

# NEWSLINE

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**North Primary School and Nursery**

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit [www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)



## Colchester Accordion Showband Charity Christmas Concert 2019



School was open on Sunday 15th for the annual Colchester Accordion Showband Charity Christmas Concert. And what a thoroughly enjoyable event it was. In a three-part show the band played their greatest hits in parts one and three. In part two they helped Mrs. Skinner's school singers celebrate the nativity. The guests enjoyed refreshments provided by staff and the NSA. A raffle raised money for the Children's Leukaemia Trust and ticket money and refreshments sales were donated to Free For All. Thank you to all who made the concert a special event. It was a lovely way to spend a Sunday morning.

Colchester Accordion Showband was formed in 1988 with Elaine Beecham as musical director. The showband has been voted UK Accordion Entertainment Champions over 10 times and also Showband of the Year many times. Many members of the Showband are champions in their own right having won solo and duet sections at the UK championships. And it is obvious to see why.

It is community links with organisations such as this that help to enable the school to continue to provide such a rich and varied curriculum for all the children.





## Christmas Carols at Myland Church

Mrs Heaton took the choir to the beautiful setting of Myland Church on the evening of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas Carol Concert in aid of *East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH)*. We were invited because of our long association with the charity. It was an honour for Ellie and Matilda to be invited to light the candles at the beginning of the service – one candle to remember our friends and family and one candle for advent.

Jessica then sang a solo for the first verse of the first carol, *Once in Royal David's City*. The choir sang two songs, *The Zither Carol* and *The Gift of Love*. The choir were great ambassadors for the school. They sang absolutely beautifully. This is the second leg of the choir's Christmas Tour. Next up Hiscox canteen!

## Was there a mistake in Newsline December # 3?

A question that has been asked several times since it was circulated on the 13th. In that issue the results of the Y5/6 Mock General Election poll were published. But people wondered what had happened to the Conservative Party. Well, the children got to choose which party they wished to represent and nobody in Year 6 wished to stand for the Conservatives. Conversely, The Gilberd held a mock election and the Conservatives won with a massive majority.

Aldi are offering food assistance to vulnerable families this Christmas. Click on this link if you think this could be of benefit to you or someone you know.

[https://www.mirror.co.uk/money/aldi-giving-away-leftovers-anyone-21083397?utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=mirror\\_main](https://www.mirror.co.uk/money/aldi-giving-away-leftovers-anyone-21083397?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=mirror_main)

### TERM DATES

Tues 17th December	Y5/6 Evening Carol Concert (7.00 pm)
Thurs 19th December	End of Autumn Term
<b>Tues 7th Jan 2020</b>	<b>First day of Spring Term</b>
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
Thurs 5th September	First day of new school year
Mon 9th September	Year 6 Residential to Weymouth

Sue Hogan Programme Manager, Learning and Education at Firstsite,  
writes with this amazing offer

**Free Meals at Firstsite during the School Holidays** Firstsite is offering hot, healthy lunches to families and individuals during the school holidays. On selected days during the school holidays, a canteen will be in operation in the winter wonderland themed studios at Firstsite, in Colchester town centre. You have been passed this letter so that you can access a free lunch time meal. You can find the vouchers online to register with Firstsite, after which you will be able to book in to the canteen and eat lunch for free. A vegetarian option will be available each day. Lunches must be booked in advance, from Monday 16th December onwards. To book, call Firstsite on 01206 713700 or online at **www.firstsite.uk** Spaces are limited so to avoid disappointment, please book early. We kindly request that you let us know if you need to cancel your booking so your space can be made available to other that may need it. Throughout the school holidays Firstsite will have a range of family activities available every day. Visit our website to see the lunch menus and discover all the other activities available. **www.firstsite.uk**.  
Thank you, Firstsite