

Our history

Browse Norland's history while seeing what was happening around the world at the same time.

1890s



1892
Founded at Norland Place, London

Principal: Isabel Sharman

1895
Uniforms are supplied by Debenham and Freebody in Kensington, London

1900s



1900
Move to Ladbroke Grove, London (6 weeks)

Move to 10 Pembroke Square, London

1902
Long-service badges are introduced

1904
Purchase of 7 Pembroke Square, London, for nurseries

1910s



1911
Purchase of 11 Pembroke Square and nurseries moved from 7 Pembroke Square, London

1917
Isabel Sharman, Norland's first Principal, dies on 11 January

1918
Principal: Jessie Dawber

1919
Principal: Dorothy Townshend

1920s



1923
Principal: Ethel Peacey

1924
Emily Ward passes the editing of *Norland Quarterly* to Mildred Hastings, Secretary of Norland

1930s



1930
Emily Ward dies on 15 June

1932
Principal: Jane Winterbotham

1935
Principal: Ruth Whitehead

1938
Nurseries evacuate to Fencewood House, near Newbury, and then move again to Hothfield Place, near Ashford, Kent

1940s



1940
Nurseries move from their temporary home in Kent to Belvoir House, Bideford

Uniform changes for new trainees during WWII; capes were replaced with coats to reduce the use of silks as the material was prioritised for parachutes

1941
Principal: Ethel Danvers

1942
Principal: Catherine Blakeney

1943
Move outside of London for the first time to Chislehurst, Kent

1945
Norland becomes Norland Nursery Training College

National Nursery Examination Board (NNEB) courses introduced

1949
Principal: Joan Kirby

1950s



1956
The first annual Garden Party takes place

1960s



1960
Children's hotel opens

1966
The Norland Quarterly becomes *The Norlander*, published annually

Principal: Lucy Keymer

1967
Move to Denford Park, Hungerford

1970s



1971
Principal: Betty Medd

1975
The Day-Care Unit opens to expand the Nursery School capacity

1980s



1980
Norland students study the Nursery Nurses Diploma awarded by the Royal Society of Health

Principal: Louise Davis

1988
Speedwell House opens to provide additional accommodation for second-year students

1990s



1992
Norland celebrates its centenary

Norland - The Story of the First One Hundred Years written by Penelope Stokes is published by Norland

1999
Principal: Kay Crosse

2000s



2003
Norland College and Agency move to York Villa, a building originally owned by the Duke of York, in Bath

The Norlander becomes *Norland Now*, still published annually

2005
Principal: Thirza Ashelford

2008
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies course introduced

2009
Principal: Elizabeth Hunt

2010s



2011
Final intake of CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education

2012
Norland College is listed on UCAS

2013
Norland uniform redesigned

BA (Hons) Early Years Development and Learning degree introduced

2014
ITV documentary *Britain's Poshest Nannies* airs

2015
The first time Norland has multiple male students

2016
Principal: Dr Janet Rose

First degree graduation ceremony

2017
Norland's 125th anniversary

Move to Oldfield Park, Bath

2018
Norland is awarded a TEF Gold by the Office for Students for teaching excellence

2019
Norland is granted Taught Degree Awarding Powers by the Privy Council

2020s

2000
Tate Modern opens in the former Bankside power station

2002
The euro is introduced in 12 countries within the Eurozone

2005
Angela Merkel becomes Germany's first female chancellor

2009
Barack Obama inaugurated as the 44th President of the USA, becoming the United States' first African-American president

2012
London hosts the 2012 Olympic Games

2013
Andy Murray becomes the first British men's singles champion at Wimbledon since 1936

2015
Queen Elizabeth II becomes Great Britain's longest-reigning monarch at 63 years and 7 months

2018
Mary Poppins Returns is released

1892
Ellis Island opens

1895
Frederick Douglass, eminent human rights leader, dies



1900
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is published

1901
Edward VII becomes King

1904
Dr Seuss is born

1907
First Scout camp on Brownsea Island

1908
London hosts the Olympic Games for the first time



1910
George V becomes King

1912
RMS Titanic sinks in the Atlantic Ocean

1913
Suffragette Emily Davison fatally injured at Epsom races

1914
WWI begins

1919
Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity is confirmed



1923
Time Magazine debuts

1925
Invention of the television

1928
Women in the UK get same rights to vote as men



1932
Amelia Earhart flies solo across Atlantic

1936
George VI becomes King

1939
WWII begins



1940
Winston Churchill appointed UK Prime Minister

1943
World's largest office building, the Pentagon, is completed

1945
WWII ends

1947
The microwave oven is invented by Percy Spencer

1948
The National Health Service is established



1953
Queen Elizabeth II coronation

DNA is discovered

1957
Russia launches Sputnik I, first earth-orbiting satellite – the Space Age begins



1964
Mary Poppins is released

1966
England hosts and wins the football World Cup

1969
First man on the moon



1971
Disney World opens

1975
The Vietnam War ends

1977
Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her Silver Jubilee

1979
Margaret Thatcher becomes UK's first female Prime Minister



1982
The first commercial compact disc is produced on 17 August

1986
Chernobyl disaster

WWW.

