



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 23rd October 2026

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Dear Parents, as we reach the end of another busy half-term, there have been so many highlights and as always, our children have given us plenty to smile about! It has been wonderful to see our Reception children settling into school life so confidently. It hardly seems five minutes ago that they were arriving for their first day and already they are becoming part of the Northlands family. Meanwhile, our Year 6 children have been fantastic role models, showing the younger children what it means to be respectful, hardworking and ambitious. Across the school, children have continued to make strong academic progress, demonstrating the hard work, determination and enthusiasm that we want to see every day. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support this half-term. We know how much you do to help your children succeed and we really appreciate the partnership we have with you. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half-term on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Figg



Autumn Term Diary Dates

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

Monday 2nd November

All children return to school

Tuesday 3rd November

3:15pm-5:30pm Parents' Evening and Target Setting

Wednesday 4th November

3:15pm-5:30pm Parents' Evening and Target Setting

Friday 6th November

Maple Class at Forest School

Wednesday 11th November

Year 6 trip to Hever Castle & 2:20 Spruce Class assembly to parents

Friday 13th November

Maple Class at Forest School



COLCHESTER CASTLE TRIP



Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Colchester Castle, where they stepped back in time to explore over 2,000 years of fascinating history! The children were taken on a guided tour of the underground vaults, where they discovered the incredible history of the castle and learned how it was built nearly 1,000 years ago on the foundations of the Roman Temple of Claudius. They were fascinated to discover that the original temple had been built almost 2,000 years ago and that its remains can still be seen beneath the castle today.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of engaging, hands-on activities that really brought their learning to life. They had the opportunity to dress up as Romans, create their own colourful mosaics, work together to build a Roman villa and explore a variety of replica artefacts. These experiences helped them imagine what everyday life might have been like in Roman Britain.

A brilliant day was had by all! The trip truly enriched Year 4's understanding of the Romans and provided wonderful memories.

BLACK HISTORY WEEK

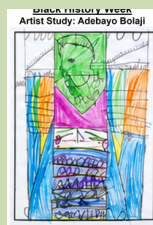
This week, we have been celebrating Black History Week, giving our children the opportunity to learn about inspirational black figures, explore important moments in history and recognise the contributions black people have made to our world. Children across the school had a fun-filled workshop for Black History Week led by the theatre company, Drama Geezers. They celebrated how we are all different and found out about different cultures. In art, children have been investigating the works of different artists and understanding their impact on art and culture.



Daghy
Elm Class, Reception



Zoe
Hawthorn Class, Year 1



Christopher
Poolar, Year 3



Class Championships

The half-termly scores are in and well done to the following classes for being in the lead at half-term. As a reward for outstanding point accumulation, all classes received Golden Air today!

Year 1: Beech

Year 4: Fir

Year 2: Hazel

Year 5: Aspen

Year 3: Alder

Year 6: Magnolia



After half-term the race to see who will be our first termly winners will be on!

Harvest Collections



Thank you for your generous Harvest donations which were delivered to the Basildon Food Bank today.

CALLING YEAR 6 PARENTS: SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October. Please ensure all applications are submitted by this date to secure your child's place for the next school year. Head to Essex County Council website for more information.

DON'T MISS!

FIR CLASS'S HISTORY AND SCIENCE FUSION ASSEMBLY

This week, Fir Class performed the final class assembly of 2026 and did so in great style. They did something that many thought wasn't possible; they successfully fused natural history and the Romans into one assembly! Well done Fir Class on learning some very difficult vocabulary and for performing it with such confidence.



HALLOWEEN FUN

We've had a fantastic week of Halloween fun at Northlands! Our discos have been a huge success and the pumpkin competition was fiercely fought, with some amazing entries. Most importantly, the children have made some wonderful memories and enjoyed lots of fun together. Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support with our fundraising. It really does make a difference to our school community!



Sporting Achievements

It has been a busy few weeks with lots of sports taking place. This week our girls' football team kicked off their Essex Cup campaign with a thrilling penalty shoot out victory! Later in the week, our Year 5 & 6 indoor athletes also won silver!



NURSERY PIRATE AND MERMAID DAY

