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NGPS NEWS

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

Welcome, October

As we head into October we have lots of exciting events planned for this spooktacular month! School photos will be taking place on Thursday 16th and 17th October - a letter has gone out with the full details. We are also supporting YoungMinds, a mental health Charity next Friday 10th October by wearing something yellow, details below. There are lots of sporting events taking place and Harvest will be celebrated with all the pupils in the school. This term is a busy but exciting one with trips and workshops taking place for a lot of year groups so don't miss out on any communications and letters by signing up to Class dojos if you haven't already! Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Amanda Harrison



IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you receive any of the following benefits, your child/children may be entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a gross annual income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Children who receive these benefits directly instead of through a parent or guardian can also get a free school meal.

Please apply for free school meals, even if your child/children receives them as part of Universal Infant Free School Meals, as we receive additional money for every child who is entitled.

We use this to buy additional equipment, resources, trips and support. If you do not apply and are entitled, we cannot receive extra funding for such things.



New Entrants Open Day Events

Tuesday 18th November
New Entrants Open
Morning 9.30am

Wednesday 26th November
New Entrants Open
Afternoon 1.30pm

DIARY DATES

Monday 6th October

YOUNG VOICES CHOIR 3.30-4.15PM
MEET THE TEACHER - Y2 HAZEL

Tuesday 7th October

Wednesday 8th October

Thursday 9th October

Y6 MIXED CROSS COUNTRY ORIEL
15.30-16.45

Friday 10th October

ASH CLASS SWIMMING
WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW FOR
MENTAL HEALTH DAY

YOUNGMINDS

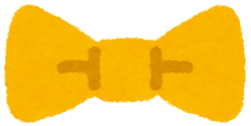
Hello Yellow

FRIDAY 10 OCT

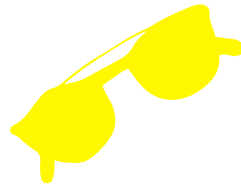
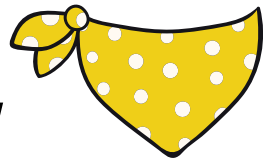
**Wear something
yellow for Mental
Health Day!
10th October 2025**



We are asking all children and staff to wear something yellow for Mental Health Day.



Children are still required to wear school uniform but to wear a yellow accessory e.g. hair accessory, glasses, socks.



The children will also be taking part in various yellow activities throughout the day.



Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in – and they are feeling the pressure. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

Young Minds, Mental Health Charity





HARVEST DONATIONS

Please can we ask for donations for the items listed below

We will start accepting donations from
Wednesday 1st October 2025

FREE  **SHOP**

We are a local food bank supporting
people out of financial hardship

TINNED; MEAT /
FISH / VEG / FRUIT
/ PUDDINGS /
TOMATOES

PASTA SAUCES

PASTA

RICE

SOUP, LENTILS

CHOCOLATE
SPREAD /
PEANUT BUTTER

CRISPS / BISCUITS /
CAKES / CEREAL
BARS / CEREAL

TEA / COFFEE
HOT CHOCOLATE
SQUASH

TOILETRIES, WASHING POWDER,
CLEANING PRODUCTS, WASHING UP LIQUID

Donations will be
going to Crawley
Freeshop this year.

Registered Charity Number: 1193224





Northgate Primary School Photos Individual and Siblings

16th & 17th October 2025

To ensure all children look their best for these memorable photographs, we kindly request your cooperation with our school's uniform policy on these days.

If your child is absent, we will not be able to arrange another photo day so please try and make sure they come into school especially as sibling photos will also take place on these days.

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their correct school uniform. Specifically, we ask that all children wear either a **blue school jumper, cardigan or fleece**. Please remember that any hair accessories must comply with our uniform policy – small accessories only either Northgate blue, navy or black.

Details on how to order your children's photos will follow once photos have taken place.





A PAWS-ITIVELY BRILLIANT VISIT!

This week, Year 2 had a very special visitor—Khush, our new school dog! Mrs Harrison led a fun and interactive session where children learned how to give simple command sentences like “Come, Khush!” and “Sit, Khush!”. It was a fantastic way to build confidence, language skills, and smiles all around. Khush has already stolen our hearts—and a few treats too!



West Sussex

Music



Lindsay from West Sussex Music came in to do an assembly with the children, demonstrating woodwind instruments. The children were very engaged and asked lots of interesting questions.

A letter will go out next week for interest in Y4-Y6 woodwind instrument lessons.





National POETRY Day

Thursday 2nd October was National Poetry Day and this year's theme was "PLAY" – celebrating the joy, creativity and imagination that poetry brings.

