

# 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)

## Year 5/6 Carol Concert Evening Moving and Uplifting



As always, the UKS2 carol concert was a marvellous event and a wonderful way to end our Christmas performance season. A Nursery singsong and after-party; one Reception nativity and mini-bazaar; two KS1 performances; two Y3 performances, one Year 4 show; choirs singing in an accordion concert, at Myland Church, in Hiscox canteen, at the Christmas Bazaar and Alderwood People's Home, and KS1 singing at a carol service in St. Peter's Church (see below). That is an amazing effort from children and staff. There is no other primary school that provides so many opportunities for its pupils.

There is something special about the junior hall at night. The room was packed and the audience were treated to 75 minutes of information, entertainment and song, and goodness can they sing - in parts, traditional, modern and in many languages too. Superb.

The Year 5s also performed Raps they had written in a workshop with a local rap artist which were great fun. Threaded through the songs Year 6 told the story of how we celebrate Christmas interspersed with the history of the school. The importance to the school of tradition, community and diversity shone through. Thank you and well done to the children and all the UKS2 team.

## KS1 Enjoy Carols at St Peter's Church

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December the children in years 1 and 2 walked to St Peter's church to take part in the KS1 carol service. The children sang 2 songs from their Christmas show and children and parents sang traditional Christmas carols. Children from both year 1 and 2 read



excerpts from the Christmas story and Reverend Mark Wallace rounded off the service by reminding us that Christmas is not just about a story in the past but is about our friends and family today too. The children sang and spoke beautifully, and several parents approached me to say how much they had enjoyed the service. Well done to everyone who was involved in this lovely afternoon.

Miss Wicks reporting







## Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

After a very busy term of festivals and competitions we came to our last event of this year. A team of 18 year 5 and 6 travelled to Essex University to take part in the Blackwater Partnership Sportshall Athletics competition. It was a very exciting event with lots of cheering when it came to the relay races at the end. Our team competed exceptionally in the field events producing some of the longest jumps at 1m 90cm for the standing long jump. However, during the relays we had a couple of unfortunate incidents which left us lagging behind the other schools. I can't fault the team for their enthusiasm and commitment and their overall team ethic. Well done to all the children who participated. Thank you also to Mr Julies, Mrs Jarvis Wells and Mrs Mold for helping to transport the children to the event.

**Mrs. Eves reporting**



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

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.  
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