

THE NGBS VOICE

31st January 2026

WATER BOTTLES

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

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 fantastic step forward in strengthening the sense of community at North Gate British School, all firmly rooted in our core values of Respect, Kindness and Responsibility.

We have celebrated several wonderful community events this week. The launch of our GCSE Options for Year 9 was a real highlight, marking an exciting milestone for our students as they begin to think seriously about their future pathways. The enthusiasm, curiosity and maturity shown by our Year 9 students was fantastic to see.

Alongside this, our Year 4 Arabic Picnic was a joyful celebration of language, culture and learning, and our ELL Coffee Morning provided a warm, welcoming space for families to connect, share experiences and strengthen relationships within our school community.

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.

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

Safe, Respected and Ready to Learn!



EYFS News

EYFS HAPPENINGS

There is so much happening over the next few weeks, from exciting school trips to our much-anticipated, Sports Day! The EYFS corridors have been buzzing with energy, creativity, and planning, making every day a joy to be part of.

We are thrilled to share that the Oxford Owl Reading platform is already making a positive impact, helping children develop their reading skills in fun and engaging ways. Thank you to parents who despite their busy schedule have began coming into our classrooms to read the the children. In classrooms, learning is happening everywhere: children have been busy getting a reply from Mother Earth, preparing fresh fruit salads, exploring how to write CVC words they have learned and practising counting using loose parts.

As always, we encourage you to continue supporting your child's learning at home, whether it's reading together, exploring numbers in everyday life, or just enjoying the small wonders around them. The next few weeks promise to be full of learning, laughter, and lasting memories!



IMPORTANT DATES

School Trips

2nd February: FS2 Trip to Sharjah Aquarium

9th February: FS1 Teddy Bear Picnic to Ghabet Al Rehayeb Park

10th February: Year One Trip To Umm Al Quwain Zoo

Notes for Parent:

- 1) Please return the field trip consent and medical form
- 2) Please send in water bottle with strap/ light snack/ School ID and jacket. (extra change of clothes for FS1)
- 3) The children will be back in school on time for regular bus and parent dismissals.

Sports Day

Please ensure you have read the Seesaw message sent by your child's class teachers. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to speak with them directly. Looking forward to a fantastic event!

Primary News



LEARNING IN FULL FLOW

The term is now well underway in the Primary School, and it has been fantastic to see learning routines firmly established and pupils fully engaged across every year group. Classrooms are calm, focused, and full of purposeful activity, with children showing real enthusiasm for their learning and taking pride in their progress.

In Year 2, pupils have been developing their understanding of shape, confidently identifying key features and using the correct mathematical vocabulary to describe and compare a range of 2D and 3D shapes. In Year 4, children are strengthening their number fluency through multiplication and factors, exploring patterns, applying efficient strategies, and demonstrating their thinking through reasoning and problem-solving tasks.

Across the wider curriculum, pupils have also made a strong start to their topics. Year 3 children have been enjoying the story *The Stone Age Boy*, which has sparked excellent discussion and supported their growing understanding of life in prehistoric times. In Year 5, pupils have been captivated by their learning about space, asking thoughtful questions and showing curiosity as they explore the solar system and beyond. Meanwhile, Year 6 have begun their important unit on World War Two, approaching this topic with maturity and developing a deeper understanding of a significant period in history.

SPORTS DAY

Our upcoming Sports Day is an exciting opportunity for pupils to take part in a fun, active morning that celebrates teamwork, effort and school spirit. We are looking forward to welcoming families into school to support their children as they take part in a range of enjoyable activities and friendly competitions.

To help your child feel comfortable and ready to participate, please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit with their house colour shirt and suitable sports shoes. Pupils should also bring a labelled water bottle, a hat or cap for sun protection, and apply sun cream before coming to school. We kindly ask that children avoid bringing any valuables on the day.

More detailed information, including timings and final arrangements, will be shared with families next week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Secondary News

REFLECTIONS ON OUR GCSE OPTIONS EVENTS:

Our Principal, Mr Tom, stole my glory this week - what an amazingly positive turn out we have had over the past two days with nearly fifty families represented at the GCSE Options Meetings. The Options Booklet is already becoming the most popular reading material amongst our Year 9 students.

I urge our Year 9 families to listen to one another over the coming days to ensure the choices made for GCSE study are accurate and appropriate to every individual. We will share the link for formal sign-ups on Tuesday with a 48 hour window to respond. As I said in my meetings, we then start the process of allocating students and hiring the required staff.

