

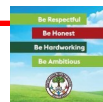


Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 25th September 2026

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Dear Parents, our school motto, **Inspire, Challenge, Succeed**, sums up what we want for every child at Northlands. We want to **inspire** children through exciting experiences, great teaching and opportunities. We want to **challenge** them to think deeply, try new things and push themselves. Most importantly, we want every child to **succeed** – whatever their starting point, talents or interests. Our Spanish Day this week was a perfect example of this motto in action: inspiring children to discover something new, challenging them to step outside their comfort zone and helping them succeed through fun and engaging learning. Have a great weekend! **Mr Figg**

Spanish Day at Northlands!

¡Hola! What a fantastic day we had at Northlands for our Spanish Day! Our theme days are all about giving children the opportunity to learn in a different way, experience something new and, most importantly, have fun while they are learning. They help us to bring subjects to life, spark curiosity and give children experiences that they may not have every day in the classroom. Today, our children immersed themselves in Spanish language and culture through a range of fun, inspiring and engaging lessons and activities. From learning new vocabulary and phrases to discovering more about Spanish-speaking countries, there was plenty of enthusiasm throughout the school.

It was brilliant to hear children confidently using phrases such as “¡Hola!” (Hello),

“¿Cómo estás?” (How are you?),

“Me llamo...” (My name is...) and

“¡Gracias!” (Thank you!).

Days like this are a great reminder that learning can happen in so many different ways. They encourage children to be curious about the wider world, develop their confidence and, of course, have a lot of fun along the way!



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.



Juniper's World War 2 Assembly

Juniper Class had the privilege of being our first class assembly of the year and they



started in

style. The children transported us on a magical time travel journey back to World War 2 where they showed us everything they had learned so far about evacuees.



Attendance Reminders:

Your child needs to be in school **no later than 8:50am** in order to receive their attendance mark.

Our classrooms open at **8:30am**, allowing you to drop your child off earlier if needed. If you bring your child through the school office after **8.50am** your child's attendance will be marked as **late**, unless prior arrangements have been made with the school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time.



Class Championships

Well done to this week's winners of the Class Championship:

Year 1: Hawthorn

Year 4: Fir

Year 2: Chestnut

Year 5: Aspen

Year 3: Spruce

Year 6: Rowan



Autumn Term Diary Dates

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

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.



International Day of Peace Cup

To mark the International Day of Peace, our footballers and netballers took part in a friendly competition held at Lee Chapel. It was a great opportunity to get out and play the first netball and football of the school year. A big thank you also to Bespoke Sports and Leisure Insurance for sponsoring our new netball kit!



Out of school Success

We love hearing of our pupil's successes outside of school especially when they have modelled our school values of being hardworking, respectful, ambitious and honest. This week well done to:

Inez for being awarded gymnast of the week and to Teddy for achieving two certificates in swimming.



Exploring the World of STEM

We were really excited to take a group of our children to a fantastic STEM Careers Event this week, giving them the opportunity to find out more about the huge range of careers available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



The children had the chance to speak directly with people working in a variety of STEM industries and ask questions about their jobs,

how they got into their careers and what it is really like to work in these sectors. The event was split into three exciting zones – **Life, Construction and Health** – with each area offering something different to explore; there was plenty to spark the children's interest.



Year 1 Testing Materials in Science

In Science this term, 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.

Well done Year 1! What wonderful scientific enquiry.

