

NEWSLINE

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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

Looking forward to our 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit www.northschoolxxv.com

“If physical activity were a drug we would refer to it as a miracle cure, due to the great many illnesses it can prevent and help cure.”

Government Chief Medical Officer

COLCHESTER CASTLE TREE IN TOP 10 OF NATIONAL COMPETITION! VOTE TO MAKE IT NUMBER 1

The Woodland Trust has short-listed the tree on Colchester Castle as one of 10 trees for a national Tree of the Year competition.

Jessica and Samuel's mum planted it (see picture below) with her granddad, then Mayor of Colchester.

To enter – log on to woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeoftheyear
First prize is £1,000 to be spent on work to benefit the tree's health, signage or community celebration.

PLEASE VOTE – AND ASK OTHERS TO AS WELL.

School Starts its Quest to Achieve the Silver Sportsmark

Mrs. Eves is determined to get the school to silver this year, having got Bronze last year. Who better to help with this goal than the children themselves. So she will be looking for a team of School Sports Ambassadors to help her. One child from each KS2 class will be elected by their peers. They will promote and help organise sports events, promote and celebrate personal fitness achievements and encourage participation in extra-curricular clubs. Some clubs still have spare places like the Tuesday Year 2/3 football club (pictured below right). Check out what other clubs are on offer on the school website.

If you want to know what is the recommended amount of exercise for your child visit the NHS website.



Mon 23rd-27th Sept.
Elections
School Councillors
School Sports
Ambassadors

NSA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 1st October 2019

2.30pm

parking available via Victoria Chase

Come along before the school pick-up and learn more about the amazing work of the North School Association.

Behaviour Policy Consultation

The closing date for responses to the updated Behaviour Policy is 9.00 am on Monday 23rd September. It was emailed to all parents earlier in the month and can also be viewed on the school website. Responses to the school office please.

Key Dates

We have already blocked in the Christmas Play dates! Open Lessons and NSA events will be added soon. We try to give you as much notice as possible, which our working parents appreciate.

TERM DATES

Fri 20th September	Y5 Parents Meeting - WEYMOUTH 2020
Tuesday 1st October	NSA AGM 2.30pm
Thurs 24th October	Individual Photos
Friday 25th October	End of half term
Tues 5th November	Return to school
Tues 12th November	School's 125th Anniversary
Saturday 16th November	North Carnival
Wed 27th November	Parents Evening for September 2020 starters
Tues 3rd December	Nursery Christmas SingSong (am and pm)
Wed 4th December	Reception Christmas Play (am)
Friday 6th December	KS1 (am and pm)
Thurs 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12th December	Y3 Christmas Play (evening)
Friday 13th December	Y3 Christmas Play (am)
Friday 13th December	Y4 Christmas Play
Tues 17th December	Y5/6 Evening Carol Concert
Thurs 19th December	End of Autumn Term
Mon 6th January 2020	First day of Spring Term
Friday 14th February	End of half term
Mon 24th February	Return to School
Friday 3rd April	End of Spring Term
Monday 20th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	End of half term
Tuesday 2nd June	Return to school
Wednesday 22nd July	End of school year

No sooner do Year 6 settle in to school after their week of outdoor fun than they have to start thinking about applying to secondary school. Here is the information the local authority have asked to pass on to parents -

The new secondary school admission round opens on Thursday, 12 September 2019, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

As with last year, we are not sending letters to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2020-21 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Secondary school open evenings

Look at these school websites to find out when they are being held.

There is published information on this website, <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> which now has a short video of advice available designed to explain the key points in the process to ease parents understanding.

Key Advice

**DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE
DON'T JUST APPLY FOR ONE SCHOOL**

Have you visited
www.northschoolcxxv.com
recently?
It is well worth a look.
There is a growing collection of lovely stories.