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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



It's Beginning to Feel a Lot Like Christmas

Christmas got under way a little earlier this year with the NSA Bazaar in November (see below).

Then on December 4th Reception entertained their families with their performance of **THE WRIGGLY NATIVITY**.

The children were amazing. Their parents and grandparents could not have been happier.

“BEST EVER”

Wow! What a fabulous Bazaar. The choir, the grotto, the craft stalls, Secret Santa, the mulled wine, lots of fun games for the children, so many amazing prizes for the grand draw, chips and hotdogs, and the most incredible cake stalls, and Father Christmas of course. So, yes it was the best ever.

The atmosphere was wonderful - North community is special. One teenager said, “This is so amazing, I wish I had come here for my primary school. The teachers are so nice and lovely.”

Thanks to the NSA and their helpers, to the staff and governors, for staging such a wonderful event.





It wouldn't be Christmas if the Nursery children did not go on their seasonal expedition to post their letters. As you can see, some needed help!
 [Aira & Dylan-Eric pictured above.]



Brightening Up Colchester

Can you remember back in October the Mayor visited the school to announce the winner of the milepost design competition? Pictured above is the winner, Umaira, and now the sixth formers have brought her design to life. There will be special ceremony soon to officially "open" the milestone.

Every year our Christmas Charity is **East Anglian Children's Hospice**. We invite donations after our Christmas shows and sing-alongs. We also have an alternative to Christmas Cards in these times when we are very environmentally aware.



Some staff pop the money they would spend on colleagues cards into a collection box. You are very welcome to do the same. But, of course, we do know that the children love to give and receive cards so the post-box is now in place outside the office. Please make sure the children put the name of the class on the envelope too. It does help our Y6 posties.

THE NUTCRACKER - A SUITE TREAT

On the 3rd, 300 children set off excitedly for Charter Hall. They were in for a treat - a live music concert. with a twist. The concert underscored how timeless works like *The Nutcracker* can adapt across genres, offering audiences both refinement and innovation. The school concert offered a delightful juxtaposition of two interpretations of *The Nutcracker*: Tchaikovsky's classical masterpiece and Duke Ellington's jazzy reimagining. The event began with a traditional rendition by the **Essex Youth Orchestra**, highlighting Tchaikovsky's elegance and precision. Students performed pieces like "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" with careful attention to the composer's intricate melodies, evoking the enchanting spirit of the original ballet. The shimmering celesta and sweeping orchestration transported the audience to a whimsical, snowy world. In contrast, the **Essex Youth Jazz Band** brought a vibrant energy, transforming the familiar tunes into swinging jazz arrangements. Pieces like "Sugar Rum Cherry" showcased bold brass, syncopated rhythms, and improvisational flair, drawing appreciative nods from the audience. The students embraced the style's freedom, adding a playful twist to the classical framework. Watching musicians play brings the music to life and inspires our own apprentice musicians. A great afternoon. With thanks to all the adults who helped to escort the children to the Hall. **Mr. Bosch reporting**

Dates for your Diary

NURSERY am Christmas	Wed 11th 10.45am
NURSERY pm Christmas	Wed 11th 2.30pm
Y1 Singalong	Thursday 12th 2.30pm
Y3&4 Singalong	Tues 17th 9.00am
Y5&6 Christmas Evening	Wed 18th 6.30pm
Thursday 12th	Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumper day)
Fri Dec 20th	Last day of autumn term
Mon Jan 6th	First day of Spring Term
Thurs 13th Feb	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 22nd July	Last day of school year