



# INIS News | Issue 1 September 2026

Welcome to all our new families and to our returning families. We are so proud of the fantastic start all our children have made. We work at the pace of your child at this important time of year to help them settle. I will be out and about at the beginning and end of the day, either in the playground or at one of the gates, please say hello!



Mrs Marshall

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS MARSHALL

- We are looking forward to supporting our new children and families.
- We are welcoming two new teachers to INIS. Mrs Camozzi in Reception and Mr Bailey in Year Two.
- We are looking for a new parent Governor. More information to follow.
- Please always talk to teachers to celebrate your child's successes and any concerns.
- We look forward to introducing our new Science curriculum following our inspiring training day.
- Well done to our Eco Council for achieving a national award over the summer holidays.

## Pupil Premium



The government has changed the rules to support families on lower incomes. All families now need to apply to receive their entitled pupil premium support.



Pupil Premium supports children within school to ensure they get the academic, social and emotional support they need.



All families need to apply if they have universal credit through the North Northants portal. Please check as soon as possible by following [this link](#).

## UPCOMING DATES

- **14<sup>th</sup> September – Clubs start for Year One and Two.**
- **17<sup>th</sup> September – Dinosaur Visit.** Last year our parents won a visit from a dinosaur puppet for the children!
- **New Reception parent visits for September 2027.** A chance to come into school and meet the head teacher and her fantastic team.
- **28<sup>th</sup> September – 1.30pm**
- **1<sup>st</sup> October – 4pm**
- **15<sup>th</sup> October – 10am**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> November – 1.30pm**
- **1<sup>st</sup> December – 5pm**
- **13<sup>th</sup> January – 10am**
- **16<sup>th</sup> October – Reception to Year Two flu vaccinations.** (More information to follow)
- **23<sup>rd</sup> October – Autumn half term break**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> November – Return to school**

**Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School**

### GOOD ATTENDANCE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Being in school every day helps your child learn, make friends and reach their full potential.

| EVERY DAY COUNTS!<br>Days lost over a school year |             |                           |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ATTENDANCE                                        | DAYS ABSENT | LESSONS MISSED            | DAYS OF LEARNING LOST |
| 100% Excellent!                                   | 0           | BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS    | 0 days lost           |
| 96% Good                                          | 7           | Around 35 lessons missed  | 7 days lost           |
| 90% Worrying                                      | 19          | Around 95 lessons missed  | 19 days lost          |
| 85% Poor                                          | 29          | Around 145 lessons missed | 29 days lost          |
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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
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TOGETHER WE CAN HELP EVERY CHILD SHINE!



We are now officially an accredited school of kindness. This is down to the work of our kindness ambassadors and how they have engaged with this national project, working with other children via webinars to make changes to recognise kindness in their own school. Look out to see the projects our young leaders will be running this year with our continuing Kindness Ambassadors, School Council, Play Leaders and Digital Leaders.

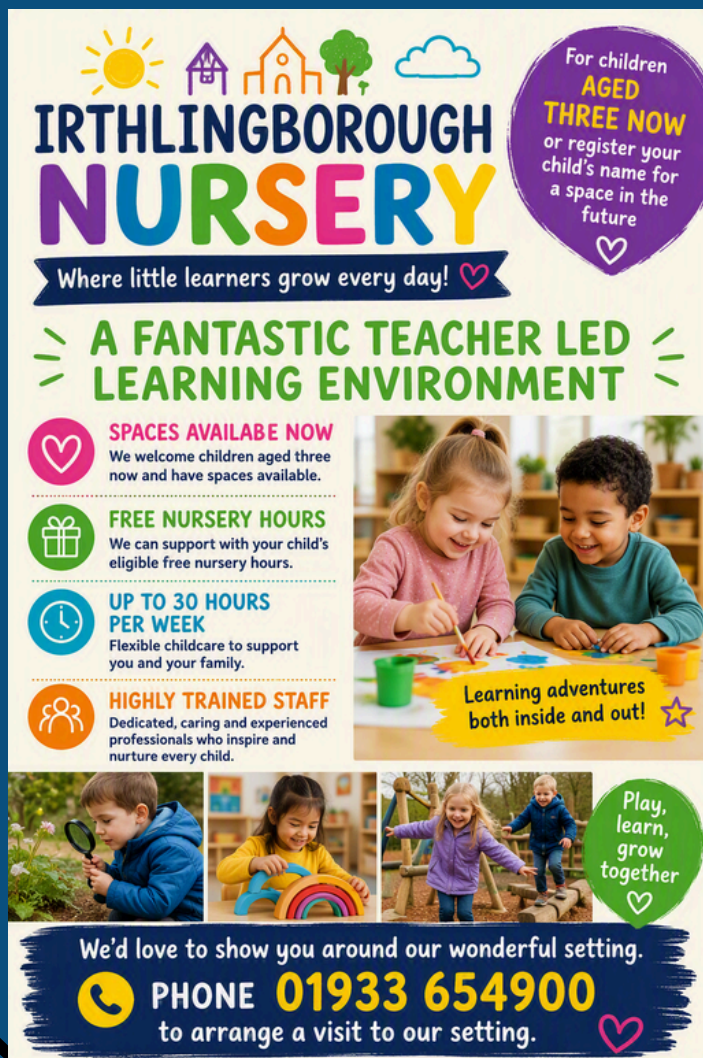
## PTA News

We have a wonderful "Parent Teacher Association", who have raised money for the children in school and have organised some fantastic events such as our Santa's Grotto, Wonderful Women presents, Summer Fete and a leavers disco!

We will be holding our AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in school. Please come and join us. We are keen to have new ideas and expand this wonderful group.

## Starting School Checklist

- A named drinking bottle for water.
- All uniform to be named, we have lots of children wearing the same things! It is vital children's names are in their clothes.
- School book bag for reading books, information and work to come home to you. (No large keyrings on bags please)
- PE kit – Year One and Two need both indoor and outdoor kit in a small pump bag.
- Sign up to **Kingswood Catering** even if you don't use it every day. They offer free healthy meals for your child.
- Know the name of your child's class teacher and class animal.
- Ensure the office have the correct phone number, address and email. All our letters go via email so it is vital this is correct.
- Clothing appropriate to the weather as we go outside every day.
- Appropriate shoes for active learning.



**IRRTLINGBOROUGH NURSERY**  
Where little learners grow every day! ♥

**For children AGED THREE NOW**  
or register your child's name for a space in the future ♥

**A FANTASTIC TEACHER LED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

- SPACES AVAILABLE NOW**  
We welcome children aged three now and have spaces available.
- FREE NURSERY HOURS**  
We can support with your child's eligible free nursery hours.
- UP TO 30 HOURS PER WEEK**  
Flexible childcare to support you and your family.
- HIGHLY TRAINED STAFF**  
Dedicated, caring and experienced professionals who inspire and nurture every child.

Learning adventures both inside and out! ☆

Play, learn, grow together ♥

We'd love to show you around our wonderful setting.

**PHONE 01933 654900**  
to arrange a visit to our setting. ♥





## Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

# WELCOME BACK!

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to all our  
**Key Stage One  
children!**

We can't wait to see you, learn with you and share lots of exciting adventures this term!

### WELCOME

to all our  
**new families  
in Reception  
and Nursery!**

We are so happy to have you as part of our INIS family.

Our staff are kind, caring and ready to support **great learning** from the start of term.

*Let's learn, grow and shine together!*

Kind in our words and actions

Caring for each other

Ready to learn and try our best

Together we achieve more

A happy school. A caring community. Bright futures for every child.

### Rock Steady

Rock Steady is a music teaching group who teach at INIS on a Thursday afternoon. These are privately paid lessons where the children learn as part of a band. The children make great progress and love being rock stars! Each term they perform in front of parents and carers. If you would like to find out more or sign your child up please follow [the link here](#).



### Safeguarding Support

We are here to help. You can contact any member of our school safeguarding team on our usual school number **01933 654900**.

If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen. Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.



Mrs Marshall-Moore



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Luke



Mrs Cummings



Mrs Richardson

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.



### Healthy Schools Award

We are very proud to be one of the few schools locally to have achieved the Gold Award for healthy schools. We promote healthy lifestyles with our children and families and like to share ideas for food, activities and fun throughout the year.

Please find ideas on the link for some healthy lunch box ideas for you and your family. [Click the link here](#).

We also encourage all our families in Reception, Year One and Year Two to take up a free healthy lunch with [Kingswood](#). [Sign up today](#).

## Meet Star our School Reading Dog



Star is Mrs Marshall's dog and often comes into school on a Friday. Star sometimes listens to readers, sometimes learns tricks and sometimes goes for walks with children. She is friendly and we haven't had an issue with allergies as she is part poodle. We call her a Peek-a-pug-a-poo! Her Mum was a cross between a pug and a pekingese, and her Dad was a miniature poodle.

If your child has a dog allergy or is worried about dogs, please let your child's class teacher know. Star will only spend time close to a child if they are confident to do so.

Although Star is obviously allowed in school **we do not allow other dogs on the school site** unless they are assistance dogs and we have certification and we have met the dog.



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# Family events around our community

**SWITCH UP SEPTEMBER**

## COLOUR RUN



**Sunday 5th September**  
10am-12pm  
Irchester Country Park  
Meeting Point: Royal Meadow (near the Café)

Get ready to be showered in colourful powder along the route.

Please remember to:  
Wear suitable clothing and footwear - it may get stained.  
Bring and wear sunglasses or other eye protection  
(Sunglasses not be provided)

**Run • Walk • Laugh • Get Colourful!**

**Free entry • Family event • 2km route**

Scan now to register!  
Come along to be entered  
into a Prize draw!

Healthy Schools  
North Northamptonshire

North Northamptonshire Council

**SWITCH UP SEPTEMBER**

## Photography Competition



**Get outside & Snap Your Happy Place!**  
What makes you feel good?  
Show us through your lens.

**PRIZES**

1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes in both 4-10 and 11-16 age categories

Entries sent by 30th Sept 2026

Scan the QR code or email your photo to:  
switchup@northnorthants.gov.uk

Please note Photos without people can be shared and celebrated!

**SWITCH UP SEPTEMBER**

## WELLIE WOMBLES BIG CLEAN UP



**SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**  
11AM-1PM  
QUEENSWAY PARK, WELLINGBOROUGH  
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED, BRING GLOVES IF YOU WISH  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

SCAN NOW TO REGISTER.  
COME ALONG TO BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW!

Wellie Wombles

Healthy Schools  
North Northamptonshire

North Northamptonshire Council

**JOIN US FOR OUR**

## LODGE PARK FAMILY FUN DAY

**SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**  
1:00PM TO 4:00PM

**SKETLAND WAY, CORBY NN17 2SG**

**FREE ENTRY**

Penalty Shootout  
Axe Throwing  
Archery  
Crazy Golf  
Soft Play  
Bouncy Castle  
Arts and Crafts

Please note that dogs will not be allowed on site, unless they are a service dog.

LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS AND CORBY RADIO!

North Northamptonshire Leisure

Northamptonshire sport

Healthy Schools  
North Northamptonshire