

Spring Term 2026

Important Dates

Mon 5th Jan	Inset Day	
Tues 6th Jan	Start of term	
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 - 20st Feb	
3th & 5th Mar	Parent Consultations	
Thurs 5th Mar	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)	
WB 10th Mar	Playing maths games & work sharing	
Wk beg 23rd Mar	Thurs KS1 --9am	
Wk beg 31st Mar	House Cross Country Final	
	Science week	
	(visits from Fab Science, quiz)	
Wed 25th Mar pm	Rocksteady Concert	
Fri 27th Mar	Term Ends 2pm	

Trips / Events/ Workshops

Walk to Old Northgate School 27th January. Year 2 would love to have more visitors in to bring learning to life for the children. Next term we would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who went to Northgate School 50+ years ago, to talk to us about their experience of school life. If you know anyone (grandparents, friends, neighbours etc) who would be interested, please email us.

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.

Happy New Year! We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. We wanted to take the opportunity to thank for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts.



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

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

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

Our Topic

Our new topic is Street Detectives and this will run across the whole term.

The topic has a geographical and historical focus. Children will be finding out about their local area and what it was like to go to the old Northgate school. They will be using their geographical skills to read and follow maps. They will be learning about human and physical features of the land and planning their own town layout.

In science, we will be learning about materials, including investigating the best material for Elastigirl's costume! After half term, we will learn about living things and their habitats. We will be observing and researching a variety of habitats, including pond dipping in our school pond.

In PSHE, the children will explore setting realistic goals and how they can achieve them. They discuss perseverance when they find things difficult as well as recognising their strengths as a learner. The children reflect on with whom they work well and with whom they don't. In Spring 2, the children learn about healthy 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.

PE

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



Home Learning

A book banded reading book will be sent home daily and changed throughout the week. A library book will be 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. Spellings, based on our Little Wandle phonics/spelling work are set on a weekly basis. Spellings will be tested and new ones sent home on Fridays. Maths, English or topic tasks are set on Google Classroom on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. These tasks should take approximately 20 minutes. Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. This term, our KIRF focus is reading and writing numbers to 100.

Reading and English

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including The Storm Whale, Beegu and many others.



All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books in your child's weekly guided reading session. Please listen to your child read and discuss the text at least three times per week in order to help them improve their decoding, increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text.

If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

Maths

This term, please help your child to:



Quickly recall number bonds to 10 and 20. Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100 using the $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs. Combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. Tell the time on an analogue clock to the nearest 5 minutes.

