

# NEWSLINE

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## North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos.

Looking forward to its 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit [www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)



## 69th Colchester Schools Music Festival

It was a privilege to be at Charter Hall on the 26th to see North join choirs from 16 other schools to take part in the Colchester Music Festival. Mrs. Skinner taught the children the 9 songs they had to learn and Miss Jacobs,

ably assisted by Mrs.

Walker, choreographed and rehearsed the dance.

Children and adults gave of their own time to prepare for this special event and the sacrifice and hard work was well worth the effort.

This was easily the best concert for many, many years.

The song choices were excellent. It is easy to tell when children like a song - they sing it so much better! And the children's dancing matched the vibrant splendour of their dresses.



Parents and grandparents packed Charter Hall and loved every moment. Look out for more photos in the Daily Gazette who will normally have a centre page feature of the festival.

## Governors Corner with Juliette Maxam, Vice Chair

Governors from over 20 schools met at Gosbecks school last week, united in their conviction that schools need more funding to head off a crisis. We're worried about more staff redundancies and schools falling into disrepair, affecting vulnerable children the most. We've started a campaign to lobby the Government for more cash. Ministers say schools are getting record sums of money, but they don't mention that schools' costs have gone up by a larger amount.

Governors at North are at the forefront of this campaign because we are all extremely concerned about what is happening to our school and other schools. Follow the campaign by searching for Funding for Schools on Facebook. Sign the petition that our MP, Will Quince, has agreed to present to Parliament. Coming soon: wording for letters for you to send to Will Quince showing your concern and suggested wording to tweet him. Look out for coverage of this campaign in the local press.

### EASTER CRACKED

On Tuesday 26th, our year six pupils visited the Baptist church in Eld Lane as part of our RE work to find out about the Easter story. They carried out some independent research to help them piece together the sequence of events from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday then took part in different workshops to find out more about how the church works. They looked at the baptistery and how that was used and found out facts about Easter eggs (Cadbury's makes 66,000 eggs a day). Probably the highlight of the event was making and sharing Easter buns which they ate together in the church. No Easter eggs were opened during the morning but, for some, the anticipation is mounting.

*Mr. Armitage reporting*



### EASTER PARADE Friday 5th April

Will your child wear an Easter bonnet hat, cap, beret, fascinator or another magnificent millinery marvel?

Stuck for ideas? Try visiting [mumsnet](http://mumsnet), [pinterest](http://pinterest), [youtube](http://youtube).

### TERM DATES

Friday 29th March	Mothering Sunday Lunch	Order forms sent home
Tuesday 2nd April	Open Afternoon (KS1 and KS2) 2.00pm. Reception Stay and Learn dates to follow	
Friday 5th April	Easter Parade and Governors' Awards	assembly
Friday 5th April	End of Spring Term	
Tuesday 23rd April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 10th May	NSA Bingo Night	6.00pm
Friday 24th May	Penny Race	
Friday 24th May	Children's Sponsored Fun Run at Hilly Fields	Details to follow
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Return to school	
Friday 7th June	NSA Quiz Night	
Friday 5th July	NSA Summer Fete	
Wednesday 24th July	End of school year	
Monday 2nd September 2019	Year 6 residential to Weymouth	
Thursday 5th September	First day of new school year	

**Thanks to those families who have already returned their petition sheets full of signatures.**