



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery



Friday 16th October 2026

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Dear Parents, I would like to thank the majority of our parents and carers who work so hard to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn. Good attendance makes such a difference to children's learning, progress and friendships. Sadly, our attendance has dropped this week and I would like to remind all families of the importance of children being in school every day, wherever possible. Even occasional absences can add up over time and missed learning can be difficult for children to catch up on. At Northlands, we want every child to have the very best opportunities to learn, achieve and succeed. Next week, let's work together to turn things around and beat our attendance targets!

Mr Figg

Class Championships

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

Year 1: Beech

Year 4: Pine

Year 2: Maple

Year 5: Juniper

Year 3: Poplar

Year 6: Rowan



One week to go until the end of this half term!

Will your class be the winners?

Children's Parliament Visit

This week, two of our pupils had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Children's Debate at the Houses of Parliament. The motion – *That the Children's Parliament considered how schools can better hear and respond to the voices of children with disabilities* – led entirely by democratically elected children from primary schools.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to experience democracy in action, develop their debating skills and contribute to an important discussion about inclusion and equality. Taking part in an event in such an iconic setting is an experience they will remember for a long time! Well done to both our School Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister for representing Northlands so brilliantly.



3D Printed Designs

Year 5 and 6 have been busy exploring the exciting world of 3D printing, combining creativity, problem-solving and computing skills to bring their ideas to life! Using a specialist design programme, the children have had the opportunity to develop their own unique models.

Once their designs were ready, the children watched as the school's 3D printer transformed their digital creations into real, three-dimensional objects. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm, imagination and creativity shown by our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Activities like this provide a wonderful opportunity for children to apply their learning in a practical and engaging way, while discovering how computing and design technology can be used in the real world. We look forward to seeing what they create next!



PINE CLASS'S 'WHAT THE ROMANS DID FOR US' ASSEMBLY

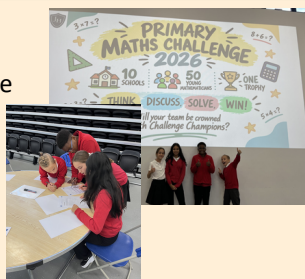
This week it was the turn of Pine Class to entertain and inform their audiences with their wonderful Roman themed assembly. The children loved sharing their extensive knowledge of the different ways the Romans have influenced everyday life.

Well done Pine Class on a great assembly.



Maths Competition

This week, four Year 6 children took part in the Primary Maths Challenge competition. Competing against many other schools, the children faced mathematical challenges against the clock. Well done on a very respectable 5th place.



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday 19th October	Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle
Tuesday 20th October	2:20pm Fir Class assembly to parents
Wednesday 21st October	Whole school individual and sibling photos 3:00-4:15 Reception Classes Halloween Disco & 5:00-6:30 Year 3 & 4 Halloween Disco
Thursday 22nd October	3:00-4:15 Year 1 & 2 Fright Night Disco & 5:00—6:30 Year 5 & 6 Fright Night Disco & Nursery Pirates and Mermaid dress up day
Friday 23rd October	Year 1 Builders Day dress up

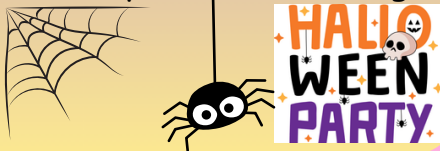
Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026 Half Term

Monday 2 nd November	All children return
Tuesday 3 rd November	3:15pm-5:30pm Parents' Evening and Target Setting
Wednesday 4 th November	3:15pm-5:00pm Parents' Evening and Target Setting
Friday 6 th November	Maple Class at Forest School
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 6 trip to Hever Castle



Halloween Discos

Tickets are now on sale for our Halloween discos. Reception and Year 3 & 4 classes are on Wednesday 21st October. Year 1 & 2 and then Year 5 & 6 on Thursday 22nd October. Tickets can be purchased through School Money.



Out of School Success



This week, well done to these children for demonstrating our values outside of school:

Vera who was awarded lots of swimming certificates, Max for his medals in football, Felicia and Dominic for their swimming certificates, Karolina for winning a team karate competition, Lenny who has gone up a belt in karate, Zack who was awarded Kung Fu student of the week, Elise who won trainer of the day at football, Ellie for moving up in swimming, Millie who was awarded her 10m swimming certificate, Evie who moved up a swimming group and Vinnie for being awarded a swimming certificate.



New intake tours– September 2027

LOOK!

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 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.



Cross Country Kicks Off

It must be Autumn as this season's cross country fixtures started on Thursday. Our Year 3 and 4 teams, many of whom were competing for the first time, ran very well with lots of top 10 finishes. Well done.



DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER

