

30TH JANUARY 2026

SPRING 3



NGPS NEWS

Northgate Primary School Newsletter



Curiosity

The children and adults have been focusing on being more curious over the last couple of weeks. We have loved asking questions to learn new and exciting things.

How curious are your children at home? What interesting questions do you discuss? Please add a photo or write a post on your child's Class Dojo page to share any interesting questions or conversations you have. We would love to share them in assembly next week.

Have a weekend full of new learning and keep happy.

**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 2nd February 2026

Tuesday 3rd February

Wednesday 4th February

Thursday 5th February

Friday 6th February

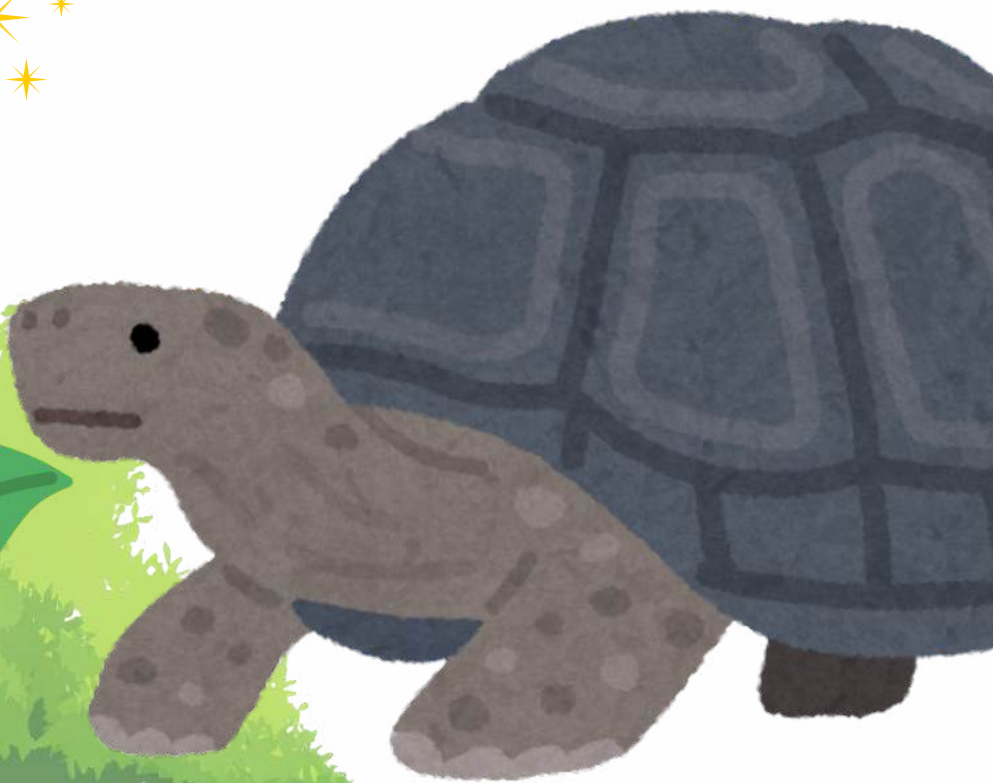
ELM CLASS SWIMMING

Welcome, Tinkerbell!

After a much anticipated wait, we can finally announce that the children have named our new Northgate Tortoise, Tinkerbell (Tinker for short!)

Tinkerbell evokes a sense of wonder, magic and innocence. It sparks a childlike joy and longing for the extraordinary.

The name brings a sense of playfulness, curiosity and the belief in possibilities - something we believe aligns with our school values!



Northgate's Reading Challenge!



Total Reading Miles!

✨ Ready, Set, Read! ✨

Class	Miles	Country	Class	Miles	Country
Ash	559	Tanzania	Oak	157	Libya
Willow	519	Tanzania	Sycamore	135	Libya
Blackthorn	472	Ethiopia	Maple	125	Tunisia
Cherry	453	Ethiopia	Juniper	121	Tunisia
Apple	406	Sudan	Alder	118	Tunisia
Hawthorn	390	Sudan	Pear	109	Tunisia
Beech	375	Sudan	Chestnut	107	Tunisia
Holly	349	Egypt	Poplar	98	Algeria
Rowan	343	Egypt	Hazel	82	Algeria
Elm	333	Egypt			
Fig	306	Egypt			
Chestnut	298	Egypt			

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!



Y3 Forest School session today - cooking toffee apples over the fire! 🔥





**RECEPTION CLASS:
PAINTING TO MUSIC**



NORTHGATE



AWARDS

This weeks winners are...

Y5!



Bella, Violet, Erik, Nishta, Malaika and Naksh!

Y6!



Hope, Nicu, Yusef, Harssith, Abdullah and Sneh!



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AWARDS

This weeks winners are...



**Eloise, Aarani, Georgiana, Reggie,
Hayrah, Leonnie, Olly and Ege!**

Year 6 Book Review Video Competition!



We are excited to launch a fun competition for all Year 6 pupils! This is a chance to show off your reading, creativity, and communication skills.

Your Challenge

Create a 1-minute video reviewing a book you have read.

Your video can show:

Your face, or

Just the book, if you prefer not to be on camera.

File Name Requirements

When you save and upload your video, the file name must be:

Child's Name – Class

Example:

Aisha Khan – Juniper

Book + Review



Winners

The winning book review videos will be featured on the school website!

Tips for a Great Book Review

Here are some ideas to help you create a strong and interesting review:

Introduce the book: title, author, genre.

Summarise the story (no spoilers!).

Talk about what you enjoyed: characters, plot, illustrations, message.

Explain who you would recommend it to and why.

Speak clearly, confidently, and keep it to 1 minute.



Deadline Tuesday 10th February.



