fayre

Y1 Phonics screening

Reception trip to Willows Farm

10am Sparrows visit to the Library

Class Photos

Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Y4 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet

10am Starlings visit to the Library

9pm -9.30pm Reception class celebration

of Fathers/significant males

9pm -9.30pm Nursery class celebration

of Fathers/significant males

Y5 Egyptian Day

10am Wrens visit to the Library

10am Kites visit to the Library

Y1 trip to Audley End

5.30pm—6.30pm EYFS Welcome Evening

for children starting in Sept

9am ADHD information session

Y6 Residential PGL Overstrand Hall

9am -10am Nursery Sports Day

10am Harriers visit to the Library

10am Hawks visit to the Library

2.30pm school drummers and djembe

group perform in music assembly (pupils

only)

Consultations and transition meetings

Move up day

Sports Day

Art Week

10am Kingfishers visit to the Library

2.50pm KS1 Art work sharing with parents

2.50pm UKS2 Art work sharing with parents

10am Nightingales visit to the Library

2.50pm EYFS Art work sharing with parents

Y6 Performance at South mill (details TBC)

2.50pm LKS2 Art work sharing with parents

9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly

2pm Break up for summer holidays

Occasional day

Summer Holidays

Inset day

Start of New School Year

Safeguarding:

Arbor: Update Your Emergency Contact Details

Do we have your most up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency at school? Have you recently changed your mobile phone number or moved home?

Please **log into Arbor to check and make any necessary changes yourself**. The school office will then verify all updates.

It is also essential to provide details for several contacts in case we are unable to reach the first person listed. While updating your child's profile, please also check that any medical information, allergies and medication details are accurate and up to date. This helps us to ensure that we can provide the appropriate care and support during the school day.

Enriching the Curriculum

As part of their science topic, Animals including Humans, Year 4 have been learning about the digestive system and how our bodies break down food. To help them understand this fascinating process, the children took part in a hands-on experiment that demonstrated how food moves through the digestive system.

Using tights to represent the intestines, the children placed mashed banana, biscuit and orange inside and gently squeezed the mixture through. This helped them to visualise how food travels through the stomach and intestines as nutrients are absorbed and waste is processed. It was a fun, memorable activity and a fantastic way to bring their learning about the human body to life.



Reminders and Updates

Whole school class photos

Photos will take place on Wednesday 10th June. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform. If your child has PE that day, please bring their PE kit including trainers, in a named bag to change into afterwards.

Dinner Money Accounts

Please ensure that your child's dinner money account on school grid is in credit at all times.

School Library books

As part of our end of year process, we will soon be carrying out a full check of our library books to ensure that all books are accounted for.

We would be very grateful if you could have a look at home and return any books that you may have as soon as possible; any missing will incur a replacement charge.

Northgate Football kits

Please ensure that football kits are washed and returned to school ready for next season.

Leavers' Trophies

We would be grateful if anyone who has one of our leavers' trophies at home, awarded to a leaver last year, could return it as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

Preparing for all weathers

Please make sure your child has a coat when rain is forecast—children will go outside in drizzle or in changeable conditions. Please make sure items are named. Many thanks for your continued support.

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Ducklings: Jonas and Rosie

Puffins: Maeve **Owls:** Lucia

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

Robins: Florence M

Wrens: Elijah

Starlings: Michaela

Sparrows: Jack

Skylarks: Kyla

Swifts: Mia

Nightingales: Florence T

Kingfishers: Edy

Kestrels: Hazal

Kites: Owen

Harriers: Myla

Hawks: Josh

French Club

Mrs Edwards and Mrs Gitto finished their final French club before half term. This year, majority of our Year 2 children took part in a six week lunchtime French club programme. The sessions were designed to introduce pupils to French in a fun and engaging way, helping to build early enthusiasm and confidence. Through interactive songs, games and speaking activities, children enjoyed exploring French vocabulary together. It has been wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity for language learning grow.



ADHD information session

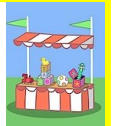
On Friday 26th June after morning drop off ADD-vance are running an information session on ADHD. This is open to all parents to attend. ADD-vance have suggested that attendees watch the following video before the meeting Watch the follow webinar on you tube "Understanding ADHD" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxGuKPsAo6E> To indicate your interest in attending please fill in this Google form: <https://forms.gle/exd8DVf1DpGBNSxf7>

Smartphone Free Childhood

Are you interested in signing the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact? Join a growing community of parents choosing to wait to give their child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16. <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact>

Northgate School Association

To all our lovely families, please come and support us at our annual Summer Fayre tomorrow from 12pm–3pm. Come rain or shine, we're set for a fantastic afternoon of fun!



This is such an important occasion to help raise money for the school and create even more opportunities and experiences for our children.

Every bit of support makes a difference. Bring your family and friends along – we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

If you can help us for a little while please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-63891585-northgate>

Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs and cash, you can bring these or buy them on the day also.

We look forward to seeing you there! The PTA Team.