

Autumn Term 2026



Important Dates

Weds 16th Sept	Year 5 Meet the Teacher, 9am
Thur 24th Sept	European Day of Languages
Mon 19th Oct	Reading with Parents, 9am
Fri 23rd Oct	INSET day

Half Term

26th Oct to 30th Oct

10th & 12th Nov	Parent Consultations
Wb 16th Nov	Well-Being Week
Weds 9th Dec	KS2 Pantomime
Weds 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Weds 16th Dec	Volunteer Coffee, 9am
Weds 16th Dec	Rocksteady Concert
Thur 17th Dec	St Michael's Church Carol Service
Fri 18th Dec	Break the Rules Day
Fri 18th Dec	End of term, 2pm

PSHE

Being me in my world
Celebrating difference

Reading KS2

In class, we will be reading a range of texts including, Letters from the Lighthouse, which is linked to our World War II topic. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.

Welcome to the start of Year 5. We hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited to be back at school.

Miss Hartley will be teaching Kestrels, and Kites will be taught by Mrs Edwards (Monday, Tuesday, alternate Wednesdays) and Mrs Ferdinand (alternate Wednesdays, Thursday, Friday). Mrs Wren and Mrs Green will also be supporting in Year 5.

We are looking forward to getting to know your children and working with them on this term's exciting topics.

If you need to contact us please email:

kestrels@northgate.sch.uk

kites@northgate.herts.sch.uk

We will aim to respond within two working days.

Miss Hartley, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Ferdinand

Topics

Our first topic is A Child's War. In this topic, the children will be learning all about the events leading up to and during World War II. They will be building their own model Anderson Shelters in DT and writing their own wartime stories in English. In science, we will be learning about states of matter and materials. The children will take part in many experiments looking at properties of materials and reversible and irreversible changes.

After half term, our topic will be Time Traveller. In this topic, the children will be learning how the local area has changed over time. In art, they will be learning how to make observational drawings using perspective and looking at the artists Jean Metzinger and Stephen Wiltshire.

Snacks

If you wish to send in a mid-morning snack, please be aware children are only allowed fresh fruits and vegetables due to severe allergies in the school.

PE Kit

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On these days, children will need to come to school in their PE kit. In Autumn 1, we will be practising basketball and tag rugby. In Autumn 2, we will be taking part in outdoor adventurous activities and football.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set every Friday and be due in the following Friday. An overview and any resources needed will be uploaded to Google Classroom. We aim to ensure that home learning is accessible to all children. Please speak to the class teacher if you require a paper copy or have any queries.

- Each week, children will either be set an English or maths task. Maths tasks will be set on Mathletics and reflect the learning completed in class. English tasks will be linked to an upcoming writing unit e.g. research a country of your choice in preparation to write a travel brochure.
- Every week, your child will have ten spellings to practise based on the 'Read, Write, Inc' spelling scheme. These will be tested the following Friday.
- Tables up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis.
- Maths KIRFS should be practised little and often

Your child will bring home a school library book every day. They are expected to read at home three times a week for at least 15 minutes. This should be recorded in their reading record. Age appropriate books from home may be brought in to read.

Maths

This term children will be working on numbers up to 1,000,000. They will continue learning formal written methods alongside mental strategies. Lessons will have a variety of arithmetic and fluency practice as well as problem solving and reasoning activities.

Year 5/ 6 Use of phones

Only Year 5 and 6 children who have permission to walk to and from school independently are allowed to bring in phones. These should be handed to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. We encourage phones not to be smartphones. Children are not allowed smart-watches.