We'd love for families to join us in the celebration by reading a poem together at home. Whether it's a funny rhyme, a thoughtful verse, or a playful performance, poetry is a wonderful way to connect, spark conversation and enjoy language in a new way.

Here are some easy ways to get involved:

📖 Read a short poem with your child – even 5 minutes makes a difference!

🎧 Listen to a poem read aloud by a poet: [Children's Poetry Archive](#)

📺 Watch a fun poetry video together: [Twinkl Kids TV – Performance Poetry](#)

Poetry is for everyone – no downloads, no prep, just words that inspire and delight.

Let's make poetry part of our day – at school and at home!



Northgate Nursery have spaces!

If you have a child who is 3 years old and would like a space in our nursery, please come to the school office to complete a form.

Nursery Hours:

Monday - Wednesday

Monday - 9am - 3pm

Tuesday - 9am - 3pm

Wednesday - 8.45 - 11.45am

Wednesday - Friday

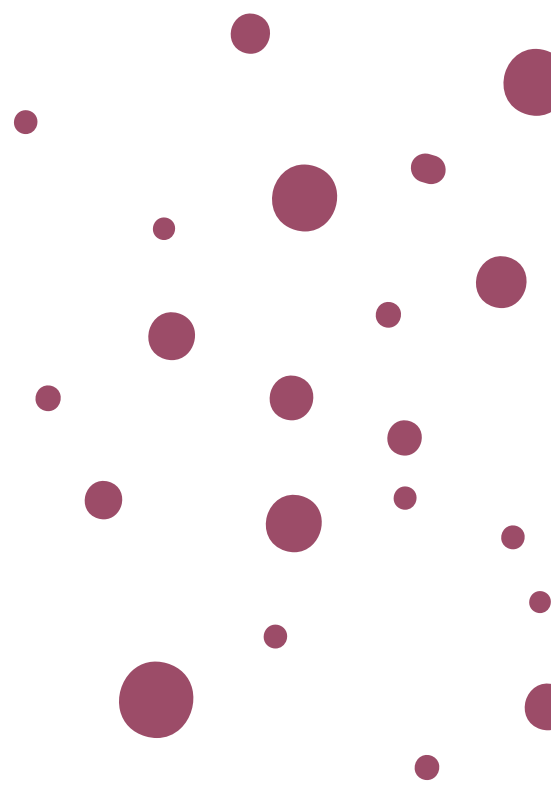
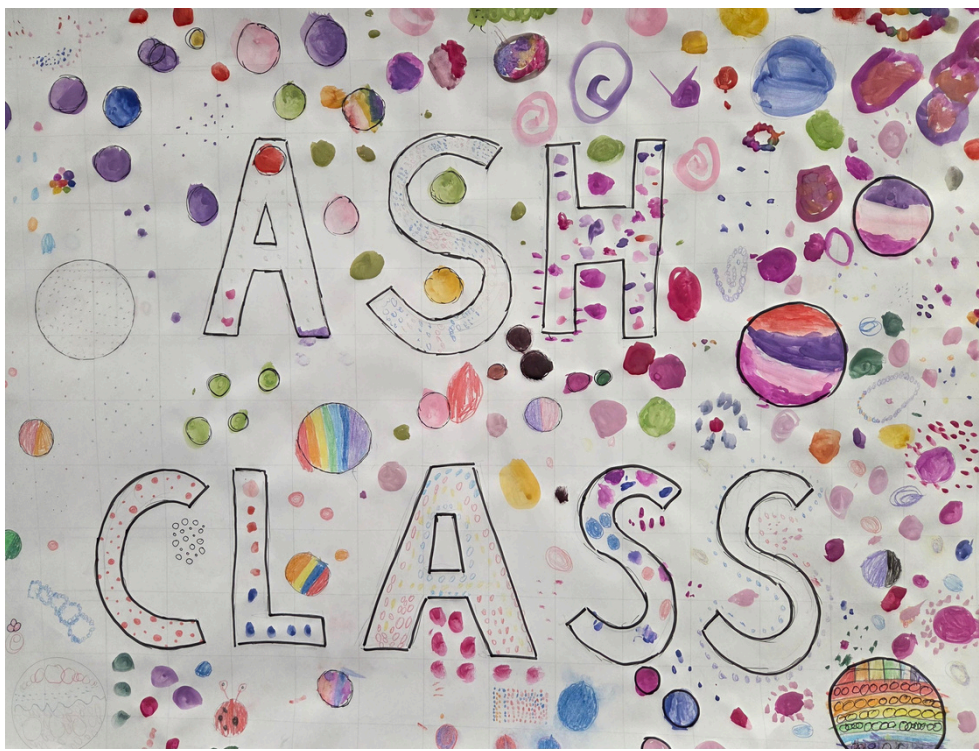
Wednesday - 8.45 - 11.45am

Thursday - 9am - 3pm

Friday - 9am - 3pm



We have very limited Monday - Wednesday spaces and a few Wednesday - Friday spaces so don't delay!



