

# 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](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)

## DEDICATED TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

When the history of our school is updated, May 4th 2024 will feature prominently.



Traffic on the High St was brought to a halt just before 3.30pm so that our school choir could sing, *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*, and four of our pupils help to unveil the statue of the Taylor sisters. After the ceremony the children and their parents mingled with the (other!) VIPs in the City Hall to celebrate this wonderful event. You may have seen reports on the television and/or read all about it in the papers. It is a day these children will remember forever. We have been involved with this project for a long time now, and you will be familiar with the choir's involvement over the years. We also had an idea of what the statue would look like as we are privileged to have the maquette in our Friendship Garden. The statue is already a fabulous tourist feature (read Sir Bob's email below). Well Done Sir Bob. Congratulations on making this happen.



### An email from Sir Bob, reprinted with permission.

Dear Alan,

One week ago, just after 3.30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, the "Twinkle Star" statue was unveiled.

This afternoon, from 3.15pm to 3.45pm, I sat on the stone bench on the opposite side of High Street – chilled soft drink in hand, enjoying the sunshine, observing activity in the vicinity of the statue.

It has become the most photographed place in Colchester!

A constant stream of people stopping to admire the statue and read the engraved paving – with me able to witness some clearly saying "I didn't know that" when reading that the nursery rhyme was written in Colchester.

People of all ages showing interest and admiration. Toddlers through to old people. United in admiration for the quality of the statue, and appreciative of the words associated with the statue.

I have visited every day since last Saturday. A few minutes each day. And every time I witnessed people stopping – with many taking photographs, with some having been pinged around the world.

I am so proud of what "we" have achieved. It would not have happened without the involvement and support of a lot of people.

Best wishes – from Bob Russell



# Suffolk Sunrise Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May



Sponsor our Cyclists

Mary Wren and Harry Longhurst  
<https://gofund.me/c67d59d0>

Andrew Jarvis  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-jarvis>

It is not too late to take part

<https://action.org.uk/events/cycling/suffolk-ride>

Even a day of pouring rain could not dampen the spirits of the parents and staff at our first ever **PLANT SALE**. Plants have been grown from seed by children in year 1 and year 2 and donated by families, friends and neighbours in our community. There was a wonderful variety including spider plants, cactuses, strawberries, sunflowers and sweetpeas and it was lovely to see so many families coming to buy them. We raised just under £110 for the NSA and garden projects in the school and would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Leppard who organised the sale and to all the families and friends who donated or bought plants. Miss Wicks reporting

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th May	Y6 SATS Week
Sunday 19th May	Suffolk Sunrise bike ride
Tuesday 21st May	Class Photos
Wed 22nd May 6pm	Meeting for September parents
Friday 24th May	North's Got Talent Final Last day of half term
Tuesday 4th June	Return to school
Friday 7th June	NSA DISCO
Friday 21st June	Y3/4 Sports afternoon
Monday 24th June	Y5/6 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 25th June	Reception sports morning
Tuesday 25th June	Nursery sports morning & afternoon
Thursday 27th June	Y1/2 Sports Afternoon
Mon 1st - Fri 5th July	Reception new intake sessions
Friday 5th July 6pm	Summer Fete
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of school year



Cast (or sail) your minds back to the Autumn term where **Blue Peter** first hit our Newline. Children were introduced to the programme 'Blue Peter' and the chance to earn their very own Blue Peter badge. 4RH and 6M were the first two classes to set sail, and to earn their book badge, they had to write about a book they had read and produce a piece of art work linked to a book. 4RH wrote about Stitch-Head and each created their very own Stitch-Heads, whilst learning some sewing skills. 6M wrote about a variety of books and then drew characters or scenes from the book.

Their hard work has been recognised and many of the children have now received their Blue Peter Book Badge! As well as this badge signalling achievement, it also means they are able to get into many attractions across the UK for free, including Colchester Castle!

Year 5 used World Book Day to complete their applications for a Blue Peter badge and they are the next batch to be sent off. We'll keep you posted!

Mrs. Harrison reporting