

THE NGBS VOICE

23th January 2026

WATER BOTTLES

Here at NGBS we encourage sustainability wherever possible. With this in mind, we request every child to bring a reusable water bottle to school. These can be filled at the many water fountains.

Can we encourage families to ensure these bottles are named and the child's class is clearly visible so we can return them to their owners when they are misplaced.

If your child has lost a water bottle, please do check lost property boxes.

ECAS

A reminder that our Y1 ECAs (optional) run on Mondays between 1pm and will finish at 2:15pm. Dismissals begin from 2:15pm for parent pick up and buses will depart from 2:40pm onwards.

From Years 2 - 9 the ECAs run on Tuesdays or Thursdays till 3:45pm. All students should be collected promptly at this time, there is no late bus running on these days.

NB - we do not have a late club for siblings so students not doing an ECA should be collected at the regular times please.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We respectfully request that families check the class timetables to ensure students are wearing the correct uniform each day.

The school provides full PE uniform which is worn ONLY on the days the class have PE.

We expect students to wear the approved full uniform on other school days.

Whilst the mornings are chilly, some may require an additional jacket in the mornings but these should not be worn once in the school building please.

ATTENDANCE

Learning takes place here at NGBS every day in every lesson. Every time a student misses a day of school, they miss the opportunity to learn.

If your child is genuinely unwell, please do not send them to school for them and to avoid spreading germs further.

We are aiming for every student to maximise their learning experiences at NGBS so 96% attendance is our aim for every child.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week has been another positive step forward in reinforcing the strong sense of community at North Gate British School, guided by our core values of Respect, Kindness and Responsibility.

It was a real pleasure to meet so many parents at our Meet the Principal event. These opportunities to connect, listen and work in partnership are incredibly important, and I am grateful to all families who took the time to attend. Open communication and shared understanding are key to ensuring every child thrives, and I look forward to continuing these conversations as we move forward together.

We have also seen very positive impact from the recent changes to the start of the Primary school day. These adjustments have helped establish calmer, more purposeful morning routines and have enhanced the quality of our morning assemblies, setting a focused and positive tone for learning each day.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our GCSE Options Evening next week. This event will provide families and students with an opportunity to explore the fantastic range of GCSE subjects available to our current Year 9 students, who will begin their GCSE courses in August 2026. We are proud to offer a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum designed to meet a wide range of interests, strengths and future pathways, and we encourage all Year 9 families to attend.

As we continue to build strong habits, I would like to remind families of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Arriving on time and attending consistently ensures that students are safe, respected and ready to learn, enabling them to fully engage in lessons and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Safe, Respected and Ready to Learn!

EYFS News

EYFS HAPPENINGS

This week at school has been a happy and settled one, with children enjoying their classroom activities and making steady progress. We are excited to share that Sports Day and upcoming field trips are on the way. More information will be shared soon, and we look forward to these enjoyable and enriching experiences for our children.

We have also launched Oxford Owl online reading for our children. Login details have been shared, and reading books have been assigned. We encourage families to support regular reading at home using this platform.

Lastly, we kindly remind parents of the importance of early attendance. The first period begins at 7:50 a.m. and often includes key lessons such as Maths and Phonics. Arriving on time helps children settle well and make the most of their learning. Thank you as always for your continuous support, dear parents!



LEARNING IN EYFS

This week, FS1 was full of fun as we explored the jobs of a farmer on the farm. We talked about what a farmer does and the tools they use to help on the farm. We also enjoyed Maths by practising the concept of giving and taking away using different objects. Well done, FS1!

We had another great week in the FS2 area! In Phonics the children learned /v/, /y/, /w/, and /z/ and practised forming the letters in various materials. For English, we presented the story "Whatever Next." The children had the opportunity to create a story map and act out the story. The children also used their phonetic knowledge to write a list of what the bear took with him into space. In Maths, the children focused on representing the numbers 6, 7, and 8, and practised the concept of one more and one less.

For Understanding the World, the children described the difference between day and night, as well as space traveling! Super duper learning, children!