Y3 have studied 'The Dot' this week and created some art pieces linked to the book.

Y3 are thinking about 'making a mark and seeing where it takes them' showing ambition and resilience.



Y4 Tag Rugby Festival



Year 4 enjoyed learning lots of new skills at the tag rugby event on Thursday. They learnt techniques for throwing and catching as well as some of the main rules. At the end of the day they had the opportunity put their new skills to the test by playing matches against other schools. A great day was had all round.

How do we investigate what flowering plants need to stay healthy? Do all plants need or stay healthy in the same conditions?



Children have thought about how they would take the air away from a plant and still be able to water it. They have thought about what happens if the plants are put in a fridge and left in a low temperature. But what else happens when the fridge door shuts, have we added another variable?

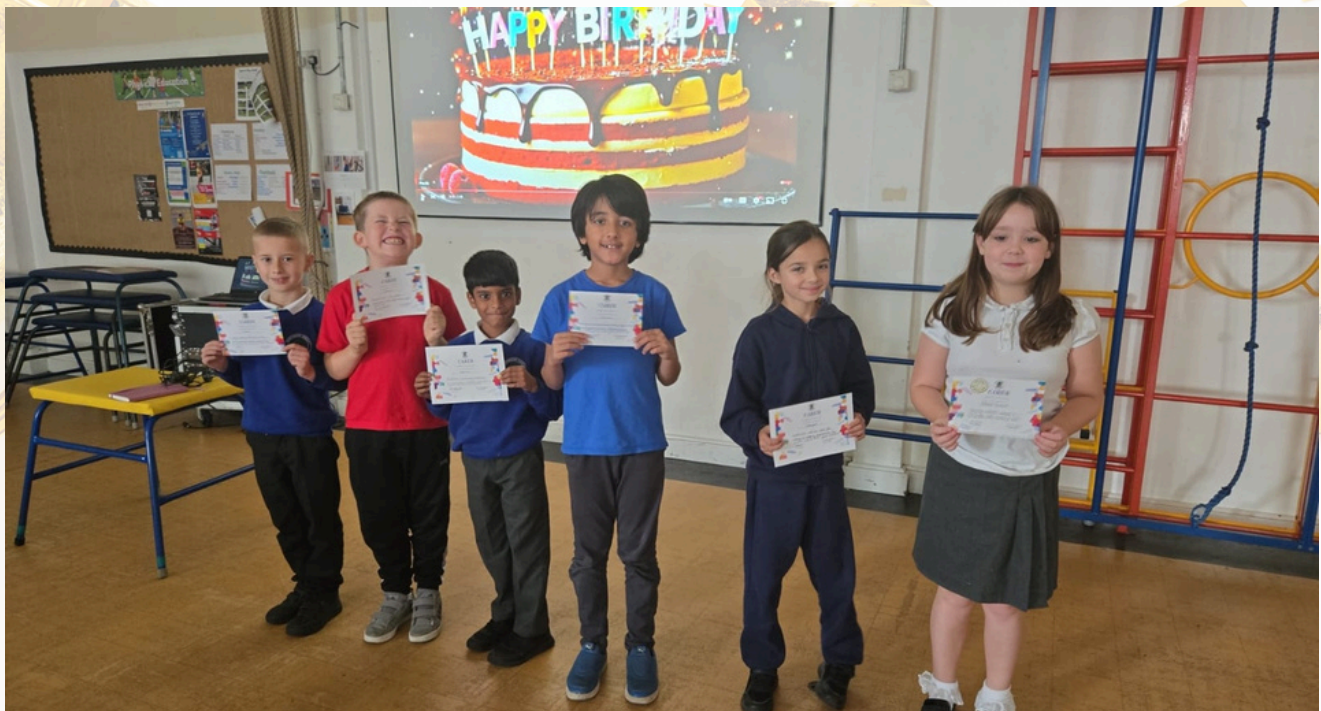


NORTHGATE AWARDS

In our efforts to encourage positive behaviour and celebrate our achievers, Mrs Roughton is holding weekly biscuits and squash for the children who have been awarded the Northgate Award!

This weeks winners are....

