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## North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

Celebrated our 126th anniversary on 12th November. Visit [www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)

## North Primary School and Nursery Makes History

Monday 15th March 2021. CXXV, the book of the history of the oldest state school in Colchester is published.

Children, dressed as their favourite book characters to celebrate World Book Day, had a wonderful surprise in assembly. They were joined by Laura Davison and Claire Driver, via Zoom, to announce the publication of a brand new book – CXXV. Laura and Claire are the authors. They were thanked for their amazing achievement. It was pointed out to the children that it is not usual for a school to have a book written about itself. And what makes this book extra special is that the children – especially the year group who are now in Year 7 – helped to make it. In the process the children learnt how to be real historians, finding out about the past at first hand. We are grateful to the *Heritage Fund* who supported the whole project. Every family will receive a copy, as will staff and governors. Year 7s will also get their own personal copy.

The book will now be on sale online via the [www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com) website. When shops re-open fully Red Lion Books and Firstsite will stock copies. The Daily Gazette is planning a feature on the book and BBC Radio Essex will be interviewing Laura, Claire and former pupil, Jessica Dines on the 16th at 4.00pm. Who knows, perhaps TV will be next.

The 15th March will go down as another remarkable day in the remarkable history of North Primary School and Nursery.



Allison and Luke sharing their book



At our birthday party in November 2019 Poppy was the youngest pupil in the school. She helped cut the cake with the oldest pupil. She is looking at her photo in



Theo and Auden's gran, Jenny Keeble, taught in the Nursery over 40 years. They loved finding her photo in the book.

Laura, project co-ordinator, pictured at the 125th Birthday Party with Christine Sansom, who attended North in the 1940s. Laura said, "The CXXV book is a lasting legacy of North Primary School's 125th anniversary project and is dedicated to the many people who took part on the journey with us." It is, thanks to you, Laura. You were the inspiration for the project.

Claire, the project Historian, pictured with Michael Wood, one of our former pupils, at one of the open mornings. This was one of the ways that Claire and pupils carried out their research. Of the book, Claire said 'CXXV has been a very special project. We've reached people whose connection with the school stretches back over 100 years enabling us to tell the story from the very beginning. Researching, sharing and celebrating this history with today's pupils and more widely with the people of Colchester has been a real pleasure.'

(With thanks to Adrian Rushton for this photo.)







## WORTH THE WAIT

We may have been 11 days late to celebrate World Book Day but it was worth the wait so that everybody could come to school dressed in their favourite character if they so wished. This photo gallery is just a tiny sample of all the children and staffs' amazing costumes. Well done to all who took part.

### TERM DATES

Friday 26th March	Easter Parade and Governors' Awards
Friday 26th March	Final day of spring term
Monday 12th April	First day of summer term
Monday 10th May	Year 6 residential, Osmington Bay
Thursday 27th May	Last day of half term
Tuesday 8th June	Return to school
Wednesday 21st July	Final day of school year

