



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 4th September 2026

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Dear Parents, I'd like to give a very warm welcome to all the new families that have joined the Northlands community this week. It was lovely to welcome you all, as well as our returning families, to what has been an incredibly settled and successful first week back. As we begin the year, we will continue to focus on the values that are so important to our school community. For those of you who are new to us those values are: **Be Hardworking, Be Respectful, Be Honest and Be Ambitious**. We want every child to work hard and always give their best, show respect and kindness towards everyone, be honest and take responsibility for their actions and be ambitious in their learning and aspirations for the future. These values help to make Northlands such a special place and will continue to guide us towards another successful year together. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. *Mr Figg*



A Fantastic Start to the School Year!

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year! It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to Northlands as well as lots of new children and families and to see our classrooms already full of excitement, enthusiasm and most importantly, lots of learning.

The children have quickly settled into their new classes, begun building positive routines and relationships and have been working hard from the very first day. We have seen some excellent learning taking place across the school and have been particularly impressed by the high standards the children are already demonstrating.



Helping Our School Run Smoothly

With over 750 children at Northlands, there is always plenty happening! To help everything run as smoothly and safely as possible, we would really appreciate parents and carers remembering to:

- **Arrive at school on time** each day so children can make the most of their learning. (Playground gates close at 8:55am).
 - **Record your child's absence** on Study Bugs before 8:30am.
 - **Keep the school office updated** with any changes to contact details or important information.
 - **Read school communications regularly** so that you do not miss important updates, events or reminders.
 - **Visit our website** first for information.
 - **Park considerably and safely**, avoiding the school keep-clear areas, double yellow lines and residents' driveways.
- Thank you in advance for your support.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE

Class Championships

We are pleased to announce that our new "Class Championships" is now underway! Classes in each year group will be competing against each other to earn Championship Points to ensure that they win not only a range of great prizes but also the coveted Class Championship Trophy.

Excellent attendance, superb behaviour, outstanding classwork and exceptional teamwork are just some of the ways that classes will earn points through a weekly focus. Weekly points will be shared during a Friday assembly with some children who have been our school values role models having the best seat in the house! This week the leaderboard looks like this:

Year 1: Beech

Year 4: Cedar

Year 2: Maple

Year 5: Juniper

Year 3: Alder

Year 6: Holly



Did you know we have a Breakfast Club for before school child care which starts at 8am and a Tea-Time Club after school child care which finishes at 5:30pm? Both of these provisions are run by Northlands staff and are in our building. If you would like any more information about these clubs or to book your child on, please speak to a member of the office staff who will be able to help.



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th September	5:30 Welcome to Year 6 SATs and Residential information evening for parents	
Friday 11th September	Year 6 Tudor Day dress up	
Tuesday 15th September	3:00 to 4:30 Reception Class parent drop in sessions (no need to make appointment)	
Wednesday 23rd September	9:15 Reception parents workshop in school & 2:20 Juniper Class Assembly to parents	
Friday 25th September	Whole school Spanish Day– non-uniform in Spanish Flag colours	
Tuesday 29th September	2:20 Birch Class assembly to parents	
Thursday 1st October	2:20 Aspen Class assembly to parents	
Wednesday 7th October	2:20 Pine Class assembly to parents	
Wednesday 14th October	2:20 Cedar Class assembly to parents	
Monday 19th October	Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle	
Tuesday 20th October	2:20 Fir Class assembly to parents	
Wednesday 21st 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 22nd October	3:00-4:15 Year 1 & 2 Fright Night Disco & 5:00—6:30 Year 3 & 4 Fright Night Disco & Nursery Pirates and Mermaid dress up day	
Friday 23rd October	Year 1 Builders Day dress up	
Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026 Half Term		
Tuesday 3rd November	3:10-5:30 Parents Evening and Target Setting	
Wednesday 4th November	3:10-5:00 Parents Evening and Target Setting	
Friday 6th November	Maple Class at Forest School	
Wednesday 11th November	Year 6 trip to Hever Castle & 2:20 Spruce Class assembly to parents	
Friday 13th November	Maple Class at Forest School	
Monday 16th November	Start of Shakespeare Celebration Week	
Tuesday 17th November	2:20 Alder Class assembly to parents	
Thursday 19th November	2:20 Poplar Class assembly to parents	
Friday 20th November	Maple Class at Forest School	
Monday 23rd November	Start of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Sock Day	
Thursday 26th November	10:00 and 2:00 Year 6 production to parents & Year 2 trip to Gunnersby Museum	
Friday 27th November	Hazel Class at Forest School	
Wednesday 2nd December	10:00 and 2:00 Year 2 production to parents	
Friday 4th December	Hazel Class at Forest School	
Wednesday 9th December	10:00 and 2:00 Year 1 Christmas Production to parents	
Thursday 10th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper non-uniform day & Infant Christmas Sale	
Friday 11th December	Junior Classes Christmas Sale & Hazel Class at Forest School	
Tuesday 15th December	10:00 and 2:00 Reception Christmas Production to parents	
Thursday 17th December	Acorn 1 & 2 Christmas Production to parents—times TBA	
Friday 18th December	Christmas Sparkle non-uniform & End of Autumn Term	
Children return to school on Monday 4th January 2027		

If you have any questions, concerns or issues, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team. We pride ourselves on being visible and approachable, with a member of the senior team always available at the start and end of the school day on the playground. Please do come and speak to us – we are always happy to help!

