

Important Dates

Wednesday 17th September 2.50pm—Year 1 Meet the Teacher, including phonics workshop
Thursday 25th September—European Day of Languages
Wednesday 8th October 9am—KSI Harvest assembly (parents in)
Wednesday 22nd October—Reading with parents 9.00am
Friday 24th October—INSET day
27th October—31st October—Half term
11th/13th November—Parent consultations
Wb 17th November—Well-being week
Friday 12th December—KSI Christmas production 9.10am and 2.40 am
Tuesday 16th December—EYFS/KSI Christmas lunch
Wednesday 17th December—Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 17th December—Volunteer coffee 9am
Wednesday 17th December—Rocksteady Concert
Friday 19th December—Break the rules day
Friday 19th December 2pm—End of term



Trips/Events

History visitors throughout Autumn 1 to discuss their childhood.
Bear Hunt walk on school grounds during Autumn 1 as part of our English topic.
Local walk to consolidate our mapping skills—Autumn 2, date to be confirmed.

PSHE

Unit 1: Being Me in My World—rights and responsibilities, choices and consequences. What makes us special and how to make everyone feel safe in their class.
Unit 2: Celebrating Difference—similarities and differences between people and how these make us unique and special. The children learn what bullying is and what it isn't. They talk about how it might feel to be bullied and when and who to ask for help. The children discuss friendship, how to make friends and that it is OK to have differences/be different from their friends. The children also discuss being nice to and looking after other children who might be being bullied.

Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Year 1

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The team this year are Miss Day in Robins, and Mrs Stephens and Mrs Hickley in Wrens. They will be supported by Mrs Halladey and Mrs Hooker. 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

wrens@northgate.herts.sch.uk

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

Children are offered a portion of fruit each day at snack time. If you wish to send in a mid-morning snack for break-time, please only send in fresh fruit or vegetables. Children need to bring in their own, labelled water bottle with plain water.

Topic

Science: Human body and our senses

History: Changes in living memory, focusing on childhood

Geography: Our local area, including maps

Art: Drawing and Kandinsky

After half term:

Science: Seasonal changes and weather

Geography: Climates

History: History of flight

DT: Moving pictures

Maths

Focus of the term: numbers to 10, addition and subtraction

KIRFs: reading and writing numbers to 10

How you can help? Practising reading and writing numbers at home



PE Kit

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/green tracksuit)

Focus for sessions - playground games and running.



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. 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).

Drop Off / Pick Up

Please drop your child off at the main gate between 8:40 and 8:50am. Collection is at 3:20pm outside the classrooms.

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.

