



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 2nd October 2026

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Dear Parents, It is hard to believe that October has arrived already! September seems to have flown; it is lovely to see our children settled into their routines and enjoying their learning. One of our Northlands values is **be respectful**, and this is something that applies to every member of our school community. We teach our children to be respectful towards each other and to our staff and we expect the same from all adults who are part of our Northlands community. This applies when parents are speaking to each other, as well as when speaking with members of our staff team. We are incredibly proud of our Northlands community and the way we work together to ensure that our school remains a happy, safe and respectful place for everyone. Have a lovely weekend, everyone. **Mr Figg**



ASPEN AND BIRCH IMPRESS WITH THEIR WORLD WAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This week both Aspen and Birch Class performed their class assemblies. Birch produced an excellent assembly on what it was like to be an evacuee in World War II.



There was some fantastic acting on display as well as a lovely rendition of 'We'll meet again'.

Aspen then produced a lovely assembly where they highlighted the

unsung heroes in World War II and emphasised how everyone played their part. It is clear that the children have not only learnt a lot but have really enjoyed the topic.



Beat the Street Champions

Before the summer break we took part in Basildon's Beat the Street initiative. We are pleased to say that we finished 1st place! A few weeks ago, we received our 1st place prize, a voucher for £350. After careful deliberation and lots of online browsing, our Pupil Leadership decided to spend the money on some playground games and activities. We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped us win.



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



Next week the class championship focus will be punctuality– be on time to win your class points

It's been a busy week in our art studio! Year 4 have been using chalk and charcoal to create Roman columns. In Year 3, children have been practising pencil skills by drawing Stone Age animals.



Autumn Term Diary Dates

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

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.

Parking- The children at Northlands would like to thank you for the vast improvement in parking directly outside of the school. They love that they can cross the road more safely and walk on a pavement. Please also continue to be mindful and considerate of local residents when parking. Please keep this up!



Out of school Success

We love hearing of our pupil's successes outside of school especially when they have modelled our school values. This week well done to:

Daniel who took 3rd place in a judo competition and Carolina who received a new belt in judo.



Ellarie who won 2nd, 3rd and 4th at a majorette competition.



Curriculum In Focus

At Northlands, we want children to be curious about the world around them and excited to learn about science. Our science lessons are built around



Big Questions, which encourage children to explore, investigate, discuss and explain their ideas. Children take part in practical activities and investigations where they develop skills such as observing, predicting, measuring, recording results and drawing conclusions. We also encourage children to use scientific vocabulary, ask questions and share their thinking with others.

