

NEWSLINE

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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

We Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November 2019. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com



Weymouth '23

How lucky were they! The Y6s on the residential in Dorset made the most of the amazing weather and spent two mornings at the national sailing centre. How much fun does that look. The staff were full of praise for the children, all of whom made the most of every opportunity.

Year 5, get excited.

Get very excited.

It is your turn next.



Back in school the children were settling in - for some, their very first day in school, for others, their very first day at North, for most a chance to see friends again and settle in to a new classroom.



What's New at North

The builders' compounds in the junior playground and outside the front office. Do you remember we had heating problems last winter, not caused by boiler failure but the new boiler was too powerful for the old pipes and radiators. So, they are being replaced. The engineers will be working after school and through the evenings to minimise disruption and should be finished by early November. The stage in the infant courtyard and the Tree Room had to be removed as the wooden bases were rotting beyond repair. We have some exciting ideas for the area. We will involve the children in the planning phase in the near future.

What's Not New at North

Parking issues. It is always going to be congested. Please be patient and show respect for each other and our neighbours.



NSA SUMMER FETE

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

GATES OPEN 5.00PM

Mrs. Catchpole writes: We are excited to tell you that we will be having a fundraising day on Monday 25th September to raise money for a fantastic charity. The Abilities in Me Foundation writes children's stories based on real children with a range of conditions. Money raised goes into: creating more books to help raise awareness, supporting schools SEND projects and running family support events which they are looking to expand across the UK.

The **Abilities in Me Foundation** is a registered charity, founded by Gemma Keir, who is the author of all the books. The aims of the charity are to raise awareness of special educational needs and conditions that children may encounter.

Gemma has written an ever-growing book series for young people which celebrates what these children can do, rather than what they cannot do. The books are inspired by real children and their experiences, and they enable parents and teachers to talk about different needs and conditions with their children in a fun, safe and engaging way.

Gemma and her son Logan recently were interviewed on *This Morning*, where she discussed the *Abilities in Me* book series. Here is a video of Gemma reading her 'Abilities in Me: 22q deletion' story for you to enjoy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCFjZiDTsGo>

Here is also a link to families sharing the books they have enjoyed reading: <https://youtu.be/ZleHuDqr1eA>

If you would like to find out more you can go to the website www.abilitiesinme.com

So, on Monday 25th September we will be holding a day of inclusion, awareness and kindness. The children are encouraged to come in for the day wearing bright colours (no uniform required but school appropriate) and be their true authentic selves! To support this event and help raise money for this wonderful charity we are asking the children to bring in a donation of £1 which will be collected by their class teacher.

As a thank you for helping to raise money and awareness of the **Abilities in Me Foundation** our school will be sent a set of the *Abilities in Me* books for us to share with the children in school. We would like to make these texts a part of our story times, assemblies and library so that we can raise awareness of a variety of conditions and special needs that many children encounter, including children within our own school community. We hope the day is a success and that the children are inspired!

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE APPLICATIONS

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th September 9.00am	Y4 Parents Meeting
Tues 19th September 8.45am	Reception Phonics Meeting
Tues 19th September 2.30pm	Y5 Parents Meeting
Wed 20th September 9.00am	Y6 Parents Meeting
Mon 25th September	ABILITIES IN ME DAY
Friday 29th September	Individual Photos
Friday 6th October	Book Fair Arrives
Thursday 12th October	Book Fair Last Day
Friday 13th October	NSA DISCO
Thursday 19th October	Pupils' Flu Vaccinations
Friday 20th October	End of half term
Tuesday 31st October	Return to school
Friday 1st December	Christmas Bazaar
Wed 20th December	Last day of autumn term