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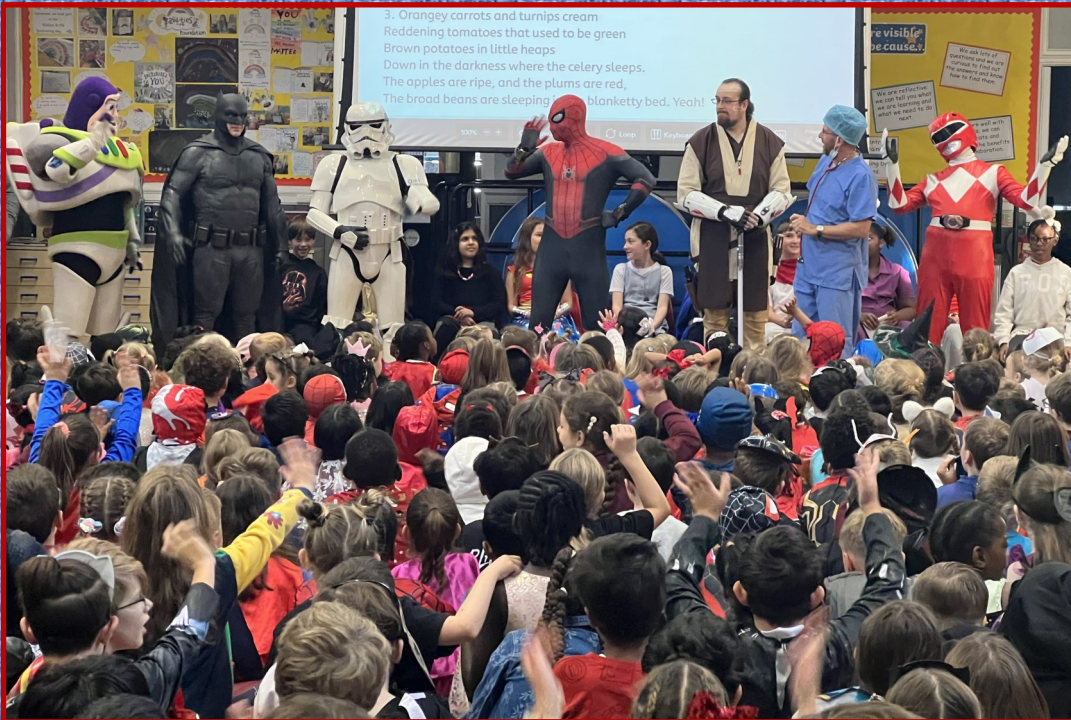


North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL OUT OF THIS WORLD... TO INFINITY AND BEYOND



What a lovely way to end this half term. The atmosphere in the playground was wonderful: the superheroes were on the astro. The looks of astonishment and excitement were amazing - and that was just the parents!

Of course, they were here for a reason - to promote our Harvest Appeal. The assembly was a great success with Y6 pupils knowledgably and movingly explaining what the charities do and how we can help. [You can read all about it in the PowerPoint that will be sent out via parentmail.

Well done to everybody who embraced the day and to everybody who has donated money to the charities. Thank you.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO COLCHESTER CASTLE

Y5 participated in a variety of activities such as investigating the museum galleries, constructing a Celtic Roundhouse and a Roman Villa. They also went into the vaults under the castle which are part of the original temple that was built in honour of Emperor Claudius when died. It was here that The Romans took refuge when Boudicca attacked Colchester. The staff at the museum were very impressed with the children's behaviour and their historical knowledge. Throughout the day, the children had lots of opportunities to practise their history skills such as questioning, observing, comparing and deducing. We are so lucky to have all of this historical evidence on our doorstep. Many thanks to all of the parents who joined us and supported the children in their learning. Thanks also to FREE FOR ALL. Mrs. Skinner reporting



Assembly and Workshops

On Monday 14th October, years 2, 3 and 5 participated in an assembly which focused on air pollution and active travel. The assembly was led by Jade Brown and Emily Harrup who are Transport and Sustainability Project Officers for Colchester Council. The assembly was very informative and the children watched a video explaining how we can all make a small changes which will have an impact on the environment. Year 5 children then participated in a further workshop where they recorded a pledge explaining how they can keep our air clean and they created images showing what cleaner air means to them.

