



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents, firstly, I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break. Our first week of the Spring Term has been excellent and full of curriculum launch days, new sets and children settling straight back into learning. In assemblies this week, I set the children the challenge of thinking about our school values and which one they would like to be even better at. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of this in the coming weeks. Have a great weekend, *Mr Figg*

EXCITING NEWS!

After several months of planning, we are pleased to unveil the plans for the new playground play equipment for the Junior playground. Located by the outdoor gym equipment, the new equipment includes climbing towers, balance beams, swing ropes, monkey bars and much more

all on a decorative safety surface. We have also added a new gazebo for some outdoor learning space and shade during the warmer weather. We would like to thank the school parliament who were instrumental in the design of the playground.

We are hoping to begin works after half term.



The power of reading at home

In today's fast-paced world, finding time to read with your child may seem like a luxury, but it is one of the most impactful things you can do to support their development. Reading at home is much more than just a bedtime routine—it's an opportunity to foster a lifelong love of learning and set your child up for success. Reading to with your child at home:

1. Builds Stronger Vocabulary and Language Skills
2. Boosts Cognitive Development
3. Strengthens Parent-Child Bonds
4. Encourages a Love of Learning

Tips for Making Reading at Home Fun and Engaging:

- **Set a Routine:** Choose a consistent time each day, like before bed or after dinner, for reading together.
- **Let Them Choose:** Allow your child to pick books that excite them, even if it's the same story every night.
- **Be Animated:** Use different voices and expressions to bring stories to life.
- **Ask Questions:** Pause to discuss the story, ask what they think might happen next, or talk about the characters.
- **Lead by Example:** Let your child see you reading for enjoyment, too.

Finally, remember that it's not about perfection or lengthy reading sessions. Even a **few minutes a day can make a big difference.** Reading at home isn't just for younger children—**the same benefits are experienced with Year 6 children** Let's make reading a joyful part of your child's daily life.

DEMOCRACY day



This term in Year 6,

pupils will be learning all about democracy. This includes learning about the history of democracy, how democracy developed, alternatives to democracy, how democracy works and how it impacts us. To launch this term's



learning, Year 6 had two democracy days. Year 6 learnt about the origins of democracy through to the modern day and then worked in groups to create their own political parties.



Reception Applications for September 2025 – please be aware that applications for children to start in Reception in September close on 15th January. Applications need to be made even if your child attends our nursery or has a sibling here.

Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

Today Year 5 launched their new history topic of 'Groovy Greeks'. The topic launch is designed to ignite interest and enthusiasm for the new topic as well as understand the children's prior knowledge. The day consisted of a variety of hands-on activities encouraging the children to become immersed in their learning. They created their own Chimeras from clay, designed Greek sandals, made laurels and even delved into the Greek alphabet! It



was a great start to our Greek topic and lots of fun and learning was had by all.



Spring Term Diary Dates

Friday 17th January	Chestnut Class at Forest School
Thursday 23rd January	2:20pm Holly Class assembly to parents
Friday 24th January	Chestnut Class at Forest School
Wednesday 29th January	2:20pm Rowan Class assembly to parents
Friday 31st January	Chestnut Class at Forest School
Thursday 6th February	2:20pm Magnolia Class assembly to parents
Friday 7th February	Hawthorn Class at Forest School
Monday 10th February	Start of Decades Week
Friday 14th February	Decades Week dress up & Hawthorn Class at Forest School
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February Half Term	
Friday 28th February	Hawthorn Class at Forest School
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day dress up
Friday 7th March	Beech Class at Forest School
Tuesday 11th March	10:00am Year 5 production to parents & 2:00pm Year 5 production to parents
Wednesday 12th March	Year 6 at Crucial Crew at Towngate Theatre
Friday 14th March	Beech Class at Forest School
Tuesday 18th March	10:00am Year 4 production to parents & 2:00pm Year 4 production to parents
Friday 21st March	Beech Class at Forest School
Monday 24th March	Year 4 Anglo-Saxon trip to West Stow
Wednesday 26th March	10:00am Year 3 production to parents & 2:00pm Year 3 production to parents
Thursday 27th March	Infant Mother's Day sale
Friday 28th March	Junior Mother's Day sale & Willow Class at Forest School
Thursday 3rd April	Annual Reports to go home
Friday 4th April	End of Spring Term & Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade
Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April Easter Break—Return 22nd April	

