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North Primary School and Nursery
A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos



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Governors Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Governors' Awards at the final assembly of the term:

Mia Pears	Alex Flack	Joey Chen	Amber Szabo	Joshua Andrews	Nikolas Tomaszewski (absent)
Jack Gooch	Maribela Murataj	Eddy Birsan	Jude Wilson	Ava Richardson	Eleonora Atanasova
Macey Peck	Joshua Thomas	Rashed Salih	Gabriella Marshall	Savannah Ward	Vitoria Dos Santos Fernandes
Shae Parks	Lara-Leigh Herd	Oscar McGill	Millie Dyke	Tommy Gharib	Toby Dunmore
Lola Maiden	Natalia Allahverdy	Lucy Boddice	Kamil Bulak	Aashir Zubair	



Our Christmas season of concerts and plays ended with a wonderful evening of carols and songs performed by Years 6 and 5. There was a good mixture of traditional and modern carols, classic songs like White Christmas and modern pop favourites too. There were soloists, quartets and musicians. Readers told the story of Christmas and its traditions. The message was informative and entertaining

and fun too. The children seemed so grown up. The Victorian Hall at night, lit by spotlights, creates a special atmosphere. Three generations of family members filled the hall to the brim and they loved every moment. There was something for everyone to enjoy with songs triggering parents' and grandparents' memories of their own childhood Christmases. Thank you to all the staff and children for making the evening so special.





The Colchester Accordion Showband, ably supported by singers from Years 3, 4 and 5 (pictured right) did the school proud with their fourth annual Christmas Concert. The Band have raised a lot of money over the years for Free For All and we are very grateful for how their efforts have helped to make a difference for every child at the school.



Key Stage 1 Visit St Peters Church

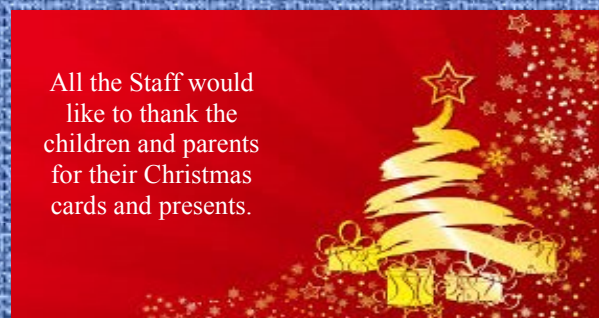
"It is the first time I have been to a proper church," said Ethan. "It was bit scary going in but we used our coats as cushions and soon got comfortable," said Ramona. Henry said he loved the singing. Ramona's favourite was *Little Donkey*. The children were joined by their families to make it a special occasion. The teachers are hoping that this visit is now established as an annual event. Judging by the children's faces, they hope so too.

Thank you for your generosity. Your donations to the East Anglian Children's Hospice after the Christmas productions have raised the amazing sum of

£646.54



All the Staff would like to thank the children and parents for their Christmas cards and presents.



DATES FOR TERM

Thurs 5th January 2017	First day of Spring Term	
Thursday 9th February	Last day of half term	
Mon 20th February	Return to school	
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 18th April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 26th May	Last day of half term	
Tuesday 6th June	Return to school	
Friday 21st July	End of school year	
Monday 4th September	Year 6 go to Weymouth	
Wednesday 6th September	Autumn Term begins	

This autumn term has been exceptional. In the final assembly the children were reminded of the many highlights by Mrs. Walker's slideshow, which will be available to view on the website soon. The children thanked the staff, NSA and governors for their hard work and dedication. We also said "goodbye" to Alice in year 4 and Sophie and Aashir in Year 5 as well as learning support assistant Miss Farthing and teacher Mr. O'Loughlin. Our best wishes to them all.

I hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2017.