Mrs. Skinner reporting

Year 4 Make Preparations to Light Up the City!

On the mornings of the 14th and 15th October Year 4 children got creative when they worked with artists from the Mercury Theatre to create their own lanterns. The children worked so hard to make the basic structure, listening carefully and working collaboratively. These will now be decorated in school and fairy lights will be added, before the children will join the parade on **Wednesday 13th November** when they can show their finished lanterns as they walk down the High street as part of the annual celebration of the switching on of the Christmas lights. There are over 500 participants this year from several local schools and community groups, so it promises to be quite the event. We look forward to seeing all of our families there.

A massive thank you to all of the adults who were able to offer their time to help in their child's class, it is always greatly appreciated.

Miss Batchelor reporting

The Children and Staff from Years 1 to 6
invite you to their
Open Afternoon

Tuesday 12th November 2024

An opportunity to join your children working in class and look at the work they have been doing.

2.00pm - 2.55pm

Parking is available in the lower playground from 1.50pm but you will not be able to drive out until 3.20pm

Please show patience and consideration when driving out of the school. Thank you

It does get very busy and we want you to enjoy spending time with your children in class. Please make every effort to make arrangements for your pre-schoolers and babies. Thank you.

A Celebration of Christmas.

From Charles Dickens to Slade, a cultural kaleidoscope of festive fun. Get a drink at the bar and take your seat and get ready to be entertained by Colchester's very own Lord Anthony Roberts performing his legendary recital of, A Christmas Carol.

Then the mood will change.

The temperature will rise as DJ Sam Leopard opens his set, playing all your Christmas dance favourites.

In the courtyard street food will be available courtesy of The Chick Pea food company.

Eat, drink, dance and be merry.

Doors open

6.15pm.

Entry by ticket only, purchased in advance. £15 entry or £25 to include curries - veggie or meat

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

Dates for your Diary

Friday Oct 25th	Harvest Festival Final Day of Half Term
Tues November 5th	Return to school
Friday 8th November	NSA Bingo
Tues 12th November	Y1-6 OPEN AFTERNOON
Wed 20th November	Reception parents consultation evening
Wed 27th November	Parents Meeting— applications for September 2025
Friday 29th Nov	NSA Christmas Bazaar
Saturday Dec 7th	Christmas Party for Grown-Ups
Fri Dec 20th	Last day of autumn term
Mon Jan 6th	First day of Spring Term
Thurs Feb 13th	Final day of half term
Mon 24th Feb	Return to school
Fri April 4th	Final day of Spring Term
Tues April 22nd	First day of Summer Term
Fri May 23rd	Final day of half term
Tues June 3rd	Return to school
Tues July 22nd	Final day of school year

NSA NEWS

- ◆ **The Disco was a great success.**
- ◆ **The Pre-Loved Uniform sale was very popular.**
- ◆ **BINGO NIGHT is fast approaching.**
- ◆ **So is the Bazaar. As always, volunteers welcome and donations for the Prize Draw too please.**

Y1/2 STAY AND SING - JOYFUL



Christmas Dates for your Diary

RECEPTION NATIVITY	Wednesday 4th December 9.00am
YEAR 2 PLAY	Friday 6th December 9.30am
NURSERY MORNING SINGALONG	Wednesday 11th December 10.45am
NURSERY AFTERNOON SINGALONG	Wednesday 11th December 2.30pm
YEAR 1 SINGALONG	Thursday 12th December 2.30pm
YEAR 3&4 STAY & SING	Tuesday 17th December 9.00am
YEAR 5&6 EVENING	Wednesday 18th December 6.30pm