Norman Gate School Newsletter

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Diary Dates 2026

Tuesday 17th March
Farm Visit

Friday 20th March
Wear Something Red
For Comic Retief

Thursday 26th March
RE Day

13th & 14th April
Bikeability

Wednesday 22nd April
Parents Evening

Friday 11th June
Messy Art Day

Tuesday 17th June
Activities Afternoon
NG Sports Day

Friday 26th June
Panto

Inset Days 2025-2026

27th March 2026
5th May 2026

Curiosity

This term our school value is Curiosity, and Book Week gives us the perfect opportunity to celebrate it. As we explore stories, characters, and new worlds through reading and sensory storytelling. Book Week allows our children to experience the joy of being curious whether they are exploring a new book, investigating props, or engaging with imaginative play inspired by stories.

Book Week

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our World Book Week story-sharing sessions. It was wonderful to see so many families taking part, celebrating reading, and helping to make the day truly special for our children.

Congratulations to Hedgehog Class, who won our World Book Day door decorating competition! Their creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm really shone through. Well done, Hedgehogs!

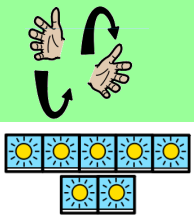
Parents Evening

Looking ahead, we will be using the Arbor app to organise and book appointments for our upcoming Parents' Evening on 22.04.26. Further information will be sent out next week to help everyone get set up.

New Teacher

We are really pleased to welcome Fin to the teaching team at Norman Gate. He will be leading Cub class when Lucy goes on maternity leave after Easter.

Signs of the Week



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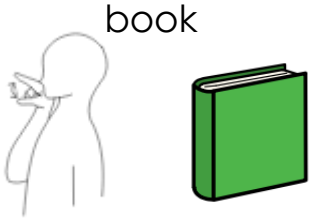

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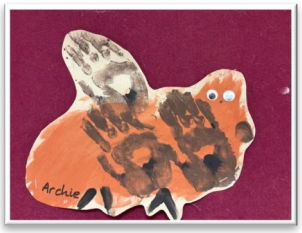
Hoglet Class

In Hoglet Class we have been reading the story of the Little Red Hen and learning about farm animals.

We have enjoyed listening to and making the different animal noises, painting our own sheep, and decorating our door for World Book Day.

We have also been using farm animals in our maths learning, adding different animals to the field and finding the correct number to match the total. We have been starting to learn about one more and one less and have been enjoying jumping back and forwards along our number line in class. Well done Hoglets, what a lovely start to our new half term.



Golden Eagle Egg Hunt

Running over the Easter Holidays: Saturday 28 March – Sunday 12 April

This Easter, fly on over to the Hawk Conservancy Trust for an egg-citing new trail – free as part of your admission!

A giant Golden Eagle has lost her precious eggs while flying over the Hawk Conservancy Trust. Keep your eagle eyes open and get ready to complete a range of challenges on your quest to hunt down the giant eggs hidden amongst our beautiful birds of prey. Find them all to win a tasty Easter treat!

Our new Golden Eagle Egg Trail is free to take part in as part of our jam-packed summer timetable, which returns just in time for the school holidays. Enjoy three world-class flying displays, kids activities, talks and this exclusive trail for two weeks only – all included in the price of your admission. Plus, Feathers Restaurant will be serving up some Easter treats too!

Pre-booking is recommended over the school holidays to guarantee your chosen date.

ONE PRE-BOOK YOUR VISIT

Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs have been enjoying out new topic of Minibeasts. The Very Hungry Caterpillar has been the first book we've looked at this term and all the children have engaged well with it. It's obviously a much loved book by most of them! We used it as our door theme for World Book Day with the children making all the different foods from the story. We created some butterfly paintings and have started looking at the artist Este McLeod for inspiration. As part of our topic work this week we looked at maps of the school and went for a minibeast walk. Back in the classroom we added where we had seen the minibeast to our maps.

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