



# Northlands News

## Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 19th September 2025

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Dear Parents I am delighted to share just how proud we are of the progress our pupils have made this term so far. Teachers report that pupils are not only achieving strong academic results but also developing the confidence to take risks, ask thoughtful questions and support one another. From Reception through to Year 6, we have seen remarkable improvements in reading fluency, problem-solving in maths and creative writing. Thank you for your continued support at home, which plays such an important role in enabling this success. **Mr Figg**



### Reception Children Make a Brilliant Start!

We are delighted with the wonderful start our new Reception children have made to their school journey. From their very first day, they have shown curiosity, confidence and a real eagerness to learn. It has been a joy to see them settling into new routines, making friends and exploring the classroom with enthusiasm. Already, they are beginning to show independence and a real passion for learning. We are so proud of how quickly they have embraced this exciting new chapter and we look forward to watching them flourish in the months ahead.



Come and visit us!



### Reception 2026 New intake tours

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to start school next September, please book a place onto our new intake tour of the school so that you can get to see first hand what an amazing school we are. We will be holding several tours this term before the deadline for applications close in January.

**Dates are: Thursday 9th, Tuesday 14th, Thursday 24th October and Thursday 6th November. All tours are at 10am.**

To book a place on a tour, please contact the main office. If you already have a child here, please also recommend us to friends and family as we can accept places from across Basildon.

Well done to the following classes for their brilliant attendance this week.



Joint 1st: Elm Class and Beech Class - 99.3%

Joint 2nd: Sycamore Class and Hazel Class - 98.7%

**Attend today, achieve tomorrow, Every day counts!**



### Incredible Year 1 Scientists

In Science this week, Year 1 have been testing materials to find out which one would make the best umbrella for a teddy bear. We tested lots of different materials and found that some were waterproof and some weren't. We decided that plastic was the best material to keep teddy dry.



**Parking**– I'd like to thank the overwhelming majority of parents who park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting their children. Following some heavy congestion this week, especially on Tuesday, the school has been in contact with both Basildon and Essex Council along with Essex Police, to help us find a solution for the parking outside of the school. We will keep you updated with our progress.



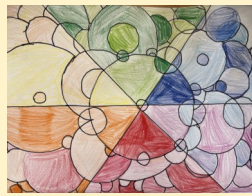
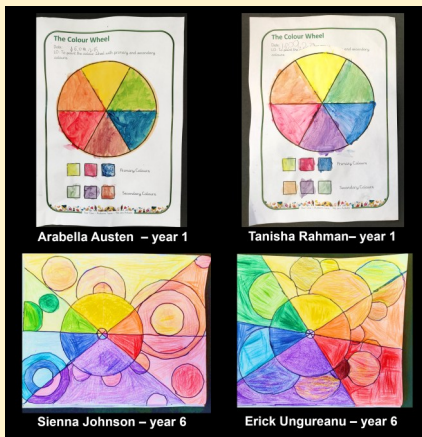
## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Thursday 25th September	2:20 Aspen Class Assembly to parents
Friday 26th September	Whole school Spanish Day– non-uniform in Spanish Flag colours
Tuesday 30th September	2:20 Birch Class assembly to parents
Thursday 2nd October	2:20 Juniper Class assembly to parents
Tuesday 14th October	2:20 Pine Class Assembly to parents
Wednesday 15th October	Year 6 trip to Hampton Court Palace
Thursday 16th October	2:20 Cedar Class Assembly to parents
Wednesday 22nd October	Whole school individual and sibling photos 3:00-4:15 Reception Classes Fright Night Disco & 5:00-6:30 Year 5 & 6 Fright Night Disco
Thursday 23rd October	3:10-4:30 Year 1 & 2 Fright Night Disco & 5:00—6:30 Year 3 & 4 Fright Night Disco
Friday 24th October	Year 1 Builders Day dress up



**Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025 Half Term**

Year 1 and year 6 have got off to a colourful start! They have both been studying colour theory, with year 1 mixing primary colours to create secondary colours and year 6 have been making abstract colour wheels.



### Secondary School Admission Places

For parents with children in Year 6, you can now apply for their secondary school place online. If you are looking for further information, we have a guide to all the different secondary schools in Essex



available in the main office. The application process must be completed online and **before the 31st October**. Late applications will not be registered and it is very likely that you will not get any of your preferences. If you require any support with the application process please speak with Mrs Bailey's team who will be happy to assist you.

### Out of school success



We love to hear of our pupils being successful outside of school. This week we'll do to:



Poppy, who last weekend won the Young Gardeners 2025 Award for growing the biggest and heaviest pumpkin! 31.3kg! She is looking forward to carving this for Halloween!

Great job to Callie for going up a stage in swimming.

Finally, well done to Daniel for working hard in karate lessons and earning himself 2 gold medals.



### Become a School Governor – Make a Difference for Our Children

We are looking for parents/carers who would like to play a vital role in shaping the future of our school by joining our Governing Body.



School governors are volunteers who work together to support and challenge the school leadership, helping to ensure the best outcomes for all our children. As a parent governor, you don't need specialist experience—just enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and a desire to contribute to the life of our school.



If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Sue Gilbert in our school office or speak to Mr Figg. We'd be delighted to talk through what's involved and answer any questions.