

# NEWSLINE

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Issue 2



## 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)

## FOREST SCHOOL IS FLOURISHING

Who would have thought we could have a Forest School at North! But we do. And it has been a great success. Mrs. Olley is leading the learning with colleagues but it would not be possible to run the sessions without the regular help of parent volunteers. They have been magnificent turning out in all weathers. In assembly on Friday 7th certificates were presented to classes. These are the glowing words written by Mrs. Olley.

To 1W: "Well done for being so brave and embracing new challenges during your forest school sessions. You have shown confidence, curiosity and a great sense of adventure in the outdoors."

To 3RH: "For showing great perseverance, creativity and teamwork while exploring and solving challenges in nature. It has been wonderful to see your care for the environment grow."

To 5N: "For showing fantastic teamwork, care for nature and impressive problem solving skills. Your enthusiasm and resilience in the outdoors has been wonderful to see."

And of course a huge "thank you" to Mrs. And Mr. Raby for their generosity and hard work in creating *Wood's Wood*, such a wonderful space in our woodland area.



## FUNDRAISING FRIDAYS

The weather could not put off Saskia and Aisha-Monae. Despite the cold, the rain the hail, they stoically sold their scrunchies, stickers and bookmarks raising £42 for St. Helena Hospice. Well done to them both and thank you to all of you who visited their stall. The next Fundraising Friday is February 28th. Georgie and Scarlett will be advertising their stall after the holiday. It is called BEST JEWELS—guess what they are selling! They will be raising money for *Free For All*.

## Governors' Corner

Governors were invited into the school last week to join the children in their maths lessons. We were made to feel very welcome; the children were very enthusiastic showing us what they were doing and answering our questions. They were engaged and enjoying their learning, able to complete the tasks set, and demonstrate their understanding of the subject.

The White Rose Maths Scheme is being taught across the school and progression was clear, with skills, that had been learnt previously being put into practice helping to increase knowledge and move the learning on. Thank you to all the staff and children for sharing their work and showing governors that maths is a great subject to learn at North.

Jan Blackwell  
Chair of Governors.

## Y4 INSTRUMENTS FOR ALL



Over the past few months the children in 4B have worked with Mr Bowyer and have learned how to play the guitar. They have learned how to read simple pieces of music and how to play in time as a whole group. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 4B took great pride in showcasing their new talent to their families. The children played *Mary had a Little Lamb*; *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* and *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. All of the practise certainly paid off as they played with such confidence. What superstars, well done 4B!

**Miss Batchelor reporting**

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13th February	Last day of Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	Return to school
Friday 28th Feb	NSA Disco
Friday 21st March	NSA SPRING FAIR
Tues 1st April	Y3/4 Shows— details to follow
Fri April 4th	Final day of Spring Term EASTER PARADE
Tues April 22nd	First day of Summer Term
Fri May 23rd	Final day of half term
Tues June 3rd	Return to school
Friday 27th June	NSA SUMMER FETE
Tues July 22nd	Final day of school year
Monday Sept 1st	Y6 Residential to Dorset
Wed Sept 3rd	First day of new school year

4CM have been learning the flute, clarinet and saxophone and treated parents and other year 4 children to a concert on the 5th. I am always so impressed that children start with an instrument that they have usually never even held and then produce a beautiful sound in their concerts just a few months later. The children had clearly worked very hard both in school and at home to practise their instruments so a very well done to all. We are already looking forward to guitar lessons due to start after half term.

**Mrs. Marshall reporting**



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S** Questions have been asked about the policy regarding earrings and PE. Our policy has not changed and as a local authority school we have to adopt their policy, which is: earrings should not be worn, that staff cannot remove them and they should not be taped up. Please send your child to school on PE days without their earrings. Thank you.