

Summer Term 2026

Important Dates

Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday
18th—22nd May	Neurodiversity Week
Fri 22nd May	End of term
25th—29th May	Half term
Mon 1st June	Inset day
Tues 2nd June	First day back at school
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
8th—12th	Phonics screening
Mon 8th June	10am Sparrows visit to the Library
Mon 15th June	10am Starlings visit to the Library
Thurs 25th June TBC	Y2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Wed 8th July	Consultations/ transition meetings
Thurs 9th July	Move up day
Fri 10th July	Sports Day
13th—17th July	Arts Week (including activities and work sharing)
Mon 13th July	2.50pm art activity and work sharing with parents
Tues 21st July	2pm Break up for summer holidays

Our Topic

In history, we will be investigating the causes and impacts of the Great Fire of London. In geography, we will be studying and comparing the human and physical geography of St Lucia and Bishop's Stortford.

In art, children are using paint to create flowers inspired by Van Gogh and O'Keeffe.

In DT, the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own animal puppet.

Our first RE focus is learning why Christians trust Jesus. Our second RE focus will be why the Torah is so important to Jewish communities.

In science, we are learning about hygiene, the stages of human development/growth and animal life cycles. We will then look at plants, seeds and bulbs.



General

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

If you need to contact us, please use our class emails which we will respond to within 2 working days:

starlings@northgate.herts.sch.uk

sparrows@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Reading KS1

Guided reading is carried out throughout the 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.

PSHE

Unit 1: Relationships—We will learn about roles and responsibilities within family relationships. They also learn about two types of secret, and why 'worry secrets' should always be shared with a trusted adult.

Unit 2: Changing me—As part of a school's safeguarding duty, pupils are re-taught the correct words for private parts of the body (those kept private by underwear: vagina, anus, penis, testicles, vulva). They are also reminded that nobody has the right to hurt these parts of the body, including a lesson on inappropriate touch and assertiveness.

Maths

This term, please help your child to: Multiply and divide numbers by 2, 5 and 10.—children will need instant recall of these facts (KIRFS) *Add and subtract two 2 digit numbers, using the column method. *Find half, 1 quarter, 3 quarters and 1 third of shapes and numbers.* Recognise the equivalence between 2 quarters and 1 half. *Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes , e.g. 25 past and 25 to.

Home Learning

A book banded reading book will be sent home daily and changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Spellings, based on our phonics/spelling work are set on a weekly basis. Spellings will be tested and new ones sent home on Fridays.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS—see above) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. The multiplication booklets can be used to help with this.

Maths, English or topic tasks are sent home on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.

PE Kit



PE lessons are on Monday and Fridays. Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/green tracksuit).

Focus: Health and Wellbeing, Creating Games and Sports Day Skills.