

NEWSLINE

North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Children in the Nursery took the opportunity to play on the bridge for the last time on the 11th before it was demolished! This piece of equipment has been in the Nursery for over 20 years and has been enjoyed by 100s of children. It has been repaired and restored but the time had come when it needed to be replaced. Thanks to the NSA a grand new centrepiece of the Nursery outdoor classroom is being installed. So most of the current Nursery children have 5 weeks of adventure before moving on to school. Their places have nearly all been filled and those children and families had a great time at the Nursery Open Afternoon on the 12th, as you can see. The rain could not dampen their enthusiasm. The Nursery was packed full of inquisitive children and parents!



FATHERS' DAY LUNCH - A GREAT SUCCESS

Judging from the smiles, the laughter, the comments and the emails, the Fathers' day lunch was a great success. It was lovely to get such warm feedback which recognised the hard work the event required - in the kitchen, the midday team, the office and all the teaching teams that helped out too.



Governor's Corner with Adele Jennings - FAIR FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

'Funding For Schools' is a growing group of governors, parents and school staff who are campaigning for more realistic funding for schools and colleges across North East Essex. We have all seen big gaps between our schools' income and expenditure. This is having a devastating effect on our schools, ranging from staff redundancies, teachers paying for necessary equipment themselves, mothballing new classrooms and postponing maintenance of buildings.

“Meet the New Class Teacher” Meetings

Yr Group	Date	Time
New Starters	Monday 8th July	9.10am
Current Y2	Tuesday 9th July	9.10am
Current Rec	Tuesday 9th July	2.40pm
Current Y4	Wed 10th July	9.10am
Current Y5	Wed 10th July	2.40pm
Current Y1	Thurs 11th July	9.10am
Current Y3	Thurs 11th July	2.40pm

These meetings give you the opportunity to meet your children's new teachers. Parking will be available in the lower playground.

We are doing a number of things to lobby the Government so they can set a realistic budget for schools this September. Think you can't help? You CAN!!

Sign the online petition: <https://www.change.org/p/damian-hinds-children-are-the-future-invest-in-their-education>

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram under Funding for Schools. Follow us, like and share the posts.

Tweet, mail or tag your local MP (Will Quince MP, @willquince on Twitter). Ask what he's doing about the current state of funding for schools. (he's currently asking all of his constituents to put forward their concerns, so it's a good time!)

Come to the Town Hall meeting on the 17th July to put forward a motion (hopefully the Gazette will put this 'community action' into the paper).

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please register with the office as this provides the school with a bit more income.

Support the NSA and Free For All events - this helps the school pay for day trips, swimming, playground equipment and sporting events (which we think all children should have the opportunity to partake in).

AND, if you're a millionaire wondering what to do with all your money, get in touch :)

PS Did you know that schools have to pay rates (which have increased 28% from last year), water bills (up 68% from last year) and we even have to pay business rates for our rubbish to be taken away??

TERM DATES

Monday 24th June	Nursery Sporty Morning	
Monday 24th June	Nursery Sporty Afternoon	
Tuesday 25th June	KS1 Sports Afternoon	afternoon
Wednesday 26th June	Reception Sporty Morning	
Wednesday 26th June	KS2 Sports Afternoon	afternoon
Tues 2nd and Wed 3rd July	KS1 Enterprise Show	
Friday 5th July	NSA Summer Fete	6.00pm
See table above	Parents “Meet the New Class Teacher” Meetings	
Wednesday 17th July	Year 3 Music Concert	morning
Wednesday 17th July	Year 4 Music Concert	afternoon
Thursday 11th July	Music Concert Evening	
Thursday 18th July	Year 5 Battle of the Bands	afternoon
Friday 19th July	Open Evening	
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 Show	evening
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of School Year	
Monday 2nd September	Year 6 residential to Weymouth	
Thursday 5th September	First day of new school year	
Friday 25th October	End of half term	
Tuesday 5th November	Return to school	
Thursday 19th December	End of Autumn Term	