Year 1 have had a lovely week of learning! In English, the children have been writing letters inspired by Dear Earth, learning how to share their ideas about caring for our planet. They were especially excited to post their finished letters through our very own Earth post box, made especially for delivering messages to the Earth. In Maths, the children have been developing their confidence with numbers up to 20, practising comparing, ordering, and adding numbers using number bonds. Alongside this, Year 1 have enjoyed learning about plants in Science and exploring colourful, close-up artwork inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe in Art. A fantastic week of thoughtful and creative learning! Such Superstars, Year Ones!

Primary News

ROUTINES ARE ROOTED



It has been an exceptional start to the term for our Primary pupils, with high-quality learning taking place across the school. The classrooms have been alive with purposeful activity, from assemblies exploring the role of community helpers, to collaborative learning between year groups as pupils deepen their understanding of concepts such as factors in mathematics. Alongside this, children have been enthusiastically exploring new books, sparking curiosity, discussion and a growing love of reading. It has been a pleasure for the Primary leadership team, Mr Michael and Ms Deepika, to spend time in classrooms, observing the excellent learning taking place and meeting our pupils—engaged, thoughtful and eager learners who are responding positively to the opportunities being provided. There is a real sense of momentum and a warm, focused atmosphere building across the Primary School.

Over the coming weeks, families will continue to receive regular updates via Seesaw, sharing learning highlights, key events and ways to support learning at home. As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions.

JUST LOVE READING

Over the coming weeks, we have a number of special events planned across the Primary School, including Sports Day and upcoming parent meetings. Full details will be shared shortly, so please keep a close eye on your Seesaw account for announcements and updates.

In addition, the Week Ahead documents shared with families will be more detailed moving forward, providing a clearer picture of what your child is learning in class, the focus for the week, and how learning is developing across subjects. This will support stronger communication between school and home and help families engage more meaningfully with their child's learning journey.



Secondary News

REFLECTIONS & LOOKING AHEAD IN KS3:

The corridors in Key Stage 3 have been calm and quiet this week. The students are almost all wearing the correct uniform on the correct day, resources are back in lockers, the buzz is one of learning taking place and we are so proud of your children!

I have asked staff to make contact with you if there are any issues as many parents requested this at the last PTM – these messages are being sent on SeeSaw and I am copied in. I have to say, parental support has been overwhelmingly supportive and the staff are all very grateful for this.

I do always urge parents to check notifications on SeeSaw daily as this is our main mode of communication and often our parents are pleasantly surprised when they receive positive updates from the teachers in this way, we are not always here to moan.

This continued partnership between home & school will ultimately benefit the children so let us all keep up the good work together.



UPDATES FROM KS3:

We have a few, short weeks before the Holy month of Ramadan starts and lots to do before then:

- I wrote to you all recently regarding school trips and wanted to confirm that we are still finalising some amazing experiences for your children in Years 7, 8 and 9. As soon as all approvals are in place, we will update you accordingly.
- Alongside our communication on SeeSaw, we are aiming to have more Parent Teacher Meetings – further details to follow.
- All students are being asked to set up personal logins for their iPADS – this is to ensure iPADS are the personal property of the individual student and cannot be tampered with in any way. If they lose or forget their password, our IT team can support them in resetting it. We hope you will approve of this update to software security in school.
- Year 9 students and parents – you have been invited to our GCSE Options Evening next Thursday at 5:30pm, check SeeSaw / emails for the details if you missed them.

Rest assured, as soon as I have any updates on any of the above, they will be shared immediately on SeeSaw with you all.

Miss Dani & the KS3 Team

MFL & MOE

KS3 FINAL ROUND OF THE ISRA AND MIRAJ COMPETITION



On Monday, our KS3 students thoroughly enjoyed attending the final round of the Isra and Mi'raj competition.

We were also delighted to announce the winners of the online competition, which saw enthusiastic participation from both students and parents.

It was a pleasure to welcome our winning parents to receive their prizes, celebrating them as the very first participants in the competition.