**Athena, Oskar, Sumauah, Shahan,
Haris and Oscar!**



**KS1 - Lime - Izel
Holly - Prishna
Pear - Iyla
Maple - Jessica
Blackthorn - Alan**



DISCO

WEDNESDAY

*Save
THE
Date*

15th October 2025

NGPS SCHOOL DISCO!

Available now to book!

Ask the school office for a letter and pay cash, card or via SCOPAY

Free Dental Check-Ups for Children



Ensuring healthy smiles for every child

We believe in the importance of accessible healthcare. Every child should have access to high quality, essential dental care, no matter their circumstances.

Early dental care is critical in shaping a child's long-term health, and regular check-ups – ideally every 6 months – are key to preventing issues (such as tooth decay and cavities) and creating positive habits that last a lifetime.

We're aware that not all children have access to this care, which is why we've partnered with **'Give Kids a Smile'** to offer **100 free check-up appointments** on **27th Oct 2025** to children at the **Hollybush Dental Clinic**.

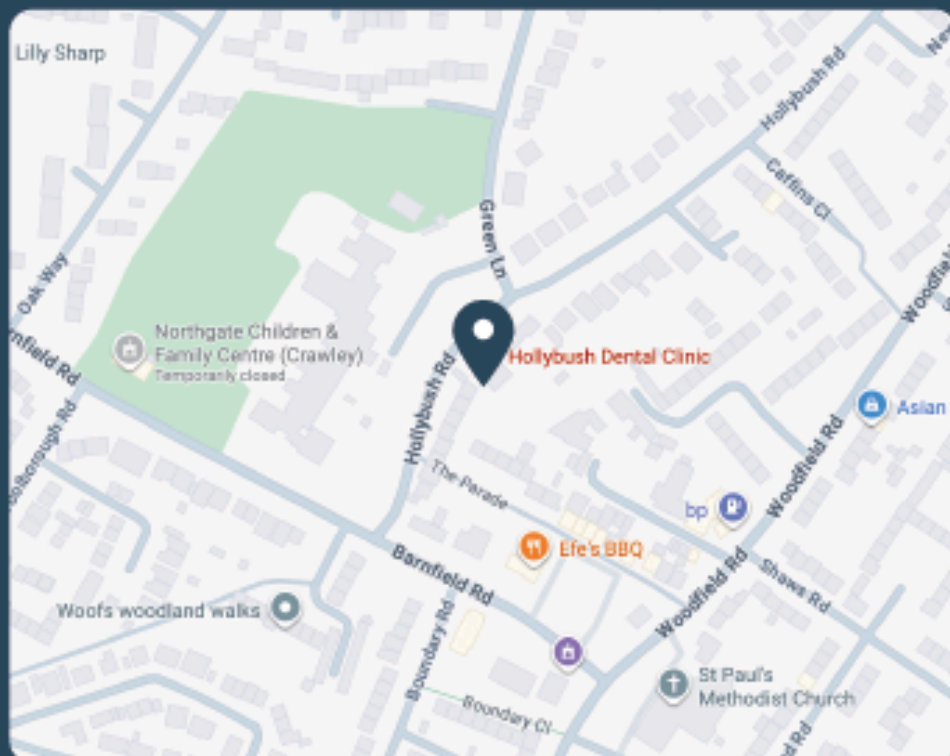
On the day, you can expect:

- **FREE dental check-ups** for children
- **FREE gifts & resources** for every child
- **Helpful oral health advice** to parents and guardians - to help to understand how to support your child's dental health at home.

By focusing on prevention and education, our Give Kids a Smile Day on 27th Oct 2025 at our practice on Hollybush Road is designed to support and equip local families with the knowledge and resources needed to help children maintain healthy smiles for life.

Those early dental visits with a friendly-faced dentist will help children to become familiar with dental care, reducing anxiety in future visits and making it easier to maintain regular check-ups into adulthood.

Use the QR code provided to register your interest. Or contact us by emailing: **reception.hollybush@colosseumdental.co.uk** providing your name and a contact phone number, quoting 'GKAS' in the email.



