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OUR CORE VALUES

Aim high
Speak truthfully and politely
Persevere
Include everyone
Respect each other
Encourage our friends and work together



Dear Parents & Carers

Finally, the October half term is upon us! It has been a busy term and we are all looking forward to a long break.

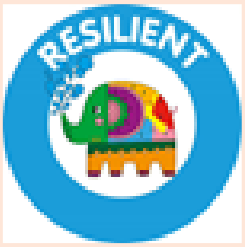
Kingsley class have enjoyed a three day stay at Pinkery Outdoor Centre where everyone had a fun time.

Raleigh Class have had a fantastic trip to Cheddar Caves, where they did workshops and explored the caves.

The PTA are planning Halloween themed activities on Thursday including a Pumpkin Carving Trail and Cake sale.

We wish everyone a very happy October half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Penny - Headteacher









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Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2

Last day of Term 1	**Friday 16th October 2026**
First day of Term 2	**Monday 2nd November 2026**
Kingsley class swimming starts for 6 weeks	**Wednesday 4th November 2026**
Tempest School Photos	**Thursday 5th November 2026**
Bonfire Night Disco	**Thursday 5th November 2026**
Parents Evening	**Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November**
Kingsley Class Flu Vaccinations	**Tuesday 10th November 2026**
Golden Book Assembly	**Monday 16th November 2026**
Odd Socks Day – anti bullying	**Monday 16th November 2026**
Raleigh Class Farmlink workshop	**Tuesday 24th November 2026**
Non-uniform day – Pint pots	**Friday 4th December 2026**
Christmas Fayre	**Thursday 10th December 2026**
KS1 Nativity	**Tuesday 15th December 2026**
Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day	**Wednesday 16th December 2026**
KS2 Carol Service at Westfield Church	**Wednesday 16th December 2026**
Class parties	**Thursday 17th December 2026**



Adventurers Class

The children in Adventurers Class have enjoyed spotting the signs of Autumn during our Forest School sessions. They enjoyed crunching the leaves under their feet, feeling the different textures and using the leaves they found to carefully create their own leaf hedgehog.









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Explorers and Pioneers Class

RNLI visit to Pioneers and Explorers

Explorers and Pioneers class were lucky to have a visit from Nigel who is an RNLI volunteer. He talked to us about water safety and gave us some valuable information on how to float if we fall into cold water. He also let us try on a safety helmet and to dress up in a lifeguard's uniform. The children really enjoyed it.













Northgate Primary School PTA, Bridgwater are now registered with **easyfundraising,** which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use **easyfundraising** to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our **easyfundraising** page at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northgate-primary-school-pta-bridgwater

Please click on this link for further information

easyfundraising School Flyer

Thank you so much!

Support us through easyfundraising

Art Club

Art club enjoyed decorating the school's giant carnival mask in preparation for it to be displayed around our town. They used the theme of 'energy' to inspire their creation and they all worked incredibly hard to make it amazing! Please keep a look out during the half term... Hopefully, you'll see their hard work on display!





Brunel Class

Brunel Class enjoyed a workshop lead by the South West Heritage Trust. They brought in a range of artifacts, images, clothing and activities for them to enjoy. They spent the morning broadening their understanding of their current history topic about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.













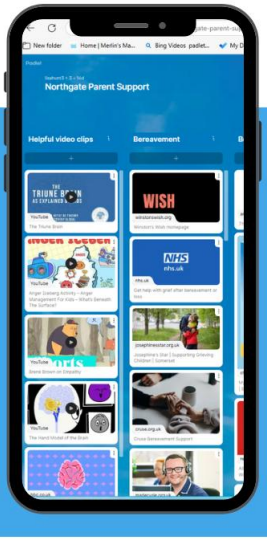


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Parent Padlet

WHAT IS A PADLET?

A Parent Padlet is an online noticeboard or bulletin board created just for you – the parents and carers of our school community! It's a simple, visual, and easy-to-use space where you can find useful information, resources, and local updates all in one place.

Think of it as a digital pinboard that you can visit anytime, from your phone, tablet, or computer.

WHAT CAN YOU FIND?

Information on the following -

Bereavement support

Helpful books and video clips

Internet safety

Parenting support

Domestic abuse

Financial support

Emotional and wellbeing support for adults and children

and many more

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Raleigh Class

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to Cheddar Gorge. The trip helped to consolidate their history learning this term which was all about the Stone Age. The children enjoyed an interactive workshop and learnt how tools developed through the different periods of the stone age. The trip also linked to their science topic of rocks and fossils where they explored different types of rocks, their formation and how fossils are formed. Our tour of the cheddar caves was very informative, and the children were filled with awe and wonder, imagining what it would have been like inside the caves when the water was rushing around it.





Raleigh Class continued…



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Kingsley Class

Pinkery Residential

The children thoroughly enjoyed our two-night residential to Pinkery. They participated in a variety of adventurous activities including a Moorland walk, archery, low ropes, fire lighting, stream dipping and grass sledding. They all demonstrated fantastic resilience, teamwork and bravery by supporting each other, not giving up and trying new things.







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We found out about My School Fund through a leaflet that came with our ESPO delivery. When registering the school, I found the process really user friendly. The scheme was easy to advertise out to parents and staff and the selection of free promotional resources available were very helpful. We advertised it across our school's social media and we're sending flyers out to all of the new students starting in September to encourage them to get involved. My advice for anyone thinking about joining My School Fund would be to do it – It really is a win-win situation for all concerned and the administration of it is very easy.
Jo Hedges, Marketing/Administration - Littleport and East Cambs Academy
myschoolfund.org

Breakfast Plus

Breakfast Plus this coming Saturday 17th October @ 9.30am at Bridgwater Methodist Church and also next month



Tax Free Childcare Vouchers

You could be claiming Tax Free Childcare vouchers to use for Wraparound Care

Did you know you could be claiming upto -

£500 every 3 months (£2,000 per year)

or

£1,000 every 3 months (£4,000 per year) if you have a disabled child

For every £8 you pay, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider

Your eligibility depends on -

Whether you are working (employed, self-employed or a director)

Your income

Your child's age and circumstance

Your immigration status

Over the next 3 months you and your partner (if you have one) must expect to earn at least -

£2,167 if you are aged 23 or over

£2,117 if you are aged 21 or 22

£1,557 if you are aged 18 to 20

Your child must be 11 or under and usually live with you

Adopted children are eligible but foster children are not

If you think you could be eligible and want to take advantage of this government initiative please go to: https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare and complete the online assessment form

Provider Information to Register

Provider – Northgate Primary School

Provider Number - 144757

If you are eligible and you want to start using your Tax Free Childcare vouchers please contact the school office and we can support you with booking Wraparound Care

Northgate Primary School
are looking for donations!



Our Art and Design and Technology resources need a refresh in preparation for the new academic year.

- Buttons
- Fabrics (clean unwanted linens or cotton)
- Felt
- Sewing thread
- Glitter
- Beads
- Paint
- Stickers
- Paint brushes (art specific)
- Chalk
- Straws
- Milk bottle lids
- Ribbon
- String
- Wool
- Tissue paper
- Lollypop sticks
- Colouring pencils or pens
- Coloured card













If you have any of the above items that you can donate to school, please send them in with your child.

