



North Crescent Primary School

Guiding Explorers of the Future

Welcome back to our final half term of the academic year. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we head towards the summer holidays, we have a very busy and exciting few weeks ahead, with many events and activities taking place across the school. To ensure you don't miss any important dates, please refer to the Important Dates letter sent out during the Spring Term and keep an eye on the school website for any updates and reminders. We are looking forward to celebrating the many achievements of our pupils over the coming weeks and can't wait to see all that they continue to accomplish as they finish the year with enthusiasm, confidence and success.

-Miss Elson

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th June -
Year 2 Mini games

Thursday 18th June -
Fathers Day Sale

Friday 19th June -
Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd June -
Rock Steady concert

Wednesday 24th June -
Arts festival

Thur 25th - Fri 26th June -
Year 6 Transition Days

Mon 29th June - Wed 1st July -
Year 5/6 Residential trip

Thursday 9th July -
Parent drop ins

Tuesday 14th July -
Year 6 Leavers performance

Wednesday 15th July -
Explorers Graduation

Wednesday 15th July -
Year 6 Leavers Disco

Tuesday 21st July -
Class end of year parties

Tuesday 21st July -
Year 6 Graduation

This week we are celebrating **Grandad's Island** by Benji Davies. This touching picture book explores themes of adventure, change and saying goodbye in a sensitive and memorable way. The children enjoyed discussing the beautiful illustrations and thinking about the journey the characters take together. We also reflected on how stories can help us explore feelings and memories, as well as the special bonds between family members.

Book of the Week



Grandad's Island

Huge congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as the Lead Learners.

Explorers Saleh

Pathfinders 1 Whole class

Adventurers 3 Aalayah

Navigators 5 Mia

Pathfinders 2 Maddox

Adventurers 4 Whole class

Navigators 6 Dominic

Each week we celebrate the class that have shown respect for their classroom. The children really love our gold, diamante dustpan and brush award! Why don't you ask them about it?

As the warmer weather is soon to be upon us, let's talk about staying safe in the sun. It's lovely to spend time outdoors, but don't forget to apply sunscreen regularly. Choose a sunscreen with a high SPF and reapply it every couple of hours, especially after swimming. Wearing a wide-brimmed hat and protective clothing can also help shield your skin from the sun's rays. Remember to stay hydrated too; drinking plenty of water will help keep you cool and full of energy throughout the whole day.

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Father's Day sale / Special person Boutique

As Father's Day is approaching very quickly now, we are organising a small boutique for the children to purchase different items for their Dad's, Grandad's, Uncle's and Carers.

We will be setting up the stalls in the hall on 18th June from 9am, each class will be brought into the hall for a small amount of time so they can purchase these gifts. The prices range from 50p up to £3.00. We will have various amounts of Mugs,

Socks, Key rings, Cards and much more.

If you would like your child to purchase anything on the day, please send their money in a named purse or envelope with your child. Please do not send the money into the office for this.

Many Thanks From All Of The PTA

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

BUILDING SCHOOL-READY LANGUAGE SKILLS

Oral language is fundamental to children's learning, literacy, and social and emotional development, with long-term impacts. As language develops rapidly between the ages of three and six, early, evidence-based support is essential. This guide offers practical ways to help the children in your care become confident communicators, including through proven approaches such as the DfE-funded NELI programmes available to settings in England.

1 BUILD ORAL LANGUAGE

Support children to use language, not just hear it. Give them the time to talk, respond, ask questions, and share their ideas. Everyday conversations, shared activities, and reading together help children practise both speaking and listening. At nursery or school, programmes such as NELI can help build their vocabulary, storytelling, attention, and listening skills, helping children grow in confidence as communicators.

2 SUPPORT LISTENING SKILLS

Help children to listen and follow simple instructions during everyday routines. Break instructions down into short, manageable steps and check their understanding. For example, say, "Please put your coat on," rather than giving them several instructions at once. Strong listening skills support learning, attention, and participation at school.

3 GROW THEIR VOCABULARY

Talk with children about the world around them, naming objects, actions, and feelings. Use a wide range of words during everyday activities such as shopping, cooking, and playing. Repeating and explaining new words help children understand and use vocabulary more confidently, supporting their comprehension and communication.

4 SHARE STORIES TOGETHER

Read storybooks together regularly and talk about characters, events, and illustrations. Ask simple questions such as "What's happening here?" and validate children's responses with positive feedback. Acting out stories together, asking open questions, and giving children the chance to be the storyteller can all support their narrative skills and confidence.