COMING SOON IN MFL/MOE DEPARTMENTS

Throughout the rest of January and February, we have a range of exciting upcoming events and activities planned, including:

- Community Helpers Day – thanking our helpers for all the efforts they make
- Arabic Reading Year 4 Mothers' Picnic Day
- Hag Al Laila celebration
- Ramadan Qur'an Competition
- Ramadan Online Competition
- • Mir Ramadan



FINAL ROUND AND WINNERS



Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION: A SCHOOL PRIORITY

Safeguarding and child protection are at the heart of our school's values and remain a top priority in everything we do. We are fully committed to ensuring that all students learn in a safe, secure, and supportive environment.

An essential part of effective safeguarding is ensuring that all staff are well trained and confident in recognising concerns, responding appropriately, and understanding their responsibilities when working with children. For this reason, staff training is a key focus within our safeguarding strategy.

As part of our ongoing commitment, the school has recently delivered safeguarding and child protection training for teaching assistants and school security staff. This training focused on how to protect children, recognise signs of concern, and respond in line with the school's safeguarding procedures.

We will continue to provide regular safeguarding training for all staff to ensure that child protection remains a shared responsibility across the whole school community. By working together, we can maintain a safe and nurturing environment where every child feels protected, valued, and supported.

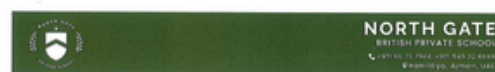


SAFEGUARDING ON SCHOOL BUSES

Student safety includes all parts of the school day, including travel on the school bus. Keeping students safe on school buses is a shared responsibility between the school and parents.

We kindly ask parents to remind their children to follow bus safety rules, listen to the instructions of bus supervisors and drivers, remain seated, and show respectful behaviour towards others.

All bus assistants will record any inappropriate behaviour on the school bus using the reporting form provided by the school. Any concerns or incidents will be addressed in line with the school's behaviour and safeguarding policies.



STUDENT BUS INCIDENT REPORT

1. STUDENT DETAILS	
Name of Student:	Admission No:
Class:	Division:
2. BUS INFORMATION (please enter all known information)	
Bus Number	
Driver's Name	
Passenger Assistant Name(s)	
3. DETAILS OF INCIDENT	
Date and Time of Incident	
Incident Location	
Type of Incident (Please tick all relevant boxes)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Damaging/Defacing of vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Using electronic gadget in bus
<input type="checkbox"/> Throwing waste in the Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving in the bus Passage
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Bullying	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Bullying
<input type="checkbox"/> Fighting or physical abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Standing/ jumping on the seat
<input type="checkbox"/> Refusing to show / No Student ID card	<input type="checkbox"/> Refusing to wear seat belts
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal abuse to Driver/ conductor / Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving around vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical abuse to Driver/ conductor / Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sitting in the allotted place
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal abuse by Driver/ conductor / Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Using Bad language
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical abuse by Driver/ conductor / Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Indecent behaviour
<input type="checkbox"/> Eating in the bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Damaging seat cover
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sitting in the allotted place	<input type="checkbox"/> Scratching the window

Classroom Updates

In Pictures



Term 2 Key Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Meet the Principal	19.1.2026	3.30pm	Auditorium
Meet the Primary Team	28.1.2026	TBC	TBC
Year 9 GCSE Options Evening	29.1.2026	5.30	Auditorium
Hag A Laila	3.2.2026	TBC	Whole School
Sports Week	WB 2.2.2026	TBC	School Field
Parent Teacher Meetings	11.2.2026 12.2.2026	TBC	Auditorium
ECAs Finish	12.2.2026	NA	NA
Half Term Holidays	16-20.2.2026	School Closed	NA

Attendance

19th - 23rd January 2026

Regular attendance at school is essential, as every day in class builds learning, routines, relationships and habits that are vital for students' academic success, wellbeing and long-term achievement.

Year Group	Present	Absent
FS1	73.07	26.93
FS2	84.07	15.93
Year 1	80.24	19.76
Year 2	87.62	12.38
Year 3	86.49	13.51
Year 4	81	19
Year 5	89.98	10.02
Year 6	87.72	12.28
Year 7	83.5	16.5
Year 8	87.64	12.36
Year 9	79.19	20.81

Students should arrive to school by 7.30am They will be marked late at 7.45am

**Our Target is 94% across the school each week
We need you!**