

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

October 22nd 2026

Headteacher's News

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our reading sessions this week. We hope you enjoyed spending time sharing a book with your child and supporting their love of reading.

I hope you have received the email informing you that, from next September, smartphones will be banned in primary schools across Bishop's Stortford. Children who walk to and from school independently will still be able to bring a basic mobile phone that is not a smartphone.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is an **INSET day**, so we wish all our families a wonderful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday!

Enriching the Curriculum

Cultural Heritage Day / World Afro

Hair Day

To conclude our Black History Month celebrations, children and staff came to school in non-uniform to celebrate their cultural heritage. Pupils wore national costumes, football kits and clothes in their national flag colours. The school was filled with lovely colours and pride as everyone celebrated their backgrounds. The day ended with an enjoyable Black History Month House Quiz. Well done to Normans. Thank you Mrs Ahwe for organising these inspiring events, which helped us learn about culture, identity and community.



Reminders and Updates

Parent Consultations We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for our consultation meetings after half term. These will take place on Tues 10th and Thurs 12th November. Please note that **only one session per child** is available.

You will receive an email after half term with details about booking appts

Uniform Reminder After half term, children should wear winter uniform – no summer dresses. PE kit should be bottle green joggers/hoodies and plain white t-shirts only. No branded items – school logo only. Jewellery is not allowed. Children will be asked to remove any items.

Optional Homework

Black History Month Poster

As **optional** half-term homework, children are invited to create a Black History Month poster. Children have the chance to win some Black History Month books for their class, courtesy of the PTA. To enter, please create a Black History Month poster. The posters could be about a significant figure that the children have studied in class, general knowledge of Black History Month etc. All entries will be kept and displayed in school next year for when we continue to raise the profile of Black History Month. Please see the flyer attached.

Important Dates

Fri 23rd Oct

26th –30th Oct

Mon 2nd Nov

Friday 6th Nov

Tues 10th Nov

Thurs 12th Nov

Friday 13th Nov

Mon 30th Nov

Wed 2nd Dec

Thurs 3rd Dec

Tues 8th Dec

Wed 9th Dec

Fri 11th Dec

Wed 16th Dec

Thurs 17th Dec

Friday 18th Dec

21st Dec—1st Jan

Mon 4th Jan

Tues 5th Jan

Mon 25th Jan

Inset Day

Half Term

PTA AGM 7:30 pm

Northgate Fireworks

Parent Consultations

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Flu vaccination 2nd session

Elfridges run by PTA

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EYFS Christmas production 9.15am/2.30pm

KS2 Pantomime 1:30pm South Mills (pick up from theatre)

KS1 Christmas production 9.10am/2.40pm

Christmas Jumper Day

KS2 2pm Carol Concert St Michaels

(pick up from Church)

2pm finish Break up for Christmas

Christmas Holidays

Inset day

School term starts

Spring PTA Meeting

=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Attendance this term

Hertfordshire County continues to crack down on poor attendance, with fines issued for unauthorised absences, including holidays and regular patterns of non-attendance. For support, please contact your class teacher or email Mrs Rogers, our pastoral lead.

Yr	%
R	96
1	98.2
2	96
3	97.4
4	96.2
5	95.9
6	97.5

Our target	96%
Whole school	96.8%

0 days off	100%	Fantastic
5 days off a year	97%	Good
10 days off a year	95%	Slight concern
20 days off a year	90%	Concerned
30 days off a year	85%	Very concerned

Safeguarding

Halloween and Children's Safety: Child Accident Prevention Trust

We hope you have a wonderful Halloween!

Here are our top tips for a safe Halloween that you can remember for all the right reasons. Find out more

here: [Halloween and Children's Safety \(CAPT\)](#)