5 NAME DIFFERENT FEELINGS

Help children learn to express themselves by talking about different feelings and naming them clearly, such as happy, sad, or angry. Visuals and role play can support their understanding of this. Being able to express their feelings verbally helps children build positive relationships with adults and peers, reduces frustration, and supports their social development as they prepare for school.

6 WORK WITH SETTINGS

Strong communication between home and the nursery, school, or early years setting can help children feel more confident and supported. Parents can visit the setting with their child before they start, helping them become familiar with the environment and key adults. Educators can share relevant information with families and colleagues, so each child's needs are understood. Newsletters can also help families continue language learning at home.

7 SPOT LANGUAGE NEEDS

Children develop their language and communication skills at different rates, so early conversations between home and settings are important. If parents have concerns, they should speak to their child's nursery, school, or early years setting. Educators can use tools such as LanguageScreen, included in the NELI programmes, to build a profile of a child's speaking and listening skills and help identify suitable support.

8 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT

Prioritise language and literacy approaches that are underpinned by robust research evidence. Evidence-based programmes help ensure children receive support that is more likely to make a meaningful difference. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) provides guidance on the strength of evidence behind different strategies, supporting informed decision-making and effective use of school time and resources.

9 MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Settings can use evidence-based assessment tools to understand children's language skills and identify where support may be needed. These tools support SEND reforms, and strengthen whole-setting language development, helping children receive support that reflects their individual communication needs.

10 TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

Research trials can give schools, early years settings, and families a valuable opportunity to contribute to evidence construction and future policy. Parents may be asked to give consent, share feedback, or support activities at home, while educators help deliver and monitor approaches in practice. The EEF often has trials that settings can join, including whole-class oral language programmes designed to support children's communication development.

Meet Our Expert

OxEd is a University of Oxford spinout company specialising in early language and literacy assessment and intervention. They are the delivery team for the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme in reception, funded by the Department for Education for schools in England, and for NELI Preschool, which supports nurseries to strengthen children's early language development through evidence-based practice.



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New
Venue

Free SEND Coffee Morning @Megacentre

with parenting support sessions



**2nd Thursday of each month
10 - 11:30am**

11th June 2026 - Steve Challen - Q&A

9th July 2026 - The Lighthouse

**Current status ~ Referrals ~ Wait Times ~ Right To Choose
~ Support Lines ~ Q&A**

for more info contact

families@megacentrerayleigh.co.uk

**BEHIND RAYLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH
78 EASTWOOD ROAD RAYLEIGH SS6 7JP**



TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



4 Week Parenting Workshop

9.15am for refreshments

9.30am - 11am

Mondays 15th, 22nd & 29th June & 6th July

**A 4 week 'Time out for Parents' workshop, offering
parenting strategies and non violent restraint training
in a relaxed, welcoming environment**

Course delivered by NVR trained facilitators

**Booking essential - please email to
book your place**

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Parents/Carers only -
No childcare provided





WICKFORD – NORTH CRESCENT SUMMER SCHEDULE

📍 NORTH CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, WICKFORD, SS12 9AP

WEEK 1

JULY
23 - 24

- THU | Multisports Day
A fun mix of different sports and team games to kick off the summer!
- FRI | Gymnastics & Parkour
Learn, move and explore with gymnastics skills and parkour challenges.

WEEK 3

AUG
3 - 6

- MON | Old School Sports Day
Classic playground games and retro fun!
- TUE | JOAS Splash Day
Water games, slides and cool summer fun!
- WED | Nerf & Dodgeball
Dodge, duck, dive – and get competitive!
- THU | JOAS Animal Day
Learn about animals with fun games and activities!

WEEK 5

AUG
17 - 21

- MON | Battle Ball Day
Big games, big teams, big fun!
- TUE | JOAS Splash Day
More splashes, more laughs!
- WED | Adventure Day
Explore, build, solve and have fun outdoors!
Den building and Nerf battles!
- THU | Gymnastics & Parkour
Flip, jump and move like a pro!
- FRI | American Sports Day
Try your American favourites like football and baseball!

WEEK 2

JULY
27 - 31

- MON | Olympic Day
Go for gold in our mini Olympic challenges!
- TUE | JOAS Inflatable Fun Day
Bouncy, fun and full of energy!
- WED | Adventure Day
Outdoor adventures, challenges and team missions!
Den building and Nerf battles!
- THU | Sports from around the world
Try sports and games from different countries!
- FRI | Tournament Day
It's time to compete in our big tournaments!

WEEK 4

AUG
10 - 13

- MON | Cricket & Rounders Day
Bat, bowl and bounce – let's play!
- TUE | JOAS Race Day (Electric Go Karts)
Fast-paced electric go kart races and exciting challenges!
- WED | Nerf & Water Games
Nerf battles and water fun – the best combo!
- THU | Multisports Day
A mix of sports, skills and team play!

