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Christmas can bring both joy and challenges for some children and families. At Northgate, safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we are here to ensure that all our pupils feel safe, supported, and cared for during this time.

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing during the holidays, you can email the NSPCC on [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) or call **0808 800 5000** (10am and 8pm Monday to Friday). Children can make their own calls on **Childline** 0800 1111.

If you want to report a safeguarding concern about a child, Hertfordshire Children's Customer Services can be contacted on 0300 123 4043.

This week, Ducklings, Puffins and Owls enjoyed a magical Christmas activity day. Children rotated around a carousel of activities, including making reindeer food to sprinkle on Christmas Eve. They also had a Christmas themed movement break in which they danced like reindeers. Thanks to the parents that came into help. They also had a special visit from Santa and he confirmed that all of the children are on the good list!



**Year 3** made Christingle oranges today to bring home for Christmas. The orange is a symbol that represents the world and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

At Northgate, we are incredibly fortunate to have amazing volunteers who dedicate their time to helping our children with reading. To show our appreciation, the Senior Leadership Team hosted a coffee morning for them this week. Our volunteers enjoyed mince pies and shared fond memories of Christmases past. If you know someone that would like to volunteer, please get in touch.



## Celebration of Achievements Excellence Awards

The following children were nominated for an Excellence Award this term, for their consistent positive attitude to learning and exemplary behavior. To celebrate, each child received a certificate and enjoyed an afternoon tea with the Senior Leadership Team. Many congratulations children and keep up the good work!



**Ducklings:** William D and Ivy D

**Puffins:** Grace N

**Robins:** Luca S

**Starlings:** Eddie E

**Skylarks:** Olivia R

**Nightingales:** Shay B

**Kestrels:** Sophia L

**Harriers:** Sebastian FD

**Owls:** Clemence C

**Wrens:** Everleigh-Mae M

**Sparrows:** Edith K

**Swifts:** Jessica C

**Kingfishers:** Orla W

**Kites:** Daisy B

**Hawks:** Julia Z

## Attendance this term

Yr	%
R	97.6
1	96.7
2	94.5
3	97
4	96.7
5	96.3
6	95.5

Our target	96%
Whole school	96.3%

0 days off	100%	Fantastic
5 days off a year	97%	Good
10 days off a year	95%	Slight concern
20 days off a year	90%	Concerned
30 days off a year	85%	Very concerned

## Reminders

### Head injuries

Following the tragic news about a young boy, Muhammed Yaseen Uddin, from Birmingham, we want to extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family and take this opportunity to reassure you about our procedures at Northgate.

We prioritise the safety and well-being of your children. If your child suffers a head injury at school, we will promptly inform you. Depending on the severity of the injury, you will receive either an email or a phone call, along with NHS guidance on when to seek further medical attention.

In return, we kindly ask that parents inform the school within 48 hours if their child has experienced a head injury outside of school hours. This allows us to monitor their condition during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

### School Dinners

Please ensure that your child's dinner money account is in credit ready for next term.

## Northgate School Association

Thank you to our wonderful PTA committee members, our volunteers and Northgate staff for all their help, support and advice this year with our events. What a year we've had!

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have attended and supported our events. You have all made such a significant difference to the PTA's work. Thank you!

### Northgate PTA Lottery- a reminder!

**Big News: The NEW Northgate PTA Lottery is here!** Get ready to WIN up to £1,000 every month while making a real difference for Northgate Primary School! With school funding tighter than ever, your support through this lottery helps provide vital resources and unforgettable experiences for our children. Don't miss out – secure your ticket now: [bit.ly/northgateptalottery](http://bit.ly/northgateptalottery)

Together, we can make a HUGE impact. Thank you for being part of something amazing!

### Existing 250 Club Members

For those parents/carers currently signed up to our existing 250 Club, we've decided to make this change as we're modernising the lottery by going fully digital!

Our new dedicated lottery page allows supporters to sign up for a monthly direct debit in just minutes and changes the current process by simplifying the entire process for both you and us, makes us more sustainable by eliminating paper forms and streamlines the day-to-day management of the lottery.

### So what do current 250 members need to do:

1. Cancel your current standing order starting 1st January 2025. Join the new lottery!

**We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas!**  
Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team