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a waitlist form**

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for Sept 2026**



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Spring Term Diary Dates 2026

February

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

16th - 20th - Half term

24th Parent Consultations - 3.40pm - 6pm

26th Parent Consultations - 3.40pm - 6pm

March

17th - Y6 Leavers and Class Photos

27th - School finishes 1.30pm for holidays

April

30th March - 10th April - Easter Holidays

May

4th - Bank Holiday

22nd - Inset Day

25th - Bank Holiday

26th - 29th - Half term

June

1st - Inset Day

14th - 17th - Y6 PGL Trip to Windmill Hill

July

22nd - School finishes 1.30pm for summer holidays

HOUSE POINTS OF THE TERM

JADE
2683

RUBY
2271

SAPPHIRE
2217

AMBER
2486

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January

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**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM
MULTI-SPORTS
HOLIDAY CAMP**

JOIN US AT THREE BRIDGES PRIMARY
SCHOOL (UPPER SITE) FOR 2 FUN-FILLED
DAYS OF SPORTS!

GET READY FOR FOOTBALL, DANCE,
DODGEBALL AND MANY MORE!

16TH & 17TH FEBRUARY
08:45 - 15:15

AGES 5-11 (RECEPTION - YEAR 6)

BOOK A SPACE



**£25
PER
DAY**



LODGE HILL SEND DAY

**WEDNESDAY
18TH
FEBRUARY**

10AM - 3:30PM

Lodge Hill Centre,
Pulborough

For families in West Sussex with a child under 18 with additional needs/disabilities



ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY:

- Abseiling
- Archery
- Climbing
- Low Ropes
- We Cycle Too Bikes
- Sno-tubing
- Orienteering
- Nature Trail
- Arts and crafts
- Freedom Through Fun with Chris North
- Woodland Crafts with Forest Knights



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OUR WEBSITE
NOW!**



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FEBRUARY

Half Term Holiday

CLUBS

AT LODGE HILL

9AM –
4PM




LODGE HILL
CHANGING LIVES

TUESDAY 17TH & THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

£32

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Join our Holiday Bible Club

TREASURE HUNTERS

Come and help us find the greatest treasure of all!

FREE!

20TH FEBRUARY

10:00am to 16:00pm

Open to all Primary School-aged children

A day of fun, games,
craft and teaching on
Jesus' parables in Luke 15

For more information
and to register, visit:



TREASURE MAP



THREE BRIDGES
FREE CHURCH
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

TREASURE HUNTERS



Just bring yourself and a packed lunch for a day of fun, games, quizzes, Bible stories, crafts, and songs!

DBS
checked
team

Three Bridges Free Church, at
Three Bridges Road, Crawley
RH10 1LS



Holy Trinity School

A Church of England Secondary School

Come and See Family Day

Dear Parents & Guardians

Subject: Invitation to Holy Trinity's "Come and See Family Day"

I am delighted to share that Holy Trinity has been working on an exciting initiative called the Come and See Project. This transition programme is designed to support and enhance the move from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3, making the process as seamless as possible for your children

Families

As part of this project, we are inviting all Year 5 students and one parent/guardian to join us for our "Come and See Family Day" on Saturday, 28th March, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Holy Trinity School to take part in some secondary school lessons.

Get Involved:

- Please share our invitation with all Year 5 families.
- Spaces are limited, so families will need to book their place using the QR code provided on our leaflet.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school community.

Scan here to sign up!



Family Learning in Crawley

FREE COURSES

**Join us for our fully-funded courses,
aimed at parents/guardians and their
children.**



Roar and Explore - Fridays - Starts 6th March - 10am-12pm - Broadfield Library

*Explore the wonderful world of animals through engaging sessions inspired
by beloved children's books.*



Sing, Say, Play - Thursdays - Starts 26th February - 10am-12pm

*This exciting journey covers a whole variety of fun ways to encourage and
develop language and communication.*



FEBRUARY HALF TERM CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

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The Outdoors Project

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"NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"

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WILD LIFE

MONDAY 16 FEB

BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, and experience Minecraft like never before! (Knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

TUESDAY 17 FEB

WE'RE GOING ON A YETI HUNT!

Become an explorer for the day and step into a world of mystery & adventure! Track the legendary Yeti through the wild as you follow hidden clues, build clever traps, & craft your own Yeti footprints as proof of your discovery. Work together to uncover the forest's secrets, outsmart the wild's most mysterious creature, and maybe even meet the Yeti itself!

WEDNESDAY 18 FEB

NERF: WILD WEST SHOWDOWN

Let's go back in time and ride into a Wild West world of heists and outlaws! Grab your blasters, team up, and join stagecoach standoffs, bank robbery missions, and cattle corrals in a full day of action-packed Nerf games. A fast-paced, high-adventure Nerf experience! (Age 6+ recommended)

THURSDAY 19 FEB

CAMPFIRE COOKOUT, PANCAKE SPECIAL & BUSHCRAFT SKILLS

Join us for the perfect winter campfire cookout! Make s'mores & Pancakes over the flames, learn different bushcraft fire lighting methods & enjoy a mix of classic outdoor games. A cosy & relaxed day filled with creativity, camp vibes, tasty treats and skills to take home and share with your family!

FRIDAY 20 FEB

TRIBAL ADVENTURE: BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!

Join your tribe for a day of wild adventure! Work together to build your tribal woodland camp & get creative with tribal crafts. Take on castaway style team challenges & games as you learn how tribes across the world live & survive in the wild!



"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND"
★★★★★



For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

LINK - BRIGHTONSCIENCE.COM



BRIGHTON science FESTIVAL

SAT FEB 14TH - SAT FEB 21ST

HANDS-ON HALF TERM

THE SCOUT HUT (BY THE CO-OP) OLD LONDON ROAD, PATCHAM, BN18XR