



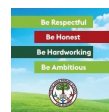
Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 11th September 2026

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Dear Parents, we are now two weeks into the Autumn Term and already I can see some excellent progress across the school. Our new Reception children are settling in brilliantly, developing the routines and expectations they need to be successful learners, while our Year 6 children are already showing what great role models they can be for the rest of the school. It has been fantastic to see children across the school working hard, embracing new challenges and making the most of the wonderful opportunities our staff provide for them. There is already a real sense of positivity and ambition across Northlands. Have a great weekend, everyone! **Mr Figg**



Class Championships

It has been another excellent week in our Class Championships competition. This week, dinner hall expectations was the focus alongside attendance. Well done to the winners of our 'Best Seat in the House' reward.



Uniform Reminders

It has been lovely to see so many children looking smart and comfortable in their uniform. It really does create an environment in which children can do their best. Below are some uniform reminders:

- Children should have a white polo t-shirt or shirt
- A red cardigan/jumper or red fleece - no hoodies or zipped tracksuit tops are to be worn
- Black or grey trousers/shorts or skirts- tracksuit bottoms are not be worn and short cycling shorts are not permitted
- Shoes should be predominately black

Please make sure all uniform has a name in it.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for supporting excellent attendance this week. In fact, this has been one of our best weeks for attendance ever!

Regular attendance really does make a difference. Being in school every day gives children the best possible opportunity to make progress, keep up with their learning, develop friendships, build confidence and develop the routines and independence they need to succeed. We have recently received a number of requests for holidays during term time. We would like to reiterate that term-time holidays cannot be authorised by the school and, in line with national attendance guidance, a penalty notice will be issued. We completely appreciate that family holidays can be expensive, particularly during the school holiday periods. **This is why we have deliberately arranged our non-pupil days to create a two-week break in May/June half-term, giving families an opportunity to take advantage of cheaper holiday periods without children missing valuable days of learning.** Thank you once again for your continued support with attendance.



Maths at Northlands

Our maths curriculum helps children develop fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Across each year group, children build their understanding of number, calculation, fractions, decimals, percentages, measurement, geometry and statistics. We place a strong emphasis on children understanding why methods work, not simply remembering procedures.

How can parents help at home?

Parents can support their child's maths at home by: practicing time tables ideally using TT Rockstars (all children have a login), encourage children to use maths in everyday situation such as shopping, cooking and finally by practising our Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) for this half-term.

Reception: I can count to 10

Year 1: I know the days of the week, months and seasons

Year 2: I know number bonds to 20

Year 3: I know number bonds to 20 for all numbers

Year 4: I know number bonds to 100

Year 5: I know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10

Year 6: I know times tables facts up to 12 x 12



Curriculum In Focus



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th September	3:00 to 4:30 Reception Class parent drop in sessions (no need to make appointment)
Friday 18th September	Year 6 Tudor Day dress up
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

Out of school Success

We love hearing of our pupil's successes outside of school. This week well done to:



Ronnie who recently took part in a gymnastics competition.



Theodore who has been hard working with his rugby and received a trophy.



Manreet who was awarded star of the week at her swimming club.



Juliana who was awarded gymnast of the week.



Evie who read lots over the summer and completed the summer reading challenge.

Artist of the Week

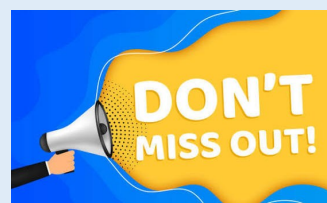


It has been a very busy week in our art studio with lots of fantastic art happening. This week's artist of the week is Benita for her wonderful observational drawing of a poppy. Keep up the hard work everyone.

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 will 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 2026**. 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.



We have a number of children who are allergic to nuts. Please ensure that your child's lunch or snack does not contain nuts.

THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE

