

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK
NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR LEARNING
NORTH BENGALURU

AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend our warm greetings to all our NAFL North family members. As we near the end of another busy, fulfilling and productive academic year at NAFL North, we take this opportunity to share details of our school journey of the year 2025-26. We would also like to share important dates and schedules with you for the upcoming academic year 2026-2027.

School Toppers - CBSE Board Exams 2024-2025

Our students have once again done themselves and their school proud with their stellar performances at the Board Examinations. Here are our toppers:

- **Grade 10:** Anoushka Sharma (96.2%)
- **Grade 12:** Neha Suresh (94.4%)

Grade 12 Placements in Premium Colleges

- Neha Suresh – B.Tech in Computer Applications
Manipal Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
- Aadi Batra – B.Tech in Data Science, Economics and Business
Plaksha University, Mohali
- Nanditha Lingam – Biotech Engineering
MS Ramaiah College of Engineering, Bengaluru
- Varuni Keshari -BS - MS Programme
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal

We invite you to go through our website <https://naflnorth.com/> with more details on the many laurels our students have won this academic year.

School Achievements

We firmly believe that education becomes a truly enriching and holistic experience when parents play an active role in the learning journey. Their involvement fosters an empathetic and collaborative environment that enhances student growth.

Our students and teachers work with dedication and teamwork across academic and co-scholastic domains to uphold the NAFL-North legacy of excellence. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to cultivate intellectual curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

Our in-house **TISB Training Academy** (TTA), an initiative led by our Vice Chairperson, Dr. Bindu Hari, ensures that our Principals, Middle Leaders, and teachers remain motivated and upskilled through regular workshops and training sessions. This ongoing effort strengthens the faculty's expertise and enhances teaching practices across all NPS / NAFL institutions.

In alignment with NEP 2020, the school ensured that teachers had opportunities to complete 50 hours of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) annually through TTA along with training programmes conducted by the CBSE COE Bengaluru. Collectively, this has amounted to **more than 2000 hours of training, strengthening teaching practices and professional growth across the school.**

Dr. Bindu Hari had introduced *Esprit De Corps* (EDC) two years ago — an event designed to promote sportsmanship, competition, and camaraderie among students and faculty members. With enthusiastic participation from all eight NPS / NAFL branches, this event fosters a spirit of unity and teamwork, reinforcing the values that bind our students and schools together.

We are proud to share that our Junior Volleyball Team (Grades 4 and 5) once again won the *Esprit de Corps* Trophy, marking their second consecutive victory this academic year.

Students and staff showcased exceptional talent and teamwork at EDC, winning several medals across sports and academic events—from volleyball and athletics to swimming and Sudoku—reflecting their dedication, perseverance, and team spirit.

Additionally, our **Sunshine Saturday** sessions have brought joy and engagement beyond the classroom. Through this programme, students engage in sports activities and enhance their knowledge through quizzes. The sessions are focused on wellness, acquiring knowledge, personality development and confidence that nurture their talents.

Guided by the NPS motto — 'Reach Out, Reach High, and Reach Beyond'—we inspire our students to maximize their academic, creative, social, and emotional potential.

It is with immense pride that we present this year's most remarkable achievements of our students.

Student Achievements

- Saishn Surya C (1B) won the **first position** in 4th DKCA National Level Open FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2025, under 7 category. He also won the '**Youngest Boy Blitz Trophy**' at the chess tournament, recognising his impressive performance in the fast-paced Blitz format of the game.
- Sharwa Raghavendra (4A) secured a **Gold Medal at the International Abacus Competition**, demonstrating outstanding mental arithmetic skills and dedication.
- Ira Gupta Johri (7A) emerged as the winner of the **Times NIE Christmas Gateway Quiz**, showcasing excellent knowledge and quick thinking.
- In Global Diplomathon, an international youth diplomacy platform that brings together students from around the world to discuss global issues, develop leadership skills, and collaborate on solutions, our students have secured many accolades:

Awards	Student Name
Best high school special mention	Anagha Priyadarsanan (Gr 7) Laksh Kumar (Gr 8) Radha Rakesh Kulkarni (Gr 9)
High commendation	Srusti Chaudhry (Gr 7) Naradulla Divit Reddy (Gr 10)
Best delegate	Manav Mandanna (Gr 9)

- Our students of Grades 9 & 10, have secured the First Prize in model making competition (team) & a Third Prize in reel making competition (team) held under the aegis of **National One Health Conclave-2025** in association with ICMR (Indian Council for Medical Research).

Winners list	
First prize in model making competition	Third prize in reel making competition
1) K Akshara Sree 2) Manyata Chowdary Gangarapu 3) Radha Rakesh Kulkarni 4) Saanvi Thambi	1) Aishwarya Gowda 2) Shinjini Ghosh 3) Sonakshi Ghosh 4) Padileti Tanushya

- Deeam Sharma of Grade 10 won the **second place** in the **Bharat Nivesh Young Minds**, essay writing competition conducted by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), in association with Dainik Bhaskar and Hindustan Times.
- The following students secured a place within the **Top 15 Zonal Ranks** in the **LogIQids First Stage Olympiad**, a remarkable achievement that highlights the strong logical reasoning skills and dedication nurtured at our institution.
 - Priyanshee Bhargava (1 B) - Zonal Rank 3
 - Rishvik R V (1 A) - Zonal Rank 7
 - Amulya Nara (6 A) - Zonal Rank 8
 - Vaishali Praveen (6 B) - Zonal Rank 8

Major School Events 2025-26

A detailed list of events conducted throughout the year is shared through the school newsletter. The last edition of the newsletter for this academic year will be shared shortly.

Student Leadership Training: Student Leadership Training for the elected school council members was conducted at NAFL-North campus to train students to assume leadership roles with a spirit of morality and integrity.

NAFL-N Jr. MUN '25: From dialogue to debate to diplomacy, the Jr. MUN saw an eclectic buzz of young intellectuals, solving real world problems. Weeks of preparation, over a hundred delegates, two days of intense debates, and finally drafting resolutions. More to come in our next edition—stay tuned!

Adolescence Education Programme: Adolescence Education Programmes were conducted at various grade levels to support students through the physical and emotional changes of growing up. Designed with a respectful, age-appropriate approach, the sessions aimed to foster understanding and self-awareness. Separate sessions for boys and girls created a safe, open space for discussion.

Manodarpan - our student-led Mental Health Forum: Our maiden student-led Mental Health Forum provided a safe and reflective space for students to openly discuss emotional wellbeing. Through engaging fireside chats and round table discussions, students explored unspoken thoughts and feelings in a supportive environment. The sessions were thoughtfully guided by a psychologist, a parent and an educator, encouraging honest dialogue, empathy, and greater awareness of mental health.

CPR Training – Early Recognition and Intervention: A comprehensive training session was conducted for staff and students of Grades 9 to 12 by doctors from St. John’s Hospital, in association with the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM), Bangalore.

The session focused on recognising early signs of cardiac emergencies and administering timely CPR to save lives. Participants were also introduced to basic life-saving techniques and hands-on demonstrations, helping build confidence and preparedness in responding to medical emergencies.

POCSO Awareness Training for Teachers by Colonel Ravindra Shirahatti:

The session focused on the essential legal frameworks and operational guidelines that educational institutions must follow to ensure the safety and protection of children. It emphasised adherence to the POCSO Act (2012), outlining the responsibilities of staff, management, and the wider school community in maintaining a secure environment. The training also highlighted the importance of early identification, timely reporting, and creating a culture of vigilance and sensitivity within schools.

Highlights of the Year

Malhaar 2025, our cultural event for grades 1 to 12, was celebrated with the vibrant theme ‘Food and Flavours Around the World’. Through music, dance, and creative performances, students explored and showcased diverse cultures and cuisines from across the globe. The event not only celebrated talent but also provided meaningful learning about global traditions and cultural diversity.

Our Early Years Annual Event was a vibrant celebration of learning and expression. Montessori students presented ‘Nourish and Flourish’, thoughtfully highlighting **healthy eating habits**, while Kindergarten students brought ‘Ritu Rang’ – **Colours of the Seasons** to life. Through music, movement, and performance, children showcased confidence, creativity, and meaningful learning.

The Big Buddy Programme was a key highlight in the Primary and Secondary Years, fostering meaningful connections between younger and senior students. In this initiative, Grade 9 students conducted support sessions for Grade 4 students, creating opportunities for collaborative learning and peer guidance. These interactions not only helped primary students strengthen their skills but also enabled the senior students to develop leadership, communication, and mentoring abilities.

The Educational Trip to Hampi stood out as a key highlight of the year in the Middle Years. As the **maiden overnight trip for Middle Years students**, it marked an exciting milestone in their school journey. The visit provided rich experiential learning, deepening students’ understanding of history, heritage, and real-world connections beyond the classroom. Students also explored the architectural marvels and cultural significance of the site, bringing their classroom learning vividly to life.

Summer Vacation:

With reference to the dates for our summer vacation, kindly note the schedule below.

Grade	Last Working Day
Montessori	Tuesday, 31 st March 2026
KG 1 and KG 2	Tuesday, 31 st March 2026
Grades 1 to 8	Tuesday, 31 st March 2026
New Grade 10	Thursday, 9 th April 2026
New Grade 12	Thursday, 9 th April 2026

Kindly note the detailed schedule of re-opening of school, after the summer vacation.

Grade	Re-opening Date
Grades 9 to 12	Monday, 25 th May 2026
Grades 1 to 8	Wednesday, 3 rd June 2026
KG 1	Thursday, 4 th June 2026
Montessori (Freshers)	Thursday, 4 th June 2026
KG 2	Thursday, 11 th June 2026
Montessori (Juniors and Seniors)	Thursday, 11 th June 2026

(These dates are subject to change based on Government notifications at that time.)

Books Issue:

On the request of the parents, the school has made arrangement for the availability of books and materials from different agencies at school. These will be distributed to the students, to avoid any academic delay.

Application for Transfer Certificate:

We would appreciate if parents who plan to withdraw their wards from the school for the next academic year could inform us of the same, **latest by 16th March 2026**. Kindly access ‘Annexure F’ application form under the ‘Resources’ section from the school website, and submit it to the school bursary without delay.

School Fees:

As school policy, we do not collect any donations or capitation fee. National Academy for Learning is a private self-financing institution, and an annual fee increase of 7.5% to 10% is effective to offset all the increasing expenditure.

We trust you are aware that the escalation in fees is due to several factors, including staff salaries, government increases in property taxes, higher water and electricity charges, and infrastructure maintenance and material expenditure, laboratory, computers and AMCs upkeep, etc. The Annual Fees for the academic year 2026-27 may please be remitted **from Friday, 20th March 2026 to Friday, 10th April**

2026, through our Acadamis parent portal. **It will be presumed that students who do not remit the fees by the due date will not be continuing in the school for the next academic year.**

Plans for Academic Year 2026-2027:

We look forward to the next academic year and its exciting growth plans. We will build new opportunities for our students, keeping in mind transformations envisaged in the future of the job industry. We continue to promote critical thinking and research through STEM Labs in our schools, in addition to Interdisciplinary Project- Based Learning Tasks, etc.

We are happy to introduce AI based evaluation and feedback for senior school students with a view to provide individualized assessment feedback and improvement plans to promote in-depth concept driven, application based, higher order learning amongst students.

As part of our continued commitment to providing a well-rounded education, we are pleased to inform you about the streams being offered in Grade 11 for the upcoming academic session **2026–2027**.

SCIENCE	COMMERCE
PCM with Computer Science	Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics with Applied Maths
PCM with Biology	Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics with Maths
PCM with Economics	Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics with Entrepreneurship
PCB with Psychology	Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics with Psychology
PC Applied Maths with Biology or Economics	
PCM with Psychology	

We hope our students use all the support and guidance provided to excel in every way. We wish you and your ward a wonderful summer vacation!

Warm regards

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Chairman, NAFL, TISB and NPS Group of Institutions