

Autumn Term 2026

Important Dates

Tuesday 8th Sept Y3 9.00am Meet the Teacher
Thursday 24th Sept—European Day of Languages
Monday 19th October—Y3 visit from Spirit of the Wild
W/c 19th October Reading with parents 9.00am
Y3/4— Wednesday including times tables workshop
Friday 23rd Oct INSET day
26th Oct—30th Oct Half term
10th/12th November: Parent consultations
Wb 16th November: Well-being week
Wednesday 9th Dec KS2 pantomime
Weds 16th Dec Christmas jumper day
Weds 16th Dec KS2 Christmas lunch
Weds 16th Dec Volunteer coffee 9am
Wednesday 16th Dec Rocksteady Concert
Thurs 17th Dec KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Friday 18th Dec—Break the rules day
Fri 18th 2pm—End of term



Trips / Events/ Workshops Term

Visit from Spirit of the Wild— Monday 19th October

In the second half term, we will be walking to Waitrose supermarket and will confirm the date for this nearer to the time.

Drop Off / Pick Up

Children will need to be dropped off at school at 8:40am and collected from the playground at 3:20pm. An email or phone call must be provided if your child is being picked up by someone else.

PSHE

Focus this term:

Unit 1: Being Me In My World. This unit is about working together as a team and having a positive outlook on life.

Unit 2: Celebrating difference (Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.

Welcome to Year 3

We hope you had a lovely holiday and are ready for the new school year. The team in year 3 are really excited about getting to know your children. We have lots of enjoyable activities planned to engage them in learning. The team are Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Jones in Skylarks and Miss Cotterell in Swifts.

Mrs Georgeu will be supporting across both classes.

If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher using their class email. Please allow 2 working days for a reply on the class emails.

Skylarks@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Swifts@northgate.herts.sch.uk

If you have any questions and need information for that day, please leave a message with the office.

If you wish to send in a mid-morning snack for breaktime, please send in a piece of fruit or vegetable. Biscuits, sweets, chocolate items, crisps or nuts are not allowed. Children are encouraged to bring in their own labelled water bottle with plain water.

Topic

This term our topic is 'Predators'. In Predators, we will be thinking about the characteristics of animals and their place in the food chain. We will explore the different habitats of predators and the different climate zones around the world. In science, we will learn about the different food groups as well as our bones and muscles.

After half term, our topic will be Scrumdiddlyumptious where we will be basing our learning on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of fruits, understand where they come from and learn about Fairtrade. In science, we will learn all about plants and we will make savoury muffins in DT.

PE Kit

PE lessons are on **Mondays and Fridays** for both Year 3 classes. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE (white t-shirt, trainers and green shorts/green tracksuit. This term we will be doing tag rugby, problem solving and football.

Maths

Your child's maths lessons in the Autumn term will focus on a range of topics, including:: place value of 3 digit number, addition and subtraction (mental and formal strategies) and worded problems. KIRFs: I can find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number

Home Learning

Children are expected to read to an adult for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week in order to help them improve their decoding, increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. Please sign in their reading record. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. See weekly home learning for details.

Times Tables up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis using Timetables Rockstars. Teachers will advise on the times tables to be practised.

Maths or English tasks are sent home and uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books. Sometimes, a topic based task will be sent home instead of English. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes. Each week, home learning will be communicated via google classrooms .

Reading KS2

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

All children are expected have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.