



# Northlands News

## Northlands Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents, It has been another excellent week here at Northlands with all children showing great focus and enthusiasm in their learning. With just one week to go until half term, we remain fully committed to maintaining our high standards and driving academic progress. There will be no let-up as we continue to challenge and support every child to achieve their very best. Thank you for your continued encouragement and partnership in helping all children succeed. We look forward to finishing this half term on a strong and positive note. Have a lovely weekend, everyone **Mr Figg**

### Back in Ancient Rome

Cedar and Pine Classes showcased outstanding assemblies this week, highlighting their impressive learning about Ancient Rome, captivating the audience with engaging singing and great acting. Their enthusiasm and knowledge shone through as they transported everyone back in time to explore the rich history and culture of this remarkable civilization.



### Year 6 Hampton Court Palace

On Wednesday, Year 6 embarked on an exciting trip to the prestigious Hampton Court Palace, one of the grand residences of King Henry VIII. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of Tudor history and experience first-hand what life might have been like in the 16th century.



During the day, the children explored the vast Tudor kitchens, discovering how meals were prepared for hundreds of people each day, and learned about the fascinating lives of the cooks and servants who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. They also toured the royal apartments, marvelling at the ornate décor and impressive architecture that reflected the power and wealth of the Tudor monarchy. A particular highlight was seeing Henry VIII's portrait, which helped the children visualise the larger-than-life king they have been studying in their lessons.



The trip was a wonderful way to bring their History topic to life, allowing the children to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and stories of the Tudor court. Everyone returned to school full of enthusiasm and curiosity, eager to continue their learning about this fascinating period in British history.



Well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 football team who kicked off their league campaign with a 5-2 victory over Greensted. A superb display by all.



**Maths Competition**-This week, 4 of our brightest Year 6 mathematicians competed in the Primary Maths Challenge at James Hornsby. Against 11 other primary schools, they took on a range of complicated challenges including Solvemojis and an Escape Room! Although we didn't place in the top 3 this time, the children thoroughly enjoyed challenging themselves and a special mention goes to Owuraku who in one challenge managed to recite Pi to 16 digits - even the secondary school teachers were impressed!



## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd October	Whole school individual and sibling photos 3:00-4:15 Reception Classes Fright Night Disco & 5:00-6:30 Year 5 & 6 Fright Night Disco
Thursday 23rd October	3:10-4:30 Year 1 & 2 Fright Night Disco & 5:00—6:30 Year 3 & 4 Fright Night Disco
Friday 24th October	Year 1 Builders Day dress up
<b>Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025 Half Term</b>	
Tuesday 4th November	3:10-5:30 Parents Evening and Target Setting
Wednesday 5th November	3:10-5:00 Parents Evening and Target Setting
Monday 10th November	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11th November	Odd socks day for Anti-Bullying Week & 2:20 Fir Class Assembly for parents
Thursday 13th November	2:20 Poplar Class Assembly to parents
Friday 14th November	Hazel Class at Forest School
Tuesday 18th November	Spruce Class Assembly to parents
Thursday 20th November	2:20 Alder Class Assembly to parents
Friday 21st November	Hazel Class at Forest School
Thursday 27th November	10:00 and 2:00 Year 6 Autumn Term Production to parents

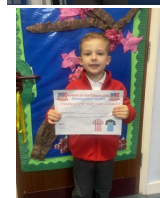
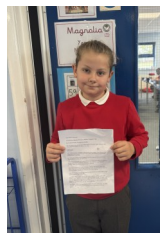


### Outside School Success: This week we are saying well done to...



Prince for achieving new swimming levels and distances. Great effort to Deivis and Jeremiah for football achievements with their teams.

A huge well done and congratulations to Terrence who passed his 11+. Finally, congratulations to Ronnie who received a certificate from football for being the 'trainer of the day.'



### Artists Visit for Street Art Ideas

Last week, we had an exciting visit from two artists who have been commissioned to develop a new piece of street art in Pitsea. Thirty, year-six students took part in a workshop, where they brainstormed and illustrated their ideas. They were very impressed and will be using some of the ideas as inspiration for their project! The artists will be painting their street art next month and have invited these students to go and watch them work!



### Reception 2026 New intake tours

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: Thursday 23rd October and Thursday 6th November and Tuesday 18th November. All tours are at 10am.**

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.

### Pumpkin Carving Competition

We know just what a creative school community we have at Northlands and that is why we are pleased to announce that this year we will be having a pumpkin carving competition. Parents this includes you!! Entrance fee is £1 with winners coming from every year group as well as a parents competition winner.

Bring your creations in on Thursday 23rd October clearly marked with your name and year group alongside your entrance fee. All entries are to be placed on the playground outside of the main hall before 8:55am. Good luck everyone!