WEEK 6

AUG
24 - 28

- MON | Science Day
Fun experiments and awesome discoveries!
- TUE | JOAS Summer Party
Lil Reds Party, Inflatable Fun Run and Mini Golf – let's celebrate summer!
- WED | Greatest Showman
Learn dances, circus skills and take part in fun games and challenges!
- THU | Battle Ball Day
More action, more team battles!
- FRI | Court Sports Day
Basketball, tennis, netball and badminton!



JOAS INFLATABLE FUN DAY

Get ready for a day full of excitement with huge inflatables, axe throwing, mini golf and lots more! Non-stop fun for everyone!



JOAS RACE DAY

Hop in and race your friends in our electric go karts! Test your driving skills, take on the challenges and feel the adrenaline!



JOAS ANIMAL DAY

Meet amazing animals up close and learn through fun, hands-on experiences! A wild day you won't forget!



JOAS SPLASH DAY

Water fights, giant slip 'n slides and splash-tastic games! It's the ultimate way to cool off and have a blast!



JOAS SUMMER PARTY

Lil Reds Party, Inflatable Fun Run and Mini Golf – let's celebrate summer with music, games, prizes and party vibes!



GREATEST SHOWMAN

Learn amazing dances, try awesome circus skills and enjoy fun games and challenges in our very own show-stopping day!

£20 A DAY - 9AM TO 3PM

£5 EARLY DROP OFF - 8AM

✉ Jackofallsports@btinternet.com

SIGN UP →



All the team are:
DBS Checked,
First Aid Trained,
Insured

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SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL

WICKFORD TOWN

📍 BARTLETT PARK, WICKFORD, SS11 8RZ

WEEK 1

JULY
21 - 24

TUE | Technical Tuesday
WED | Wonder Goal Wednesday
THU | Tournament Thursday
FRI | Goalkeeper Camp

WEEK 3

AUG
3 - 5

MON | Midfield Monday
TUE | Soccer School
WED | Soccer School

WEEK 5

AUG
17 - 21

MON | Goalkeeper Camp
TUE | Technical Tuesday
WED | Wonder Goal Wednesday
THU | Tournament Thursday
FRI | Finisher/Striker Session

WEEK 2

JULY
27 - 31

MON | Mastery Monday
TUE | Technical Tuesday
WED | Wonder Goal Wednesday
THU | Tournament Thursday
FRI | Football Fun Day

WEEK 4

AUG
10 - 13

MON | Mastery Monday
TUE | Technical Tuesday
WED | Wonder Goal Wednesday
THU | Tournament Thursday

WEEK 6

AUG
24 - 27

MON | Mastery Monday
TUE | Technical Tuesday
WED | Wonder Goal Wednesday
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TECHNICAL TUESDAY

Develop dribbling, passing, first touch and ball control through fun challenges and game-based learning.



WONDER GOAL WEDNESDAY

Practice spectacular finishes, volleys, curls and long-range strikes before putting them into matches.



TOURNAMENT THURSDAY

Compete in exciting small-sided tournaments with points, prizes and championship matches.



GOALKEEPER CAMP

Dedicated goalkeeper coaching covering handling, diving, positioning, shot stopping and distribution.



MASTERY MONDAY

Specialist ball mastery session playing off both feet in tight spaces building into games.



MIDFIELD MONDAY

Based on midfield skills and the aspects of a midfielder.



SOCCER SCHOOL

Enjoying and understanding the beautiful game through skills, challenges and football fun.



FOOTBALL FUN DAY

Football rounders, football cricket, football golf, football based games followed by matches in the afternoon.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ADVICE SESSION

SPECIALIST TEAMS FROM BOTH
BEAUCHAMPS HIGH SCHOOL
AND
THE BROMFORDS SCHOOL

EXPERT ADMISSION ADVICE

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE PROCESS?

CONFUSED ABOUT YOUR CHOICES?

DONT KNOW WHAT TO
AND WHEN TO DO IT?

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH
YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM?

IF ANY OF THIS APPLIES TO YOU PLEASE
DROP IN TO SEE US

SEN & EHCP SPECIALISTS

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT WHAT
SUPPORT MAIN STREAM SCHOOL CAN
OFFER YOUR CHILD?

NEED ADVICE ON THE CONSULTATION
PROCESS?

NEED HELP CHOOSING THE RIGHT
SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS?

TUESDAY 14TH JULY 9:30-11:30
DROP IN SESSION NO NEED TO BOOK
NEVENDON CENTRE
NEVENDON ROAD SS12 0QG