Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 13th 2026

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to this week's **consultations**. We hope you found the opportunity to talk with teachers about your child's progress, achievements and next steps helpful. We really value the support and partnership of our parents. If you have any feedback for the leadership team, please email interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising another wonderful **fireworks evening**. It was lovely to see so many families coming together to enjoy the celebrations. The evening was a great success, and we are very grateful to everyone involved in making it such an enjoyable event for our school community.

Next week, the children will be taking part in a range of activities to celebrate **Wellbeing Week**. In lessons, they will complete a safe network hand activity and create a kindness tree to celebrate the importance of being kind to others. Time will be used for discussions around online wellbeing, encouraging children to think about how to stay safe and look after themselves online.

Our Wellbeing, Inclusion and Diversity (WID) committee will play a prominent role in the week, leading a whole-school assembly to share key messages about kindness, inclusion and wellbeing. The children from the WID committee have also invited parents to a coffee morning on **Friday 20th November at 9am—9.30am,** providing an opportunity to find out more about their work and the importance of promoting wellbeing and inclusion across our school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Remembrance 2026

On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils had the honour of attending the town's War Memorial for a special Remembrance Service to pay tribute to those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. This experience gave the children a meaningful opportunity to connect their classroom learning about the First World War. A huge well done to Apryl and Beren, who read their poems so beautifully at the service. It was a truly moving occasion, and we are so proud of the respect and maturity all the children showed throughout.



The rest of the school also joined in marking this important day by observing a minute's silence. This shared moment of reflection brought pupils and staff together in unity and respect.

A huge thank-you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal by purchasing poppies and other merchandise through school. Your generosity will make a real difference and is greatly appreciated by The Royal British Legion.

Important Dates

16th-20th Nov	Well-being week
Fri 20th Nov	WID committee Coffee Morning 9:00am
WC Mon 23rd Nov	APDR/IPP Parent Meetiings
Mon 30th Nov	Elfridges run by PTA
Wed 2nd Dec	Year 3 Orienteering walk
Wed 2nd Dec	Elfridges run by PTA
Thurs 3rd Dec	Elfridges run by PTA
Tues 8th Dec	Reception Christmas production 9.15am /2.30pm
Wed 9th Dec	Nursery Christmas sing-a-long 9.00am
Wed 9th Dec	**KS2 Pantomime 1:30 pm South Mills (Pick up from theatre)**
Fri 11th Dec	**KS1 Christmas production 9.10am/ 2.40pm**
Tues 15th Dec	11.30am EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Dinner for KS2
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 17th Dec	**KS2 2pm** Carol Concert St Michaels (pick up from Church)
Wed 16th Dec	Rock Steady Concert 2:00 pm
Fri 18th Dec	Break the Rules Day
Friday 18th Dec	2pm finish Break up for Christmas
21st Dec—1st Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4th Jan	**Inset day**
Tues 5th Jan	School term starts
Mon 25th Jan	Spring PTA Meeting
15th-19th Feb	Half Term
Thurs 25th Mar	2pm finish Break up for Easter
26th Mar-9th April	Easter Holidays
12th April	Summer term starts

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Christmas events/pick up changes

As part of our Christmas events **KS2 will be attending the Panto** *Beauty and the Beast* at South Mills Theatre on **Wednesday 9th December**. The children will walk to the theatre.

Children will need a packed lunch that day , to eat in their classroom beforehand. Children can either order a school packed lunch or you can provide them with a home packed lunch.

Pick-up from outside the theatre has been staggered to ease congestion. We kindly ask parents to be prompt when collecting children and to disperse quickly. Cars must be registered at one of the terminals inside the building if you use their car park.

Pick up times are:**Y3: 3.30pm, Y4: 3.35pm, Y5: 3.40pm, Y6: 3.45pm.** EYFS/KS1 siblings can be collected from school from 3.00pm to help families. Please inform the office in advance by emailing: **admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk**.

Safeguarding

Hertfordshire Fire and Recuse Service offer free home fire safety visits to ensure your home is protected. During the visit they can fit up to smoke detectors free of charge. Please visit Hertfordshire Fire Safety Self-Check and Visits

EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY

Enriching the Curriculum

Pirate Day in Year 2

Today, as part of their topic "Land Ahoy" Year 2 set sail on an exciting pirate adventure! The children had a fantastic time making pirate biscuits, carefully choosing ingredients that would survive long sea voyages. They used their food technology skills to weigh, measure, and mix their recipes, and explored how these ingredients change as they melt and cook. A huge thank you to all the parents who came aboard to help both classes! In the afternoon, the children put their explorer skills to the test by creating their very own treasure maps. They learnt how to use a map key and applied their compass skills to include and follow different directions to find their buried treasure. To finish off our pirate adventures, everyone learnt a traditional sea shanty, which the children thoroughly enjoyed singing together. What a fantastic day of pirate fun!





Reception and Nursery

On Tuesday, the children in Ducklings, Puffins and Owls were treated to some very special surprise visitors! Two police officers arrived with their patrol car, much to the children's excitement. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the different ways the police help and keep us safe. They had lots of fun trying on the police helmets and high-vis jackets, as well as getting a closer look at the patrol car and seeing its flashing lights! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about our local community helpers, and a very exciting visit that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to our police visitors for taking the time to come and see us!





Reminders and Updates

School Grid Christmas Dinners

Christmas dinner is now live on School Grid. Please login and book your child's meal as soon as possible. The cut off date for orders is **Friday 11th December.**

Outstanding Dinner balances

Accounts should be maintained in credit at all times and payments received via School Grid in advance for all meals ordered. The school is not able to subsidise meals and may have no option other than to withdraw access to meals if outstanding balances are not settled promptly. Thank you for your support.

Respecting Our Neighbours

Following our recent school event, we kindly remind all families to be considerate of our neighbouring businesses and the wider community. Please ensure children are supervised at all times, noise is kept to a reasonable level and everyone behaves responsibly and respectfully when leaving school events. We value our local community and appreciate your support in maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours. Thank you!

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week are:

Ducklings: Alfey & Summer

Puffins: Halle Owls: George

Well done to:

Robins: Jude
Starlings: River
Skylarks: Billy
Wrens: Ivy
Sparrows: Ralph
Swifts: Everleigh-Mae

Harriers: & Hawks: The whole of Year 6 for being great ambassadors for the school at the Armistice Service

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our star learners in Year 5 and Year 4 will be announced next week, our apologies.

Sporting News

Tag Rugby Festival

Yesterday, some of our Year 6 and Year 5 pupils took part in the Saracens Tag Rugby Festival, held at Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club. Our pupils were outstanding throughout the competition, remaining unbeaten and finishing as overall winners! A fantastic achievement and a wonderful display of teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. Well done to everyone involved – we are incredibly proud of you!

Christmas Food Bank Collection

As we approach the season of giving, Northgate would like to once again support our local food bank by collecting donations for those in need within our community. If you would like to contribute, collections will take place in your child's class from **Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th December.** The Bishops Stortford Food Bank is open all year round and provides emergency food and welfare parcels making such a difference to people struggling.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD Food Bank
Helping local people in need

Northgate School Association

Second Hand Uniform

Thanks to the PTA who ran the second hand uniform stall at Parent Consultations. If you are donating items to the second-hand uniform collection, please make sure any name labels are removed to avoid confusion. We are particularly interested in donations of PE hoodies and large joggers. All money raised will go back into the PTA school fund.

Thank you for your continued support.

The PTA Team