It was truly an honour to lead these sessions alongside my colleagues from the Secondary Leadership Team & thank you to everyone who attended.



UPDATES FROM KS3:

- We had a slow, but steady uptake for the **Yr 8 & 9 Boys** Trip to Quest for Adventure. These boys will be heading out on Monday, 2nd February 2026 for an absolutely amazing opportunity to experience the flora & fauna of Al Zorah.
- **Year 8 & 9 Girls** have an extension deadline for their trip to Al Zorah. The form will remain open for them until Wednesday, 4th February 2026 at 8am. After this, we will not be able to include any more students. (link has been shared on SeeSaw and by email).
- **Year 7** should have had their trip letter from the MOE team by the time this newsletter reaches you. Please do respond by the deadline - last minute decisions are difficult to support.
- An important request from us this week - please do ensure your child is **dressed appropriately in correct uniform** for school each day. We are still having a number of students wearing pimple patches (with no pimple in sight), incorrect uniform (check their timetable pinned to the top of their SeeSaw account for PE days) and a mix of PE / school uniform which we need your support to stop.
- Finally, from us, **ATTENDANCE**: A polite reminder that students are due in school for pastoral / wellbeing by 7:30 each day. We see them arriving at 8:00 and 8:30 which means they are missing almost 25% of learning time when this happens. We are sure this can be avoided with a little more responsibility.

Thank you,
Miss Dani & the KS3 Team

MFL & MOE

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY – SOCIAL & MORAL



On Friday 23, our year 2 and 3 came alive with excitement as part of our commitment to respecting all professions and highlighting the importance of different types of jobs. To raise students' awareness about job roles and inspire them to think about future careers, our students proudly led a live lesson during the school assembly.

The students stole the show! Dressed in a variety of job uniforms, they confidently presented, spoke, and even sang joyful songs related to careers and professions. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork were truly inspiring. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about job descriptions in a fun, meaningful, and memorable way—while celebrating the value of every profession.

A big bravo to our young presenters for an outstanding performance!

HAQ AL LAILA

Haq Al Laila is a traditional celebration in the Gulf, especially in the UAE .

Children dress in colorful clothes, go door to door, and collect sweets while sharing joy and community spirit. Tuesday 3 February 2026, our students are going to celebrate Haq Al Laila.

We are going to have different types of in class activities during the MoE lessons, students will enjoy sharing the sweets together and they will wear Traditional UAE outfit. Different assemblies are going to take place during the day and KS3 will be engaged with their projects .

FINAL ROUND AND WINNERS



Safeguarding

SPEAKING UP AND SAFEGUARDING BUILDING A CULTURE OF TRUST



Safeguarding is a fundamental responsibility of the school and a shared commitment between the school and families. It focuses on keeping children safe, supporting their wellbeing, and ensuring that they feel confident, listened to, and protected. Safeguarding is not only about responding to concerns, but also about prevention and early identification.

This week, our focus is on encouraging pupils to speak up and ask for help. Students are supported to understand that sharing worries or concerns is a positive and protective action. They are reassured that they will never be in trouble for speaking out and that all concerns are taken seriously and handled appropriately.

The school ensures that all pupils know who their trusted adults are, including teachers, the school counsellor, and the Safeguarding Team. By promoting open communication, we aim to identify concerns early, reduce risks, and provide timely emotional and practical support



SAFEGUARDING FOCUS THIS WEEK

- Understanding safeguarding and why it matters
- Encouraging pupils to speak up early
- Building trust between pupils and adults

Working in Partnership with Parents

Parents are encouraged to listen to their child, validate their feelings, and reassure them that it is always right to speak to a trusted adult.

Key Message

Speaking up is a vital part of safeguarding and keeping children safe.



Classroom Updates

In Pictures



Term 2 Key Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Meet the Principal	19.1.2026	3.30pm	Auditorium
Year 9 GCSE Options Evening	29.1.2026	5.30	Auditorium
Hag A Laila	3.2.2026	Whole School	Whole School
Sports Week	4th-6th.2.2026	TBC	School Field
Reports and Assessment Meeting	6.2.2026	8.00 am	Auditorium
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

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
FS1	74
FS2	84
Year 1	81
Year 2	88
Year 3	86
Year 4	82
Year 5	89
Year 6	87
Year 7	82
Year 8	88
Year 9	84

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!**

Key Contacts

Please see below a list of key contacts for each area of the school. Our suggestion would be to go to the classroom teacher initially, but the below are here to help.

Name	Email	Role
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