Address

Hollybush Dental Clinic,
17 Hollybush Rd,
Crawley,
RH10 8DU

Email

reception.hollybush@colosseumdental.co.uk



Secondary School Applications

Important dates for your diary

**Applications open:
Monday 8th September 2025**

**Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions**

**Deadline to apply:
Friday 31st October 2025**

**Offers sent to Parents:
Monday 2 March 2026**



OCTOBER HALF TERM
27TH - 31ST OCTOBER 2025

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CRAWLEY LANE POUND HILL
CRAWLEY, RH10 7EB

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Halloween Trail & Activities

Saturday 18th Oct to Sunday 2nd Nov, 10am-5pm

Something supernatural is brewing at Borde Hill and we need your help! The Powers Family is being haunted, and it's up to you to solve the mystery. Follow the story trail around the Garden to discover why Sir Haunt-A-Lot is unable to rest in peace. £4.50 per child, plus admission to include a prize, or free to Members.*

Activities in the Marquee⁺

Mon 27th & Thurs 30th: Reptiles, Tues 28th: Magic Shows

Weds 29th: Explosive Science Shows & Slime Making

Fri 31st : Spook-tacular Monster Parties & Disco

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd: Halloween Crafts

*additional charges apply and booking is required

*Family Membership for up to 3 children starts from £6.75 a month by DD, and includes school holiday trails worth up to £25.50 per child.

BACK TO SCHOOL – MEANS BACK TO THE POOL???

What a summer! Fabulous Weather, great outdoor time for everyone. With summer now over and back to school, have you thought about getting them water safe and/or stronger swimmers – you never know if you don't get them started. Remember it's all about learning and swimming is a life long skill you do not want to pass up on

We have you covered!

We have opened up new spaces in levels Preschool, Stage 1, and Stage 2 and have spaces in our adults & child lessons as well

By enrolling in our award winning lessons now, you will also get access to kids pass with up to 57% off selected theme parks, cinemas and many more child friendly days out for 12 months! Always great for now and Half term

Holidays but also FREE SWIMMING outside of lessons (something you may need all year around to keep them entertained). (T&Cs Apply)

These discounts are available with our partners at Kids Pass

<https://www.kidspass.co.uk/>

Enquire Now for lessons above from home with our QR code or call us on 01243 785651 Option 1 to book your lessons



FOUNDATION YOUTH FOOTBALL KICKS OFF

**Starting
now!**

Mini Reds

Our Saturday football for 5-7 year olds is back! If your child is getting into football or wants to try for the first time then we are hosting this on the Broadfield Stadium ball court.

- **Saturdays 9-10am**



Saturday Soccer Centre

For ages 8-12 the Centre is run by qualified football coaches aimed at developing young players in a fun & supportive environment.

- **Saturdays 10:30 - 12:00pm**

Goalkeepers

Our goalkeeper training centre offers specialist knowledge and coaching to help young aspiring girl and boy 'keepers to fill their potential.

- **U7-U11 - Thursdays 5-6pm**
- **U12-U16 - Thursday's 6-7pm**



**Community
Foundation**

www.ctcommunityfoundation.com



LET GIRLS PLAY



GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSION

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 1PM-2PM

3G PITCHES, BROADFIELD

AGES 5-15 YEARS OLD

FUN SKILLS AND FRIENDLY GAMES

NO NEED TO BOOK - IT'S FREE!

For more information:
steven.hand@tbcc-tkat.org

October Half Term Tech Camps

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**THESE SESSIONS PROVIDE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF BASKETBALL
WHILE FOCUSING ON ESSENTIAL MOVEMENT SKILLS**

PRE-SCHOOL & RECEPTION - SATURDAY — 9:00AM-9:40AM

@ THE MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION & YEAR 1 - SATURDAY — 9:00AM-9:45AM @

THE HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 - SATURDAY — 9:45AM-10:45AM @ THE

MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALL GIRLS YEAR 2 & 3 - MONDAY— 5:00PM-6PM @

HAZELWICK SHOOOL



SIGN UP FOR A TASTER SESSION HERE:

WWW.STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM/BABY-BALLERS

EMAIL: KARL@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM



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Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

October

- 7th - Year 3-4 Harvest
 - 10th - Wear something **yellow** for Mental Health Day
 - 14th - Year 5-6 Harvest
 - 15th - School disco
 - 16th - 17th - School photos
 - 20th - Y5 Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium visit
 - 21st - Year 1-2 Harvest
 - 21st - Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Villa
 - 24th - International Lunch
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27th Oct - 31st Oct - Half Term

November

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- 3rd - Inset Day
 - 11th - Parents Evening
 - 13th - Parents Evening
 - 14th - Children in Need
 - 17th - Y5 Portals to The Past Ancient Greek Workshops
 - 18th - New Entrants Open Morning 9.30am
 - 21st - Y4 Portals to The Past Roman Workshops
 - 26th - New Entrants Open Afternoon 1.30pm

December

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- 19th - School finishes at 1.30pm for Christmas Holidays

HOUSE POINTS OF THE TERM!

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