

# 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)



## HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 24th 2025



Reception completed their first half term in school by joining everybody in the junior hall for their first ever assembly. And what a treat it was. They got to sit and face all the other children as we celebrated harvest. They could see their older brothers and sisters and they looked so grown up sitting, listening, and even standing up and singing. At the end four of them were able to come out and have the school sing "Happy Birthday" to them.

In the assembly the children were encouraged to think about why we celebrate harvest and then looked forward to supporting Children in Need Day on November 14th. It is the 25th anniversary of CiN and what a difference this charity has made – raising

over a billion pounds in that time. The CiN organisers want everybody to think about the number 25. So, on the day, it would be great if the children could make a donation of 25 – it could be 25p, it could be 25 coins, it could be £25! The children were also asked to harvest kindness – notice kind acts around them and achieve 25 of their own before November 14th. They were also told not to stop at 25, or stop on November 14th!

The assembly finished with the children singing Thank Your Lucky Stars. It is a lovely song with wonderful words – ask your child(ren) to sing it to you.

To conclude our learning this term about Ancient Greece, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an immersive day organised by *History Off The Page*. Some of our Year 6 reporting team have written the following -

*As we entered the school grounds, we were met with many beautiful costumes and smiling faces. Later in the Infant hall, we met Calliope, our Grecian guide for the day.*

*We started by greeting the stallholders as they explained their goods, before beginning our own crafty projects. The stands were extremely varied and included: producing medicine by using a diverse range of different herbs; sculpting with different types of clay; making foil pendants with our own designs; designing mosaics; tile painting; making wax tablets; pressing olive oil for lamp lighting and soap carving.*

*In the afternoon, we had a festival to celebrate the Greek victory over the Persian army at the battle of Marathon. We were placed into 4 different groups: one dance, one comedy and two tragedies. We all performed our parts to everyone and then had a feast including foods such as cheese, fruit and bread.*

*We all enjoyed our feast and had a great time!*

The UKS2 team would like to thank all of the adults who kindly volunteered their time to support the children at these events. This wonderful experience was made possible by Free For All. We would also like to thank our families' for organising such wonderful costumes, the children looked amazing!



# NSA NEWS ...FUTURE EVENTS...

Hot on the heels of the highly popular and successful DISCO (with the school council reporting the children had more fun without their phones!), the first Bingo night of the year is on Friday November 7th. Tickets are available in advance from the 4th and on the door - but this is risky - there may not be any tickets left. This is a family event. You can bring your own food and drink.

## Who Remembers Black and White Tele?

Year 1 completed their History unit learning about the past by asking questions to Mrs Furniss about when she was a little girl at school in Colchester. Everyone enjoyed cuddling her very old teddies, especially as they reminded us of our story 'Best Loved Bear'. The children asked excellent questions about toys, games, clothes and school days from the past. Mrs Furniss shared her Sooty and Sweep puppets with us and we even got to watch them on tv in black and white!

*Mrs. Ward reporting*



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Looking ahead to the next half term there is so much happening and so many opportunities for you to visit the school...

Stay and Learns, Open Afternoons and, of course, the Christmas plays.

We want you to support these events but I just want to remind you that these are times when we want you to enjoy them without the distraction of babies and pre-schoolers.

Please make alternative arrangements. If you are not able to attend (because of work or childcare) do invite a family member to take your place – grandparents love these moments.

There is one exception to this - the Y1 singalong which is a more informal affair.

I should also point out that we will not be running creches this year – we simply do not have the capacity to run these anymore.

Thank you for your understanding.

[This message was sent via parentmail on 29/10/25 at 12.00pm]

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th November	Return to school
Friday 7th November	NSA Bingo Night
Monday 10th - Friday 14th November	Reception Stay and Learns
Tuesday 11th November	Y1-6 Open Afternoon
Wednesday 12th November	Reception Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st November	Nursery Stay and Learns
Friday 21st November	NSA Bazaar Gift Donation Day
Tuesday 25th November	Nursery Open Afternoon
Wednesday 26th November	Parents Evening - September 2026 applicants
Friday 5th December	NSA Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 11th December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Friday 19th December	Last day of school term
Monday 5th January 2026	Return to School
Friday 6th February	NSA Disco
Friday 13th February	Last day of half term
Monday 23rd February	Return to school

## Christmas Show Dates for your Diary

RECEPTION NATIVITY	Wednesday 3rd December am
Y2 SHOW	Friday 5th December am
Y3 SHOW	Tuesday 9th December am
Y4 SHOW	Tuesday 9th December pm
MORNING NURSERY	Wednesday 10th December
AFTERNOON NURSERY	Wednesday 10th December
Y1 SINGALONG	Thursday 11th December
Y5/6 EVENING	Tuesday 16th December