

# 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 Pembridge Square, London

**1902**  
Long-service badges are introduced

**1904**  
Purchase of 7 Pembridge Square, London, for nurseries

## 1910s



**1911**  
Purchase of 11 Pembridge Square and nurseries moved from 7 Pembridge 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

## 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 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**2018 & 2019**  
Norland is awarded TEF Gold by the Office for Students for teaching excellence

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

## 2020s



**2021**  
Norland introduces gender-neutral uniform

Norland is granted an international student visa sponsorship licence

**2022**  
Norland's first degree-awarding ceremony

**2023**  
Norland introduces BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care degree

Norland launches world's first home-based-childcare research journal

Norland is awarded a third TEF Gold rating

**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



## 1950s



**1956**  
The first annual Garden Party takes place

**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

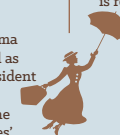
**1979**  
Margaret Thatcher becomes UK's first female Prime Minister



**1982**  
The first commercial compact disc is produced on 17 August

**1986**  
Chernobyl disaster

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**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 44<sup>th</sup> President of the US, 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



**2022**  
Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her Platinum Jubilee

The longest-reigning British monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, dies after a 70-year reign

**2023**  
King Charles III coronation