



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 21st November 2025

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Dear Parents, as we reach the end of another productive week, I want to thank you for your continued support. Our pupils have worked hard and shown real commitment to their learning and we are proud of the calm, purposeful atmosphere they help create each day. A gentle reminder to please check the diary dates regularly, as we have a number of important events coming up and we would not want anyone to miss out. Your engagement makes a genuine difference—from morning routines to supporting learning at home—and it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to another positive week ahead. **Mr Figg**



Spruce and Alder Class Assemblies

Earlier in the week, Spruce Class demonstrated their excellent knowledge of our school values and why they are important to everyone in school. Alongside some wonderful acting they also sang about their pride to be part of Northlands.



Alder Class then shared the story of Rosa Parks through acting and singing and reminded everyone that one small change can make a huge difference! Well done to both



classes! Class assemblies now take a break as we enter the Autumn and Christmas Production period.



Basildon Fire Station Visit

On Monday, Year 2 were lucky enough to be visited by Basildon Fire Station as part of our Great Fire of London topic. The team talked to us about what happened during the fire and the importance



of fire safety today. We also went outside and got to sit in the Fire Engine; we even heard and saw the sirens! What a great afternoon!

The Fire Service have also asked us to remind the community that they run free smoke alarm and home safety visits. If you would like to arrange one, please see the information below



Out of School Success

We love to see our pupil's following our school values outside of school. This week a big well done goes to...

Karolina who has been working hard in Karate club. She was chosen as Student of the Month. Michael received a trophy for referee's player of the match and for scoring the only 2 goals of the game.



Finally well done to Nadia for winning 2nd place in a recent gymnastics competition.

Great ambitious and hardworking attitude shown by all.



Year 5 Bikeability

Last week and this week, Year 5 pupils have taken part in Essex Bikeability courses



which provide children in Essex with the skills and confidence to ride bicycles safely on roads led by qualified instructors. The children had a great time learning lots of



new skills to keep themselves safe.



Autumn Term Diary Dates



Thursday 27th November	10:00 and 2:00 Year 6 Autumn Term Production to parents
Friday 28th November	Hazel Class at Forest School
Wednesday 3rd December	10:00 and 2:00 Year 2 Autumn Term Production to parents & Year 5 Trip to Hendon
Friday 5th December	Chestnut Class at Forest School
Tuesday 9th December	10:00 and 2:00 Year 1 Christmas Production to parents
Thursday 11th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper non-uniform day & Infant Christmas Sale
Friday 12th December	Junior Classes Christmas Sale & Chestnut Class at Forest School
Tuesday 16th December	10:00 and 2:00 Reception Christmas Production to parents
Thursday 18th December	10:00 Nursery (Acorn 1&2 only) Christmas Production to parents
Friday 19th December	Christmas Sparkle non-uniform & End of Autumn Term



Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026

As the colder weather settles in, we want to remind families how important good attendance is—especially during the winter term. Every school day counts, and even short absences can make it harder for students to keep up with learning. We know winter brings darker mornings, chilly temperatures, and the occasional seasonal bug and of course, if a child is genuinely unwell, rest and recovery at home are best. But for those minor “winter blues” days, a little encouragement can make all the difference. Wrap up warm, plan a few extra minutes for the journey, and keep those healthy habits going.

ATTENDANCE

Today we say “bon voyage” to Mr Ashley as he heads off travelling during his sabbatical period. We hope he has a great time and we look forward to having him back in the Spring Term full of great ideas to share. In the meantime we’d like to say a big welcome to Mr Redgrave and Mr Dennington who will be joining the PE team to take lessons.



Girls Go Marching On!

This week our girls’ football team made it through to the quarter-finals of the Essex Cup with a thumping 6-0 victory. The girls braved the cold weather and failing light brilliantly to secure their place in the last 8 for only the 2nd time in the schools history.

Well done girls!



Discovery Day

Northlands Primary School
Wednesday 26th November
16:00pm - 18:00pm



Join Us to Celebrate the Amazing Pitsea Community!

You are warmly invited to come together and celebrate the vibrant Pitsea community!

- Share ideas
- Listen to local stories
- Connect with others eager to make a difference

Whether you’re interested in volunteering, initiating a new project, or simply getting involved, this event is perfect for you.

Enjoy snacks, refreshments, and activities for all ages.

Everyone is welcome, come and let yourself be inspired!

Reception Applications Are Open!

Applications for places in Reception for September 2026 opened on Monday 10th November. Applications can only be made through the Essex.Gov website. Please remember that you **WILL** need to apply even if your child attends our nursery or if there is a sibling in school. **All new children will need to apply!** If you need any support with the application please speak with a member of our inclusion team.



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