

Important Dates

Wed 14th Jan	Safeguarding training for volunteers
Wed 21st	Year 1 local walk
9th– 13th Feb	Festival of Literature
Wb 9th Feb	House Netball tournament
Tues 10th Feb	Internet Safety Day
Fri 13th Feb	Independent Enquirer Elephant Day
Half Term	16th - 20th Feb
3th & 5th Mar	Parent Consultations
Thurs 5th Mar	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Week beg 10th Mar	Playing maths games and work sharing Thurs KSI —9am
Wk beg 23rd Mar	Science week (visits from Fab Science, house quiz)
Wk beg 23rd Mar	House Cross Country
Wed 25th Mar	Rocksteady Concert pm
Fri 27th Mar	Term Ends 2pm



Trips / Events/ Workshops Term

We will be going on a local walk on Wednesday the 21st of January. We will be sending home more details in the New Year.

PE Kit

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/bottle green tracksuit) These should not be sports branded.

Uniform reminder

A reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery in school, including earrings. Please also ensure watches are not smart watches. Hair accessories should be school colours only and trainers should only be worn on PE days.

Spring Term 2026

General

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holidays. We are looking forward to another fantastic term. If you need to contact us, please use our class emails, which we will respond to within 2 working days:

robins@northgate.herts.sch.uk

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

A reminder that, at break-time, children are offered a portion of fruit. If you wish to send in an additional snack, **it must be fruit**. Anything else is not allowed due to severe allergies in our school. Children need to bring in their own water bottle with plain water.



Our Topic

In our History unit we are going to be studying the lives of Queen Elizabeth and King Charles. In Geography we are comparing London and Bishop's Stortford. As part of this learning we will be going on a walk around Bishop Stortford and learning to use a map. In Science we are going to be investigating different materials and describing their properties. We will be doing lots of investigations and learning how to ensure our tests are fair.

In Art we are learning about primary and secondary colours and exploring different brush strokes.

In RE we are exploring Christianity in the first half term and Judaism in the second half term.

Reading

Guided reading is carried out five times a week in small groups. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress. Please use the Little Wandle website parent section to support you with phonics at home. Click [here](#) for the link. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.

Maths

Focus of the term: Number bonds for all numbers up to ten i.e. $8+1=9$, $3+6=9$ and doubles and halves of numbers to 10.



Home Learning

A book banded reading book will be sent home daily and changed every Friday. A library book will be also chosen to take home on a Friday for you to share with your child. The children choose these based on their own interests to help develop their love of reading. **If anyone is able to spare 20-30 minutes on a Friday to help with this please contact the class teachers.** Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order to help them improve their decoding, increase their vocabulary and deepen 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 'Little Wandle' phonics programme, are set each week on a Friday, to be tested the following Friday. These are low pressure 'quizzes' to allow us to keep track of progress.

Maths or English tasks are uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and need to be completed by the following Wednesday. These tasks should take approximately 20 minutes.

Maths key instant recall facts (KIRFs) should also be practised at home frequently (see Maths box for further information).

PSHE

Our first topic is called 'Dreams and Goals'. In this unit, the children talk about setting simple goals, how to achieve them as well as overcoming difficulties when they try. The children learn to recognise the feelings associated with facing obstacles to achieving their goals as well as when they achieve them. They discuss partner working and how to do this well.

In Spring 2, our topic is 'Healthy Me'. In this unit, the children learn about healthy food; they talk about having a healthy relationship with food and making healthy choices. The children consider what makes them feel relaxed and stressed. They learn about medicines, how they work and how to use them safely. The children make healthy snacks and discuss why they are good for their bodies.