



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

Friday 9th January 2026

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Dear Parents, happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break. The Spring Term is a vital part of the school year, where strong routines and consistent learning make a real difference to progress and outcomes. As we begin the new term, I would like to emphasise the importance of **excellent attendance. Every day matters.** Lessons build carefully on previous learning and missing school means missing essential teaching, discussion and practice. Evidence is clear that **attendance below 95% significantly reduces a child's academic chances**, even when absences seem minor. Gaps in learning can quickly grow and affect confidence, achievement and enjoyment of school. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring children attend every day, arrive on time and are ready to learn, unless they are genuinely unwell. Working together, we can make this a successful Spring Term for all. **Mr Figg**

We've Hit The Ground Running

It may have only been the first week back after Christmas, however here at Northlands we don't like to waste time. Children got straight back into their learning from day one as we are firm believers that every moment counts. It was lovely to see all our pupils enjoying being back in class and starting their new learning.

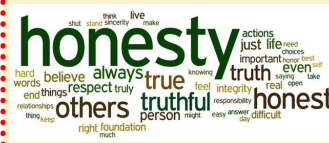


School Values in Focus: Be Honest

We ask all our community: pupils, staff and parents to follow our values when we are at school. They are: Be Respectful, Be Honest, Be Hardworking and Be Ambitious. This half term we are focusing on teaching our pupils the value of Being Honest.



Why is honesty important? Telling the truth, no matter how hard it might be, forms the basis of trust in any relationships. Learning how to be honest and communicate in a respectful, kind, and truthful manner is an important skill we need to teach our children.



Why is being honest with yourself important? If you want to be successful, you need to be honest with yourself. It's the only way to

know what you're doing wrong and how to improve. Being honest with yourself allows you to understand your own limitations and work within them. It also allows you to set realistic goals, which are essential for achieving success.

A Punctual Start to 2026

A prompt and punctual arrival at school is essential for your child's day. It not only helps instil a valuable life skill, but also provides an important opportunity for them to complete work and get a clear understanding of what their day will involve. Arriving on time for registration enables your child to start their day in a calm and organised manner, setting a positive tone for the rest of their school day. We appreciate your cooperation in helping your child develop these important habits. Thank you for your continued support.



To help our office run as smoothly as possible please remember to:

- Record all absences on Study Bugs before 8:30am
- Ensure your child has everything they need with them
- Arrive at school on time to avoid going through the office
- Book and Pay (in advance) for Breakfast and Tea Time clubs


Year 5 's Greek Day

To launch the new history topic of the Ancient Greeks, this week Year 5 had a brilliant 'Groovy Greek' day. The children and adults in Year 5 looked fabulous in their Greek attire and were treated to a whole days

worth of activities. The children enjoyed adding to their dress up by making Grecian sandals and laurel headwear. As the Ancient Greeks are famous for their myths and legends, the children made their own Greek inspired mythological creatures out of clay. The day really sparked the children's imaginations and they are all very excited to learn more from this time period.



Spring Term Diary Dates

Friday 16th January	Maple Class at Forest School	
Monday 19th January	Start of National Story Telling Week	
Thursday 22nd January	2:20 Holly Class Assembly to parents	
Friday 23rd January	Maple Class at Forest School	
Thursday 29th January	2:20 Rowan Class Assembly to parents	
Friday 30th January	Maple Class at Forest School	
Tuesday 3rd February	2:20 Magnolia Class Assembly to parents	
Friday 6th February	Willow Class at Forest School	
Monday 9th February	Start of 'Decades Week'	
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day	
Friday 13th February	Decades Week dress up and Willow Class at Forest School	
Spring Half-Term Break: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February		
Friday 27th February	Willow Class at Forest School	
Wednesday 4th March	Year 6 at Towngate Theatre for Crucial Crew	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day dress up	
Friday 6th March	Hawthorn Class at Forest School	
Thursday 12th March	10:00am and 2:00pm Year 5 Production to parents & Infant Mothers' Day Sale	
Friday 13th March	Junior Mothers' Day Sale and Hawthorn Class at Forest School	
Wednesday 18th March	10:00am and 2:00pm Year 4 Production to parents	
Friday 20th March	Hawthorn Class at Forest School	
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 trip to Wildwood	
Wednesday 25th March	10:00am and 2:00pm Year 3 Production to parents	
Thursday 26th March	Annual Reports sent home & 1:40 School Choir performance at Lee Chapel	
Friday 27th March	Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade & Beech Class at Forest School & Celebration of Faith Day	
Easter Break: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April		
Monday 13th April	All children return for Summer Term	

Out of School Success– We always love to celebrate our pupil's success outside of school. Well done to:

Manreet who has been awarded two certificates for her swimming. Another big well done to Daria who has got her first certificate for gymnastics. Finally well done to Grace for her gymnastic certificates.



PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their PE Kit in school. It is a key piece of school equipment that all children should have.



Reception Places for September 2026

The deadline for applying for a Reception Class place for September 2026 is the 15th January. Applications can be made through the Essex County Council website. **Even if your child attends our nursery, an application must still be made.** If you need any assistance with completing the application please speak to a member of our Inclusion Team.

