



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 18th September 2026

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Dear Parents, there has been such a positive atmosphere around school this week and it's been lovely to see so many happy faces. I want to remind all of our families that we are here to support you as well as your children. Starting a new school year can bring all sorts of questions, worries or little issues and we are always happy to listen and help wherever we can. We pride ourselves on being a visible and approachable school, so please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or come and speak to a member of the SLT team. Have a lovely weekend, **Mr Figg**



Celebration Assembly

Well done to this week's stars of our celebration assemblies. The stars were recognised for starting off the new school year by being true role models for their classmates by always following our school values of Be Respectful, Be Honest, Be Hardworking and Be Ambitious.



New intake tours– September 2027

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: October 8th, 14th, 20th and November 4th, 10th

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.

Last Few Nursery Spaces We have a few final spaces left in our nursery rooms. With a range of fully funded childcare options and sessional spaces from just **£12 per session**, our nursery offers exceptional value alongside high-quality care and education.

Give your child the very best start in a nurturing, fun, and stimulating environment where they can grow in confidence, develop their curiosity, and build the independence and skills they need for future learning.



Topic Launches Across Northlands, our new topics are launched in all sorts of creative and engaging ways. Sometimes this might mean a dress-up day, a themed day, a special visitor or an exciting practical activity. Other times, it could be a mysterious challenge, an unexpected discovery or a session designed to get children thinking, questioning and wondering, "What's going on?"

The aim is simple – hook the children in! We want our children to be curious, excited and desperate to find out more. A great topic launch creates that initial spark and gives children something memorable to talk about, ask questions and connect their learning to. We want learning at Northlands to be something children experience, remember and enjoy – and our topic launches are a brilliant way to get things started.



Autumn Term Diary Dates

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



English At Northlands At Northlands, we believe that English is at the heart of everything we do. Our aim is for every child to become a confident reader, writer and communicator who develops a genuine love of language and literature. Across the school, children experience a rich range of high-quality texts, from classic stories to exciting modern books,



which provide inspiration for their own writing. Children learn how to use vocabulary effectively, develop their grammar and punctuation, structure their ideas and write for a range of different purposes and audiences. Reading is woven throughout our English curriculum and beyond. Children are exposed to ambitious vocabulary and a wide variety of authors and genres, helping them to develop both their reading skills and their understanding of the world around them.

How can parents help at home? The most important thing you can do is read with your child regularly. This could be sharing a bedtime story, listening to them read, reading a book together or simply talking about what they have read. Ask questions about the story, discuss unfamiliar words and encourage your child to tell you what they think might happen next. For older children, reading newspapers, magazines, comics or non-fiction books can be just as valuable as reading stories. You can also help develop writing skills by encouraging children to write for real purposes – perhaps a shopping list, a birthday card, a story, a diary entry or even a review of a film they have watched.



Class Championships

Year 1: Willow	Year 4: Cedar
Year 2: Chestnut	Year 5: Juniper
Year 3: Poplar	Year 6: Magnolia

Well done the following classes for being this week's winners. The Championship focus this week was classwork presentation alongside attendance. It is hotting up!



Out of school Success

We love hearing of our pupil's successes outside of school. This week well done to: Emily who claimed 2nd place in a golf competition, Charlotte who scored 3 goals and was voted player of the match.



Well done to Ellie who ran 800m as part of Basildon's half-marathon weekend.



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 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.

