

16TH JANUARY 2026

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NGPS NEWS

Northgate Primary School Newsletter



Welcome Back!

We have had a very positive start to the spring term and the children are keen to be more curious in their learning. We have talked about asking questions to find out more. How many questions do your children ask you? How can you encourage more curiosity?

In assembly we have been looking at which class has made the biggest improvement in their attendance. The children know how to help keep themselves happy and healthy so they can be well enough to attend school everyday. Keep talking to us if you have any concerns about your child's attendance. It may be related to their sleep routines, use of technology, eating habits or any other worries which prevent your child from attending school. We are here to help and want to work with you. Together we can help give your child the best start to their educational journey.

Have a fun weekend. Be curious, ask questions and keep well.

**Warm regards,
Amanda Harrison**



Spring Term: 5th January - 27th

March 2026

Half term: 16th - 20th February

Inset days: 5th January

Early finish: 1.30pm 27th March

DIARY DATES

Monday 19th January 2026

Tuesday 20th January

**YOUNG VOICES @ THE 02
LONDON**

Wednesday 21st January

Thursday 22nd January

Friday 23rd January

ELM CLASS SWIMMING

Northgate's Reading Challenge!



Total Reading Miles!

✨ Ready, Set, Read! ✨

Class	Miles	Country	Class	Miles	Country
Ash	185	Libya	Elm	95	Algeria
Fig	166	Libya	Juniper	80	Algeria
Apple	164	Libya	Oak	73	Algeria
Rowan	162	Libya	Alder	67	Algeria
Holly	140	Libya	Maple	62	Algeria
Cherry	126	Tunisia	Poplar	56	Morocco
Blackthorn	126	Tunisia	Sycamore	54	Morocco
Lime	111	Tunisia	Hazel	51	Morocco
Chestnut	107	Tunisia	Willow	51	Morocco
Beech	105	Tunisia			
Pear	96	Algeria			
Hawthorn	96	Algeria			

We are thrilled to see the incredible effort your children are putting into their reading! You may have noticed that the reading miles have increased significantly this term. This is because our journey across Africa is much larger than previous routes, and to keep the challenge exciting and achievable, we have multiplied the scores by 10.

This means every page read now takes us further across the continent, helping classes reach new destinations faster while still celebrating their hard work. The bigger numbers reflect the scale of Africa and make the adventure even more engaging for the children.

Thank you for continuing to support reading at home. Every mile counts toward our shared goal of reaching South Africa! Keep turning those pages. The adventure continues!





A huge congratulations to Ash Class, who were our Reading Around the World winners last term! Their enthusiasm, commitment and love for books truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievement.

What has been especially wonderful to see is that the reading hasn't stopped over the holidays. Many pupils in Ash class have continued to read regularly, talk about books and stay engaged with stories in different ways. From favourite authors to new discoveries, it's clear that reading has become part of their daily lives. Not just something they do in school.

One lovely example of this is Mrs King, who has been sharing stories by reading aloud to her dog! This simple (and very patient!) audience reminds us that reading doesn't always have to be formal. Reading aloud, even to a pet or toy, builds confidence, fluency and enjoyment.

How parents can support reading at home:

- Set aside a short, regular reading time each day – even 10 minutes makes a difference.
- Read aloud to your child, even once they can read independently.
- Talk about books: What was your favourite part? Which character did you like?
- Let children see adults reading – books, recipes, signs, anything counts.
- Make reading cosy and positive – no pressure, just enjoyment.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a strong culture of reading for pleasure. Ash Class have set a fantastic example. We can't wait to see where each classes reading takes them next!





Cherry Class have been reading the story 'Blue Penguin' and have created their own art work, called 'Shades of Blue'. They all learnt how to mix paint to make it lighter and darker. They also looked at Van Gogh's painting of starry night for inspiration!



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NORTHGATE



AWARDS

This weeks winners are...



Zain, Harper, Sara, Victoria, Jack and Theo!



Kairon, Ariana, Safia, Kayli, Sumayya and Luca!



NORTHGATE AWARDS

This weeks winners are...



**Kevin, Aaradhya, Rudra, Yashika, Leila, Valeria
and George!**



**Sophia, Srinika, Alishbah, Zeki, Patricia and
Bhavan!**

Important Message from West Sussex Library Services:

On the back of some editions of the According to Humphrey series there is a reference to the former website for the series.

We understand that the domain name is now controlled by an unrelated third party and currently redirects to unrelated and potentially unsafe content. This website is not in any way associated with Faber & Faber or with the author Betty Birney.

Please do not visit it and ensure that children do not attempt to access it either.

Where appropriate it may be possible to remove the back page containing the website reference only, thereby maintaining the integrity of the storybook.



Fun with Humphrey

Spring Term Diary Dates 2026

January.

16th - Phunky Foods meet Ambassadors

20th - Young Voices at The 02

23rd- Phunky Foods Rehearsals

26th - Y1 Hedgehog Visit

February.

9th- 13th - YR Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing checks with School Nursing team

16th - 20th - Half term

HOUSE POINTS OF THE TERM

JADE
1086

RUBY
986

SAPPHIRE
911

AMBER
936



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London February Hockey Camp poster featuring logos for Barnes Hockey Club and Richmond Hockey Club. The word 'LONDON' is written in large, colorful letters. Below it, the text reads: 'FEBRUARY HOCKEY CAMP', '16-18 FEBRUARY', 'Chiswick W4 2SH', 'Open to all | Outfielders & GKs | U8-U16', 'World-Class Development | Creativity, Skills & Fun', and the website 'evo-hockey.com/london'.

Oxford February Hockey Camps poster featuring the EVO HOCKEY logo. The word 'OXFORD' is written in large, colorful letters. Below it, the text reads: 'FEBRUARY HOCKEY CAMPS', '16-17 FEBRUARY', 'Oxford OX2 7NW', 'Open to all | Outfielders & GKs | U8-U16', 'World-Class Development | Creativity, Skills & Fun', and the website 'evo-hockey.com/oxford'.

Herts February Hockey Camp poster featuring the EVO HOCKEY logo and BSHC logo. The word 'HERTS' is written in large, colorful letters. Below it, the text reads: 'FEBRUARY HOCKEY CAMP', '18-19 FEBRUARY', 'Bishop's Stortford SG8 5LH', 'Open to all | Outfielders & GKs | U8-U16', 'World-Class Development | Creativity, Skills & Fun', and the website 'evo-hockey.com/hertfordshire'.

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