Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 24th April 2026 **Telephone number: 01268 553434**

Dear Parents, I would like to take a moment to reflect on something that underpins the success of our school community: the relationships between home and school. We understand that from time to time, questions or concerns will arise. When they do, we are always here to listen and to help. Open communication is essential and we are committed to working with you to find solutions in the best interests of every child. I would also like to emphasise the importance of keeping all interactions between parents and staff respectful. Our staff work hard to support every pupil and they deserve to be treated with courtesy and professionalism at all times. In turn, we are committed to responding to all concerns thoughtfully and constructively. I want to sincerely thank the overwhelming majority of parents who approach conversations in this spirit. Your willingness to engage respectfully, even when discussing difficult matters, is greatly appreciated and sets a positive example for our entire community. Have a lovely weekend, ***Mr Figg***

The Power of Reading

Reading is one of the most powerful tools we can give our children. It opens doors to imagination, builds vocabulary, strengthens writing skills and supports learning across every subject. At school, we work hard to foster a love of books—but the impact is even greater when reading continues at home. Just 10–15 minutes of daily reading can make a significant difference. Whether it's sharing a bedtime story, listening to your child read aloud, or discussing a favourite book, these small moments help build confidence and fluency. At Northlands, we are proud to celebrate our readers. Children who read regularly and demonstrate a commitment to developing their reading habits are rewarded in a very special way—with a visit to DORIS, our much-loved book vending machine! This exciting reward allows children to choose and keep their very own book, encouraging them to continue their reading journey. We encourage all families to make reading a regular part of home life. Visit the library, explore different genres and most importantly, enjoy the experience together. By nurturing a love of reading at home, you are helping your child build skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who starred in our 'Celebration Assemblies' this week. They were nominated for embodying our school values every day!

Year 2 Trip to Church

This week Year 2 visited St Gabriels church. We learnt lots about the history of the church, the different parts of a church and how it helps our community. We also listened to why Easter is an important time for Christians and the different parts of the Easter story. Our teachers were very proud of us as we showed our Northlands values while walking to the church and we had lots of good questions.

Girls' Football Team March On!

The girls' football team have booked their place in the Basildon League semi-finals in style, following a 6–0 victory over St. Teresa's last week and an emphatic 8–0 win against Fairhouse this week. They finish the league stage with a flawless record: played 6, won 6, scoring an impressive 27 goals and conceding just 1. An outstanding achievement—especially considering that for many of the players, these were their very first matches. A fantastic effort all round—well done to the team!

Summer Term Diary 2026

Tuesday 28th April	2:20pm Chestnut Class assembly to parents
Thursday 30th April	2:20pm Maple Class assembly to parents
Friday 1st May	Cherry Class at Forest School
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May	Year 6 Mock SATs Week begins & Class Photos
Friday 8th May	Cherry Class at Forest School
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATS week begins
Friday 15th May	Cherry Class at Forest School and Year 6 End of SATs celebration afternoon
Monday 18th May	Start of International Week & 3:10-5:00 Reception classes parents evening and target setting
Tuesday 19th May	Reception trip to Maldon Park & 3:10: 5:30 Yr1-6 Parents evening and target setting
Wednesday 20th May	3:10-5:00pm Reception to Yr 6Parents evening and target setting
Thursday 21st May	2:20pm Hazel Class assembly to parents
Friday 22nd May	Sycamore Class at Forest School

Monday 25th May to Friday 5th June Half Term

Monday 8th June	Start of Year 1 Phonics screening check and Year 4 multiplication check
Friday 12th June	Sycamore Class at Forest School
Thursday 18th June	Infant's Father's Day Sale
Friday 19th June	Junior's Father's Day Sale & Sycamore Class at Forest School
Tuesday 23rd June	2:20pm Beech Class assembly to parents
Wednesday 24th June	Year 3 trip & 10:45 Acorn 2 AM sports day & 2:15 Acorn 1 & 2 PM sports day
Thursday 25th June	1:45 Reception Classes Sports Day & 2:20pm Willow Class assembly to parents
Friday 26th June	Elm Class at Forest School
Monday 29th June	Year 6 Residential trip to Isle of Wight & 1:45 Year 1 & 2 sports days
Tuesday 30th June	Hazel Class trip to Hyde Hall
Wednesday 1st July	Chestnut Class trip to Hyde Hall & 1:45 Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July	Maple Class trip to Hyde Hall & 2:20 Hawthorn Class assembly to parents
Friday 3rd July	Elm Class at Forest School
Monday 6th July	Start of Science Week
Tuesday 7th July	Move Up Mornings & 2:20pm Sycamore Class assembly to parents
Thursday 9th July	2:20pm Cherry Class assembly to parents
Friday 10th July	Elm Class at Forest School & Year 5 & 6 sports day
Tuesday 14th July	3:15-5:00 Summer Fete
Wednesday 15th July	2:20pm Elm Class assembly to parents
Thursday 16th July	2:00 Acorn 1 and Acorn 2 nursery Teddy Bears Picnic
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 21st July	2:00pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents & End of academic year

Wednesday 22nd July to Monday 31st August Summer break

Tuesday 1st September	Reception to Year 6 children return

Out of School Success– well done to the following children for demonstrating our school values outside of school! Well done to Filip for working hard in his swimming lessons and achieving a new level and badge.

Also, well done to Amelia who won bronze in a recent judo competition and also she won a medal for achieving ippon at another competition! Well done to Maddie who took part in her first ever dance show! Finally, great job and hard work award goes to George who made his own castle at home after being inspired by his history topic.