

Autumn Term 2026



Important Dates

Wednesday 16th Sept 1 3.00pm Meet the Teacher

Thursday 24th Sept—European Day of Languages

Thurs 9th Oct 9am KSI Harvest assembly (parents in)

Followed by a parent workshop

Thursday 22nd October reading with parents

Friday 23rd October INSET day

26th Oct—30th Oct Half term

10th/12th November: Parent consultations

Wb 16th November: Well-being week

Fri 11th Dec KSI Christmas production 9.10am and 2.40 am

Tues 15th Dec EYFS/KSI Christmas lunch

Weds 16th Dec Christmas jumper day

Friday 18th Dec—Break the rules day

Fri 18th 2pm—End of term

Welcome to Year 2



Welcome to the start of the Autumn term. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday!

Starlings' teacher is Miss Williams and Sparrows' teachers are Mrs Ahwe (Mon-Wednesday) and Mrs Hall (Thurs-Fri).

Starlings' teaching assistant is Mrs Wise and Sparrows' teaching assistant is Mrs Merritt.

If you need to contact us, please use our class emails, which we will respond to within 2 working days:

starlings@northgate.herts.sch.uk

sparrows@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Alternatively, if you need to pass on information **for the same day** please contact the office.

At break-time, children are offered a portion of fruit. If you wish to send in a different snack, it must be fruit or vegetables only please due to allergies. Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle with plain water.

PE Kit

PE lessons are on **Mondays and Fridays**.

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/green tracksuit)



Home Learning

A book banded reading book will be sent home daily and changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Spellings, based on our phonics/spelling work are set on a weekly basis. Spellings will be tested on Thursdays and new ones sent home on Fridays. Maths, English or topic tasks are set on Google Classrooms on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. If worksheets are required for the tasks these will be sent home on Fridays to be completed in pencil. These tasks should take approximately 20 minutes.

Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including The Paper Bag Princess, That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown and The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily.

Please listen to your child read and discuss the text at least **three times per week** in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text.

If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.



Trips / Events (dates TBC)

- Autumn 1—Walk to Waytemore castle
- Autumn 2 - Pirate Day

Drop Off / Pick Up

Please drop your child off at the main gates between 8:40 and 8:50am. Collection is at 3:20pm outside the classrooms. Please remain behind the white line as we send the children out. Doors will close at 3:25 and children remaining will be taken to the office. If your child is going home with another adult we must be informed **before** the end of the day. For regular arrangements please provide written/ email consent for the named adult/s to collect your child on any occasion.

Maths

This term, please help your child to:

- Quickly recall number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones).
- Partition two-digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones.
- Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100 using the <, > and = signs.
- Recognise odd and even numbers.
- Recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p).
- Combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money.
- Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Topic

In the first half term, our topic will be Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. In this historical based topic, we look at different castles in the United Kingdom and learn about the different parts of a castle. We will learn about habitats and food chains in science. Land Ahoy! will be our topic after half term and we will study famous pirates. In our geography work, we will learn about the different continents and seas and in D&T we will design and make lighthouses.



PSHE

Me and My Relationships—Bullying, rules and what is a good relationship (friendship).

Valuing Differences—Understanding others views and speaking out. Inclusion and diversity (religion, race, different family units, neurodiversity, etc.).